



# ARLINGTON

## BAPTIST CHURCH

February 2025—NEWSLETTER

But God  
demonstrates

*his own love*

for us in this:  
While we were  
still sinners,

*Christ died*  
**FOR US.**

Romans 5:8, NIV

Over many years of ministry, I have had the opportunity to see God write many love stories. And with it being the month of love, I thought I would take a second to talk about love. Not the one that our minds drift to this time of year, but the love that is the most important in the life of a believer, our love for God. Jesus said the greatest commandment is: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). One of the many reasons "love of God" is so important, is that it is the distinguishing mark of the children of God (John 8:42). It's not about the things we tend to think of such as: going to church, serving others, and sharing the gospel. It's love of God! Loving the Lord Jesus is what the Christian life is all about. Love of God, is also the place that all those things (church, service and evangelism) are birthed out of and done in a way that honors God and gives validity to our love. So, out of all the loves we have in our lifetime, our love for Jesus has to surpass all other loves. Even the love of one's own life. God knows we will struggle with keeping Him as our first love at times. It's why by His spirit He will often remind us of the question He put Peter to all those years ago - "Do you love me?" It's His way of reminding us that all that we do in this life is a reflection of our love for Him. This love for Christ possesses the heart of every true Christian. As Peter says, "Even though we have not seen him, we love him." It's a love not based on merely a feeling, but a commitment the Lord allowed us to make when He wrote our love story with Him before the foundation of the world. Let us love Him more each and every day of our lives and worship Him for giving us the pleasure of knowing His love.

Because of His Mercy & Love,

~ Pastor Ryan



## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Asher Whittington  
2315 Rosewood  
Pascagoula, MS 39567

Emery Ory  
1500 Woodhaven St.  
Pascagoula, MS 39581

...The family of Mr. & Mrs. Amp Power,  
Isabella Willis, Alivia, Madeline & Gus Powers in the  
death of their father and grandfather,  
Augustus M Power III.

Interested in membership?  
Want to learn more about  
our church? Join us for lunch  
Sunday, February 9  
immediately following the morning worship service.  
RSVP to the church office by noon on Friday, February 7.



David, Lilyann & Jasmine Coats in the death of their  
mother and grandmother, Ms Valeria Reddecliff.

Mr. Luis Sanchez & family in the death of his father  
Bernardo Sanchez.



**Trail Life:** Sunday afternoons at 3 pm

**Craft Ministry/Game Day:** will be on Saturday, February 1st, in the fellowship hall.

Crafts will begin at 9 am and Game Day will begin at 10 am.

**Mission Trip Expo:** Sunday, February 2, immediately following the worship service

**Mission Fundraiser Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, February 5, @ 5 pm

**Music Retreat:** Saturday, February 8, from 8:30 am-3 pm

**New Members Meeting:** Sunday, February 9, immediately following the worship service

**Deacons' Meeting & Ordination Council:** Sunday, February 9. Council @ 4 pm and Meeting @ 5 pm

**Nursing Home Visit:** Sunday, February 16, at 3 pm

**Special Called Members Meeting:** Sunday, February 16 @ 5 pm in the fellowship hall

**Game Day:** Saturday, February 22, at 10 am in the fellowship hall

**WOM:** Thursday, February 27 @ 5:30 pm or Friday, February 28 @ 10 am.



### ***Posted on the Church Bulletin Board***

Thank you cards from Diane Coulter and Erica Wilson  
(Laverne Von Kanel's daughter & granddaughter)



Congratulations to  
Emily & Dustin Speights  
on the birth of their son,  
Wesley O'Roarke Speights.

He was born on  
January 9, 2025 weighing  
7lbs 12oz and was 20 1/2"  
long. He is welcomed home  
by his big brother, Davis  
and big sister,  
Charlotte.



### ***Staff Anniversaries***

**Cissie Brushaber**

February 6, 1998

**Justin Humphres**

February 19, 2023

Thank you for your service to Our Lord  
and to Arlington Baptist Church.

#### **February 2**

**1st IMPRESSION TEAM:** Charles Frye, Buddy Carrier, L. C. Ehlers,  
Lewis Savage, Elliot Smith, Blake Carrier & Mike Woods

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS:** Harold & Jan Walters

**DEACONS:** Mike Wixon & Josh Smith

**SOUND & MEDIA:** Alyssa Saucier, Jackie Trussell, Eli Seaton

**NURSERY:** Tommie Broome & Teresa Carrier—Bed Babies

Joy Read, Taylor McDonald & April Bass—Toddlers

Steve & Cindy Nelson—2 & 3 years old

Candice Howell & Olivia Boulware—Children's Church

#### **February 16**

**1ST IMPRESSION TEAM:** Patrick Gatchell, Brett Merrill,

Paul Gatchell, Pat Gatchell, Jaymie Smith, Shane Mason,

Michael Baxter & Shane Overvold

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS:** Bob Freeman & Lewis Savage

**DEACONS:** Jim Underwood & Ben Broome

**SOUND & MEDIA:** Patti Bradley, Mike Wixon, Grant Gibson

**NURSERY:** Jamie Dwyer & Pam Gatchell—Bed Babies

Jeannie Ory & Molly Merrill—Toddlers

Kathy Becker & Sandi Grillo—2 & 3 years old

Alyssa Saucier & Steve Nelson—Children's Church

#### **February 9**

**1st IMPRESSION TEAM:** Joe Odom, Steve Wilkinson, Wesley Self,  
Raymond Johnson, Jason McDonald, John Simpson & Joshua Sherman

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS:** Brenda Beckham & Danny Glass

**DEACONS:** John Simpson & Curt Cleek

**SOUND & MEDIA:** Brett Cooper, Frankie Sherman, Luis Sanchez

**NURSERY:** Cissie Brushaber & Wendy Witchen—Bed Babies

Allison Woods & Janine Lahrs—Toddlers

Jessica Whittington, Ashley Sherman, Heather Overvold—2 & 3 yrs old

Chase & Caroline Patterson—Children's Church

#### **February 23**

**1ST IMPRESSION TEAM:** George Thames, Randy Mitchell, J. W. Scott,

Steve Nelson, Jim Underwood, Eddie Moore & Mike Wixon

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS:** Harold & Jan Walters

**DEACONS:** Shane Mason & Jaymie Smith

**SOUND & MEDIA:** Jessica Wilkinson, Michael Puglia, Eli Seaton

**NURSERY:** Micah Gatchell & Jamie Gatchell—Bed Babies

Michelle Wilkinson, Lynn Russell, Heather Conerly—Toddlers

Meagen Smith, Blake & Madison Carrier—2 & 3 years olds

Kate & Addi Kirkland—Children's Church

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At 11:00 am



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