

As We Serve...

Deacon of the Week

1/7—1/13 Chuck Jennings
1/14—1/20 Jimmy Cruse
1/21—1/27 Stan Barger
1/28—2/3 Greg Bagley

Counting Teams

1/7 Joyce Miller
1/14 Jack Glassco
1/21 Stan Barger
1/28 Jim Jumper

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

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

Anniston, AL 36205

851 Morton Rd

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The Messenger

January 2018

A Monthly Publication to Inform, Promote and Encourage

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

Happy 2018 to you!

Seems like we just started 2017, doesn't it? Our church has SO MUCH important kingdom work to look forward to in the coming year. But first...

A brief look back...

I've loved this first year as your pastor. Really loved it. You've been so good and encouraging and God has blessed us. And we closed 2017 out so well celebrating Christmas together. The church was beautiful, the music was beautiful, and we came and adored Him! So, now...

An important look forward...

I can't help but wonder about the possibilities for us in 2018. January already has a couple of important events...

Do some of you remember when our churches had a regular January Bible Study? Me too. In that tradition, our leadership team has planned a special one-night **Winter Bible Study** on Friday, January 26th at 6:00 in the Gathering Space. We'll enjoy supper together and a **men's chili cook-off**. Then, Dr. Stan Albright, pastor of First Baptist Church of Oxford will teach from his first-hand experience as a Southern Baptist NAMB missionary.

Also in January, our deacons will retreat for an evening of seeking God's guidance for the coming days for our church. Along with them, I want to work toward finding what he would have our vision be for AFBCM. That is super important work. Would you commit to specifically praying for Greg Bagley, Stan Barger, Jimmy Cruse, Chuck Jennings, and Alan McCarty this month as they faithfully lead our church into the future? I am really grateful to lead alongside them.

There is nowhere else I'd rather be than here pastoring our church right now. I thank God every day that he allows me to do what I do. 2018 should be a year we remember for a long time.

Blessings-

Donnie

Matthew 28:18-20

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OUR STUDENT MINISTRY:

What a truly exciting year our church has shared. The Lord has loved and blessed us beyond measure, and Christmas at First Baptist Church at McClellan was so much more than I could ever have imagined! We worshipped and praised the birth of our Messiah, and we loved one another as Christians should. We answered the call, "Oh come, let us adore Him," and we continue to walk in eager expectation of His promised return.

I look to the coming New Year and I am reminded that we live in the "already, but not yet." Christ has already come as Savior. He has yet to return as King. As long as our Lord tarries, it is our duty as His church to evangelize and faithfully serve one another and our community. AFBCM's youth department is fully committed to that goal. We look at the "already" of 2017, and we are encouraged by the number of precious young people who are becoming more and more involved in our church—making the "not yet" of 2018, a blank canvas of tremendous opportunity for wondrous Kingdom Work!

For this purpose, we have designated the first Friday night of each month, beginning January 5, as a fun and fellowship night for our student ministry. This monthly event will serve as both an outreach tool for inviting new prospects, and as an anchor for building deeper bonds among our core group. Our students should feel like family. We believe this monthly event will encourage that. Our youth are a vibrant and growing element of our church and we want to faithfully serve them. Any opportunity to introduce them to Jesus Christ and nurture their growth as disciples is fruitful work that glorifies God.

So, what is our New Year's resolution for the youth ministry at First Baptist Church at McClellan? We want our students to grow in their knowledge of Christ and to love Him more deeply.

Incidentally, that is my personal resolution as well.

Please, make that a constant addition to your prayers.

Thank you again for your love and support. It is such a privilege to call AFBCM home.

Happy New Year!

Mark

Our Love & Sympathy to the Family of...

Tommie Third

Gifts were given in ...

Memory of Sarah Saxon by the Philathea JOY Class, Peggy Wright & Family, Rita Bailey and Ken & Carolyn Shull.
Honor of Linda Yost to Lottie Moon by the Philathea Joy Class.
Honor of Louise Upshaw to Lottie Moon by the Prayer Class.

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 December

THE PEOPLE CAME:
 Average Weekly BIBLE STUDY Attendance 98
 Average Weekly WORSHIP Attendance 138

"Securing The Future" Campaign:
 Pledge amount for 2017\$ 13,051.00
 2017 Money received thru November.....\$ 7,280.00

Signs of Health for the month of November

THE PEOPLE GAVE:
 General Offering\$ 21,155.05
 "Securing The Future"435.00
 Lottie Moon.....20.00
 Baptist Children's Home.....124.00
 Partnership Missions.....69.00
 TOTAL GIFTS.....\$ 21,803.05



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

January 17 & 31

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

The Bosom Buddies Cancer Support Group
 Will meet January 4,
 @ 6:00pm.
 Women who have been diagnosed with cancer, survivors and caregivers are invited to attend the monthly meeting.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 @6:00 pm

Bible study featuring Dr. Stan Albright as our guest speaker, and AFBCM's 1st annual Chili Cook Off.

This year the men get to show off their cooking skills and chili recipes! Join us if you can for an evening of fun and fellowship!!

***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 **February** Newsletter to the church office by **noon, January 29**
 Thank you.