

# Upcoming Activities

- ◆ Jan. 1-Office Closed
- ◆ Jan. 2-NO PM
- ◆ Jan. 3-J.O.Y. Club 11 am
- ◆ Jan. 6-QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE
- ◆ Jan. 6-Brotherhood Breakfast
- ◆ Jan. 6-Special Called Business Meeting 11 am
- ◆ Jan. 6-CentriKid Camper/Parent Informational Meeting 3 pm
- ◆ Jan. 8-Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm
- ◆ Jan. 9-Children's Choirs resume 6 pm
- ◆ Jan. 13-Covered Dish Lunch honoring Bro. Ronnie & Kim Boulware immediately following the morning service
- ◆ Jan. 13-Quarterly Business Meeting 6 pm
- ◆ Jan. 15-WITS Missions Group 11 am
- ◆ Jan. 16-WMU 6 pm
- ◆ Jan. 19-Joseph Ministry
- ◆ Jan. 29-Deacon's Meeting 6:30 pm



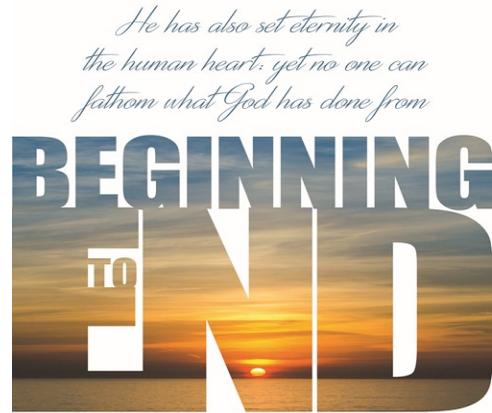
**Special Called Business Meeting**  
**January 6th**  
**11:00 am**  
**Pastor Search Committee**

You will be given the opportunity to nominate five people to serve on the Pastor Search Committee. Your nomination is also considered your vote for those persons. The top five nominations will serve as the Pastor Search Committee. There will also be two alternates elected from this group of nominations.

Please be in prayer for this event.



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ECCLESIASTES 3:11, NIV



✧ JOHN 17:3 ✧

**CENTRIKID CAMPER/PARENT  
 INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
 Sunday, January 6th  
 3:00 pm

CentriKid is a high-energy, intentional, gospel-centered overnight camp for 3rd-6th graders. Their mission is to help kids experience the time of their lives and learn more about the message of Jesus Christ. This takes place through track times, rec, worship, Bible study, church group time, and a variety of other fun events. CentriKid Camps are committed to providing content that is rooted in Scripture, a safe location, kid-friendly programming, and staffers who are deeply invested in your kids.

## SUNDAY

- Sunday School .....9:45 am
- Morning Worship.....11:00 am
- Creative Ministry.....3:30 pm
- Adult Discipleship Training.....4:00 pm
- Choir practice/Small Group Studies.....4:45 pm
- Youth/RA's/GA's/Mission Friends.....4:45 pm
- Evening worship .....6:00 pm

## WEDNESDAY

- Prayer –Adult Small Group Studies.....6:00-7:00 pm
- Preschool & Children's Choirs.....6:00-7:00 pm
- Youth Collision.....6:00-7:45 pm

“ I have held many things in my hands, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

—Martin Luther

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## “The Final Curtain”

Frank Sinatra used the phrase I am using as the title of my last article, in a song entitled “I did it my way”. He became famous for that song that speaks of being the center of the universe and the determiner of our own destiny... doing what you want, when you want etc. At least that’s what I get out of that song.

But I am just using these 3 words as a way of saying “good-bye”. This is the final article I am writing as the Pastor of this great church. You have been the joy of our lives as far as ministry is concerned. We have invested 15 ½ years of our lives in this place and in you. You have always been such gracious people and it has been a great joy to be a part of this church. Has it always been easy or fun? No. But it has always been a JOY.

Think about how the Lord has blessed! Multitudes have been baptized after becoming Christians. We built a children ministry with choirs, camps, etc. having called a minister for that aspect of the church for the first time. The Lord built 2 new buildings, both of which were over \$1,000,000. We paid off a loan on the first building in 3 years. The second building we walked into having paid for it all. That second building houses our youth and children ministry, as well as a fellowship hall that is spacious enough to meet our need. We celebrated our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and I am looking forward to coming back here to help you celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> in 2040. Is that optimistic? I will only be 82!

On top of everything and most importantly, we have made life-long friends that we will never forget. Thank you for being the great church you are. Words cannot express our appreciation well enough. Just know this, these have been the happiest and most fulfilling days of our ministry life and we will forever hold you all in our hearts.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, I announced our resignations as Pastor and Children Minister/Administrative Assistant, to be effective February 1. However, in order to provide time for our transition to our new home and work, we will use 2 weeks of vacation in January. So, our last Sunday is January 13, 2019. We are going to have a Covered Dish Lunch on that day, for all for us to say good-bye. I hope you will come and give us a chance to tell you how much we appreciate and love you all. But in the mean-time, we still have some weeks to cherish. God bless you. I am PROUD TO BE YOUR PASTOR

Ronnie Boulware



Words. Words can be so beautiful and at other times so very hard to come by. This is one of those times. I can think of no other time in my life when I have enjoyed myself more than the 10+ years that I’ve worked with the children and leaders of AEBC. The Lord has taught me so much through the kind and tender hearts of the youngsters in the KidMin of this wonderful church. I have so many memories of your precious children and will treasure them forever and a day....from stinky feet at camp to Christmas Musicals to watching a little one come to know their Savior. You can’t beat that with a stick! You are raising some terrific human beings and I can’t wait to see what the Lord has in store for them. I just know that it will be great! Encourage them to dig deep into His Word, memorize that scripture, and by all means...please keep telling their friends all about Jesus! That is what we are here for....to let others know of our marvelous Savior! I want to keep in touch with each of you and technology has made that possible! Text me! Email me! Call me! FaceTime! I can and WILL do it all!

Please know that I will love you always and forever.  
Mrs. Kim



We will be collecting a Special Love Offering for The McBrides on Sunday, January 6th. This will be used to help offset the cost of travel, food, lodging, etc. while Blair is in Birmingham. Please make checks payable to the church. Thank you for your generosity, support, and love for this precious family.

If you would like to send a card in the mean time, please send it to:  
127 Shannon Hill Rd.  
Greenville, AL 36037

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope your family had a very merry Christmas. It’s hard to believe but 2019 is upon us! As many of you know, our church is going through a transition period. We ask for your prayers as the leadership of the church looks to put together a team that will carry on the various ministries of the church for the short term. Please also pray for those that will soon be chosen for personnel and pastor search committees as they seek the Lord’s will in addressing staff needs on a more permanent basis. God is good and will lead us through this challenging time. God can use challenging times to allow the church to unify and work together. I pray that is exactly what happens over the course of the next few months.

Although my role during the transition time will require more preaching, I am committed to keeping one hand in the student ministry. I feel it is important to give our students as much continuity as possible. However, as we go forward, I will be leaning on leaders such as Tyler and Ashley Gibson, Nicole, Jason Butts, and others to help out when it is possible in their schedules. We are committed to making sure the various ministries of the church keep going. I love each of our students and I look forward to the spring semester with them, even if it looks a little different than normal. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to ask. Call or text me anytime.

Grace and Peace,

Blair McBride  
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\*Blair’s article was written prior to his recent health issue.