

## As We Serve...

### Deacon of the Week

2/4—2/10 Alan McCarty  
2/11—2/17 Chuck Jennings  
2/18—2/24 Jimmy Cruse  
2/25—3/3 Stan Barger

### Counting Teams

2/4 Everett Martin  
2/11 Joyce Miller  
2/18 Jack Glassco  
2/25 Stan Barger

### Parking Ministry

Everett Martin  
Donnie Ray Thomas

## Team Meetings & Special Events

Please see calendar enclosed with the newsletter.

\*For current changes/updates made to the calendar, please look at our church web site at:

[www.annistonfbc.com](http://www.annistonfbc.com)

And click on the calendar tab at the top of the page.

### Worship Services

#### Sunday Morning

Meet your Teacher & Fellowship...8:30 AM  
Bible Study/Sunday School...9:30 AM  
Morning Worship...10:30 AM

#### Wednesday Evening

Supper 5:30  
Prayer Service...6:00 PM  
Youth...6:00PM  
Choir Rehearsal...6:45 PM

Return Service Requested

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AT McCLELLAN  
ANNISTON, ALABAMA  
"A SAFE HARBOR, BEAMING GOD'S LOVE"  
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Anniston, AL 36205



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# The Messenger

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Office Hours:  
Mon—Thurs 8 AM-4 PM  
Friday— Varied

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

All through the Bible, God prescribes ways for his people to remember. Old Testament feasts were so important because they encouraged Israel to stop and remember God's faithfulness. Then, Jesus commanded us, "Do this in remembrance of me." We come to his table to remember his faithfulness in his sacrifice for us.

Part of the reason remembering God's faithfulness is so important is that it helps us trust God as we look forward to the challenges of the future. We are to be a people that look forward to an unknown future and ask, "**God, what do you want to do and how can we do our part?**"

I've spent a little time the last few days looking through some of the history of our church in some archived documents and pictures from our library. We have a lot to remember! God has been faithful to First Baptist Church through fires, storms, wars, tragedies, and many generations.

With this in mind, our deacons and I spent a Friday night together a couple of weeks ago with the specific purpose of looking forward and asking, "**God, what do you want to do and how can we do our part?**" We have both challenges and great opportunities in the days to come. We were unanimous in our desire to proactively push forward for his glory, trusting the God that has been faithful in the past.

On **Sunday, February 11th** we will introduce a comprehensive 2018 campaign for AFBCM that is grounded in his faithfulness in our past and looking to his mission in our future. I am quite serious when I say that this campaign has the potential to be one of those spiritual highpoints that we all look back on and remember what God did among us for years to come. I very much look forward to opening my heart to you in this.

Next week marks one year I've been your pastor. I have loved every day of it. I thank you for the privilege you have given me.

Blessings

Donnie

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**Staff Anniversary**

February 6, 2018 will be Donnie's 1st anniversary as our Pastor. Please bring cards Sunday and offer words of thanks to Donnie and Lori for all they do!



Our church will be serving lunch at the Anniston Soup Bowl MARCH 1, @11:15am.

We will have a sign-up sheet out the middle of February for those wanting to serve.



Wednesday Night Supper This month our covered dish nights will be:

February 14 & 28

Bring your favorite covered dishes and/or desserts to share!

MAKE CONNECTIONS IN AN AFBCM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS! CONNECT WITH GOD'S WORD CONNECT WITH FRIENDS THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU! 9:30 EVERY SUNDAY MORNING!!



YOUTH GAME NIGHT

THE YOUTH WILL HAVE GAME NIGHTS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH—GAMES START AT 6:00 PM.

The Bosom Buddies Cancer Support Group Will meet February 1, @ 6:00pm. Women who have been diagnosed with cancer, survivors and caregivers are invited to attend the monthly meeting.



FREE BOOKS!!!

The Outreach Bible Study class has free books for those who want or need them.

- \*Free Bibles
\*Free books on counseling.
\*Free books on teaching.
\*Free books on outreach.
\*Free books on the reformers.

Be our guest and help yourself, they are in the Outreach Bible Study classroom.

Our Love & Sympathy to the Family of...

Mary Winstead

Gifts were given in ...

Memory of Newman & Ruby Butler to the Lottie Moon Christmas fund by Phoebe Harris.
Memory of Heck and Irene Greggs to the Lottie Moon Christmas fund by Jim and Evelyn Carberry.

Special Prayers For Our Members...

- McClellan Assisted Living: Bettie Gunnells, Dot Vaughn
Lineville Health & Rehab: Grace Lindsey
Legacy Assisted Living: Wayne Stevens

Attendance for the month of January

Table with 2 columns: THE PEOPLE CAME:, Average Weekly BIBLE STUDY Attendance (95), Average Weekly WORSHIP Attendance (118)

Signs of Health for the month of December

Table with 2 columns: THE PEOPLE GAVE:, General Offering (\$37,527.35), Securing The Future (75.00), Lottie Moon (4,652.00), Baptist Children's Home (102.00), Partnership Missions (96.00), BL Brooks/Max Butler Children's Fund (43.00), TOTAL GIFTS (\$42,495.35)



\*The Properties Team is currently accepting bids for our grounds maintenance, grass cutting, maintaining flower beds, etc. A full description of the job is available at the church office. Please have bids to the church no later than Sunday, February 25 if you are interested. Thank you.

\*Linda Yost has a missing umbrella—if you have seen a turquoise collapsible umbrella with a square button that opens it, please return it to Linda, she left it on the sidewalk outside the main doors Sunday, 1/28. Thank you.

\*PRAYER GROUP STARTS BACK 01/09/18



Ruby Spence Prayer Group Every Tuesday Morning at 10:00 All ladies are invited to be a part of this vital ministry.



Men's Prayer Breakfast every Wednesday morning at 7:30 @ JACK'S in Lenlock and McDonald's in Golden Springs. Please join us for a casual time of fellowship!

Important Newsletter Information:

Please submit your events to be printed in the March Newsletter to the church office by noon, February 26 Thank you.