

**First Baptist Church
Pell City, Alabama**

2018 MAY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- May 20: Ironmen Breakfast 8:00am at Petros
- May 20: VBS Adult Leader's Meeting 12:00pm at Petros—Childcare Provided
- May 20: Business Meeting 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
- May 21: Hester Group 10:00am at Village East
- May 22: Women's Bible Study 8:00am in A100
- May 23: Nursery for babies through 3 years 6:30pm
- May 23: Mission Friends 6:30pm in C118
- May 23: R.A.s/G.A.s 6:30pm
- May 23: D.U. 6:30pm
- May 23: Youth 6:30pm at Petros
- May 23: Traditional Choir Practice 7:30pm in the Sanctuary
- May 23: Contemporary Choir Practice 7:30pm in the Choir Room
- May 24: Men's Prayer Group 6:30am in the Sanctuary
- May 25: Douglass Class Fellowship 6:00pm in the FH
- May 27: No PM Service
- May 28: Church Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

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Minister of Education

Rev. Timothy Gold

It still boggles my mind when I think about it; ten years of ministry to First Baptist Church of Pell City. We began our ministry here May 5, 2008. I've said multiple times, to various people it's been the fastest 10 years in ministry I've ever had since I followed the Lord's call into church ministry over 26 years ago. That's because I've thoroughly enjoyed serving with you as a church family, and ministering in this great community. A few weeks ago, I was asked to come into the 5th-6th grade Sunday School classes and speak to them since their lesson was on church leadership. One of the questions posed to me was this, "What do you enjoy most about your position?" I share now what I did then. The greatest joy I have in my position and calling is seeing people growing and maturing in their relationship to the Lord. Long term spiritual growth and development is something many ministers don't get to see because they are not at places of service for extended periods of time. By God's grace, He has allowed me to see that in you. The way you have grown in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ through His word deeply thrills my soul. The areas we've tried to initiate and cultivate to aid in that spiritual growth are Sunday School/Life Groups and Discipleship University. If you've been active in a class for any period of time, you can testify as to how the Lord has used that in your life to grow closer to Him. As a reminder to each of us, if you're someone who is not active, involved or, engaged in a Sunday School class, Life Group, or Discipleship University I cannot over estimate how vital it is to your spiritual growth to be "plugged in" with some type of small group. I strongly encourage you to do so.

Along with spiritual growth, often there is numerical growth and with that some growing pains can and do occur. We are currently in the beginning stages of updating and renovating our downstairs preschool area. That process will begin in earnest in a few short weeks. With it, there will be some displacement of classes to help accommodate our Kindergarten/Daycare. Because of the renovations there are 3 Sundays we will **not** have Sunday School/Life Groups - June 24, July 1, and July 8. Some classes have chosen to meet through the week off site in homes for those three weeks. That's great, just don't miss worship services on those Sundays to do that. Also, please encourage all your class members and classmates to make it a big day when we "re-gather" on campus in our regular rooms for Sunday School/Life Groups Sunday, July 15!

I also want to thank my much better half, Chris, who has stood with me these last 10 years. It's been said, "Behind every strong man is a stronger woman holding him up." That's definitely the case for me. I thank God she is my wife, because I'm not sure anyone else could put up with me.

Finally, please be in prayer for the Gold family this summer. Our twins, Noah and Kayla, graduate next week from Pell City High School. As a family, we will be going on the senior mission trip to Romania, and my sabbatical is July 4 - August 4. To top it all off, our twins begin college this August. So, it's going to be a big transition for all of us.

Thank you again church for your love and support these last 10 years. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us as a church family in the months and years to come.

Grace and love to you all,





Military Person of the Week

Cpt. Tanya Bryant Kenny

Tanya is in the Army, and the granddaughter of Flora Bryant. Please remember Tanya in your prayers.

Love & Care

Ray Willhoite
Danberry on 280
235 Inverness Center Dr.
Room 610
Birmingham, AL 35242

Please remember Mr. Willhoite in your prayers and with cards/notes of encouragement.

because
HE BENDS DOWN TO
LISTEN
I WILL PRAY AS LONG AS I HAVE
breath

PSALM 116:2

Mark your calendar

Christmas in July Packing Party Wednesday Evening, July 18

We will begin collecting the following items for the Christmas in July (Operation Christmas Child) Packing Party:

May 6 & 13 - Underwear and socks (all sizes)

May 20 & 27 - Accessories (Hats, Sunglasses, Flip Flops, Hair Accessories, Combs, Play Jewelry)

June 10 & 17 - Small Stuffed Animals, Dolls

July 1, 8 & 15 - School Supplies

Boxes will be placed in the hallway behind the Sanctuary, in the MPR lobby and in the Adult Sunday School hall in Building B. Items can also be dropped off at the church office.

JOY

Seniors, May 31, 10:30 a.m.
Join us for a good time as our own Andy Weems shares his renditions of Willie Nelson, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash & others, followed by a "mini" gospel concert.

IRONMEN

Proverbs 27:17

Men, don't forget to join us this Sunday morning, May 20, at 8 am at Petros if you signed up.

Our menu will be eggs, biscuits, sausage and gravy.

Food and Friendship ...

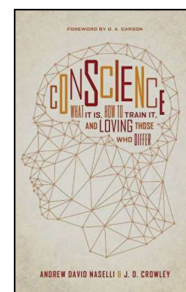
What better way to start your day?

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."

Proverbs 27:17

Pastor Book Recommendation

Conscience: What it is, How to train it, and Loving those who differ.
By Andrew David Naselli & J.D. Crowley



Christian, meet your conscience.

What do you do when you disagree with other Christians? How do you determine which convictions are negotiable and which are not? How do you get along with people who have different personal standards?

All of these questions have to do with the conscience. Yet there is hardly a more neglected topic among Christians. In this much-needed book, a New Testament scholar and a cross-cultural missionary explore all thirty passages in the New Testament that deal with the conscience, showing how your conscience impacts virtually every aspect of life, ministry, and missions. As you come to see your conscience as a gift from God and learn how to calibrate it under the lordship of Jesus Christ, you will not only experience the freedom of a clear conscience but also discover how to lovingly interact with those who hold different convictions. This book will soon be on the FBC Library shelves. Come check it out!

Church wide Prayer Focus for May

Look to Jesus in suffering. "Father, help us to remember you never leave us. Thank you for your presence in both the good and bad times. Help us not to waste the pain, but use it to help others, in your honor."

"...in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Ushers

Traditional Service 9:00am Team 3

Dana Merrymon, Mike Dickinson, Frank Hopson, Erskine Funderburg, Terry Chism, Darrell Harper

Contemporary Service 10:15am Team 3

Chad Tidwell, Jimbo Roe, Keith Moore, Dondi Lee

Deacons on Call Team 8

David Mullins 205-405-1624

Blake Lowe 205-338-2061

Preschool Security

Stephen Weems

Library

Barbara Hayes

Wynette Pennington

Parish Nurse

Annette Hess

Barbara Miller

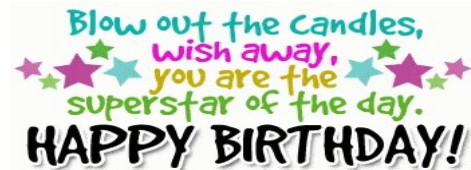
Scripture Reading

9:00—David Mullins

10:15—Susie McClanahan

Happy Birthday!

- May 20—Alicia Dobbs
- May 20—Lenita Russell
- May 20—Wallace Wyatt
- May 21—Wil Holmes
- May 21—Jill Perry
- May 21—Maggie Reynolds
- May 22—Katherine Alverson
- May 23—Renee Bishop
- May 23—Carol Boone
- May 23—Sarah DuBose
- May 23—Kaden Hanes
- May 23—Kristi Holliman
- May 23—Alisa Hurst
- May 24—Toni Foster
- May 24—Bonnie Gosdeck
- May 24—Lila Henderson
- May 24—Davis Worley
- May 25—Michael Wright
- May 26—Connor Hamlin



Deacon Reserve List

**“Brother, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. “
Acts 6:3**

Please pray, asking God’s guidance, for the seven men you will vote to serve on the active Body of Deacons. Listed below are the names of ordained men who are eligible for election to the active Body of Deacons.

**Deacon Election will be
Sunday, June 3, 2018**

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| Jerry Burns | Robert Minor |
| Brian Carr | Harold Pennington |
| James Drinkwater | Gary Savage |
| Scott Edwards | Dale Skelton |
| Glenn Evans | Gary Smith |
| Alan Foster | Erskine "Pen" Smith |
| Erskine Funderburg | Jim Thompson |
| Ken Knight | Bob Tucker |
| Dana Merrymon | Randall Williams |

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phone:
205-338-3439

DEADLINE FOR COPY:
MONDAY, NOON, OF EACH
WEEK

MINISTERIAL TEAM

- Dr. John Thweatt-
Pastor
- Rev. Tim Gold- Minister
of Education/
Administration
- Rev. Mark Walker-
Minister to Students
- Rev. Chris Dewaal-
Minister to Children and
Families
- Mr. Ronnie Foster-
Minister of Music
- Mrs. Kim Thweatt-
Contemporary Worship
Leader
- Mrs. Tammy Huey-
Weekday Education
Director

May Staff Anniversaries!

Porsha Patterson: Custodian—1 Year
Tim Gold: Minister of Education/Administration—10 Years



Facts & Figures Description	May 13, 2018 Totals
SS Enrollment	897
SS Attendance	395
VA Sunday School	39
Illuminate/Tree House	42
Weekly D.U. Attendance	67
Offering	\$23,228.54
Offering Over/ <u>Under</u> Budget YTD	(\$37,206.07)
Building Fund Offering	\$393.00
2018 Lottie Moon to date	\$4,590.00
2018 Myers/Mallory to date	\$2,355.00

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Regular Weekly services

- Sunday:
- 8:45-11:30 am-
Library Open
 - 9 am- Traditional
Worship
 - 9 am- Contemporary
Life Groups
 - 9 am- Nursery for
infants and toddlers
 - 9 am- Tree House
Preschool Worship
(3-5 year olds)
 - 9 am- Illuminate
Children's Worship
(Grades 1-6)
 - 9:45-10:15 am-
Parish Nurses take
blood pressures in
Library office
 - 10:15 am-
Contemporary Worship
 - 10:15 am- Traditional
Sunday School
 - 6 pm- Nursery for
babies through age 5
 - 6 pm- Evening
Worship

Wednesday Schedule

- 6:00-7:15 pm- Library
Open
- 6:30 pm- Nursery for
babies through 3 years
- 6:30 pm- Mission
Friends for 4-5 years
olds-Room C118
- 6:30 pm- R.A.s/G.A.s
grades 1-6
- 6:30 pm- Discipleship
University
- 6:30 pm- Youth Bible
Study Grades 7-12, in
Petros