

## From the Pastor's Desk

Last week, our memory verse was 1 Samuel 16:7, which says “*But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’*”

When it says, “God sees not as man sees,” we hear in those words an indictment. God looks at the heart, but we tend to look at the outward things. This is largely because our society teaches us to make judgments about people based on what we see with our eyes. We tend to form opinions about people based upon their looks, their skin color, their position, or even their social status.

So, I believe God challenges us in this verse to look beyond the physical, and to focus our thoughts more on the spiritual. We do this first by focusing more on our own hearts. We have the tendency to consume our thoughts with our own appearances (how we look, how people perceive us) rather than the kind of heart we are presenting to a Holy God. In addition, we must learn to judge and value people for their heart, rather than how we perceive them on the outside. That means getting to know people, and that takes time and effort. As a result, we will see people through God's eyes, and it will enable us to pray for them and minister to them.

In Christ,  
Bro. Carl

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## Bethel Association Men's Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
Forest Hill Baptist Church—Linden, AL

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## Welcome New Members

by Statement:  
Curtis and Ruby Fleming  
1601 Chickasaw Street - Demopolis, AL 36732

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*Memorial gifts have been received in loving memory of:*

*Billy & Florence Flowers; Ethel Thomas*

## ♪ A Note from Tim

### Don't Miss It !!!

Don't miss our next Senior Adult Day Trip when you will enjoy the gospel music of Chris Kynard and the comedy of Ronnie Jones. Chris is pastor of Pine Hill Baptist Church but has been playing and singing gospel music all his life. Ronnie is pastor of First Baptist Church of Center, AL. Ronnie's comedy is in the style of Dennis Swanburg. In addition to these two personalities our own JOY Choir will be singing as well. “*A Merry Heart Doeth Good*” promises to be filled with gospel music and laughter.

This event for senior adults will be lieu of our next scheduled JOY Day on April 26. Linden Baptist Church is hosting the event but it's sponsored by Servants Alive Ministry.

“*A Merry Heart Doeth Good*” will start at 1:30pm and will last about 2 hours. We will have a bus leaving FBC Demopolis at 12:55 pm for those not in the JOY Choir. Please sign up or call the church office to add your name to the list.

We all need to laugh! Come on! Let's laugh together on Thursday, April 26.

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## Record of Attendance Sunday, April 15, 2018

	Enrolled	Total Present
Sun. School Attendance	355	174
New Members (0)	Visitors (5)	Riverside (9)

### God's Tithe and Our Offering Sunday, April 15, 2018

2018 Budget: \$646,041.00

Weekly Budget Needed: \$12,423.87 Sunday Offering: \$11,772.78

Offerings Year to date: Given: \$185,469.51 Needed: \$186,358.05

### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:

**FBC Goal: \$11,000 Given \$5,350.00**

April 22 Bus Ministry: Fred Roemen 289-3128

Deacons on call April 22 - April 28

Jim Stanford 341-0118 & Stuart Waldrop 216-3826

April Church Lock-up: Jeff Holley 289-3551

Nursery Workers: April 22

Whitney Mosley, Dana Eddins, Colton M<sup>c</sup>Gilberry,

Mary Catherine M<sup>c</sup>Gilberry, Marsha Pugh

(Nursery workers please be in the Nursery at 10:40)

All check requests/announcements for the Reminder must be in the church office by Monday noon. Sanctuary Screen information deadline by Wed., 5:00p. m. **NO FOOD OR DRINK IN SANCTUARY.**

Thank you, church family, for your love. You have prayed for us, cared for us, and supported us. I have thought back on all the times when I was in your shoes. Trying to offer some sort of comfort and support to someone going through something like this. I offered help and prayers because it was the best I could do even though I wanted to be able to do so much more. I didn't make my offer in vain and would've dropped everything if they reached out with something I could do. Often that request for my help never came.

I now know that it wasn't because I couldn't help them. Right now we don't even know what we need. It's such an emotional and mental drain that it's hard to think beyond right now. We are blessed with family that are taking care of our kids. God has spoken very specifically into a few friends and gave them a way to help us that we had not thought of yet. Your words and offers provide us with the peace of mind we need to know that we have a wealth of support to take care of anything. God has used your words to assure us that He is going to take care of all our needs through you. Not having that worry is immeasurable. Thank you and know that we are so thankful for you. We will let you know how you can help if, and when, needs become evident.

Trent

## April 29<sup>th</sup> – Youth Breakfast Fundraiser

9am. Mark Dollar is heading this up for us. Please see him to find out how you can help.

## May 6<sup>th</sup> – Youth Family Luncheon

12pm. Right after morning worship in the Fellowship Hall.

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**WEE School** is accepting registration for 2018-2019 school year. For more information or to register, contact the WEE School office at 289-0217.

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## FBC Bible Reading Plan

### Week 17 (April 23)

Monday-2 Samuel 1, 2:1-7

Tuesday-2 Samuel 3:1, 5, Psalm 23

Wednesday-2 Samuel 6-7

Thursday– Psalm 18, 2 Samuel 9

Friday-2 Samuel 11-12

Memory Verse: Psalm 23:1-3

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 04/14 Patsy Cullum
- 04/16 Nikolas Sisa
- 04/21 Nina Pruitt, Ellen Dunklin,  
Ellie Kaye Meadows
- 04/22 Paul James IV, Donna Blair
- 04/23 Deborah McAfee, Russell Pipkins, John D. Curtis,
- 04/24 April Humble, Trey Gandy
- 04/25 Mark Harrell, Hudson Holley
- 04/27 Kaye Evans
- 4/28 Sophie Harrison

## Attention GAs and RAs

Camp Registration and Deposits due  
**Wednesday, April 26.**

Please contact your GA and RA leaders for more information.

We have several Bibles that have been left at the church, if you are missing one, please come by the church office.

## To assist the Demopolis Food Pantry,

we will begin collecting food items for them monthly. Your cooperation in collecting the following item for the month of April would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring your donations to the church office.

**April: Saltines**

*Our love and prayers go out to....* Julia Willis, Richard Scott, Loren Gainer, Katie Thomas, Gail Hedrick, Carolyn Spence, Eddie and Agnes Willingham, Paul James IV, Tory Colvin, Donnie Cannon, Nell Ree Ballard, Harold & Myrtle Dunn, Juliette M'Namara, Goldie Millsap, Jimmie M'Collum, Mary Flowers, Rebecca Henderson, and those who have lost loved ones, those who are in the hospital, Nursing Home, Assisted Living, the homebound, the care givers and unspoken prayer requests.

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**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:**  
FBC Goal: \$11,000 Given \$5,350.00

**Because you give:**  
\$10 a missionary can purchase gospel tracks to engage his community in Toronto.

Prayerfully Prepared For:

## WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sun. April 22

- 8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Morning Worship Service
- 4:00 Nominating Committee Meeting /Conf. room
- 5:00 Bible Drill (Grades 1-6)
- 6:00 Community Worship Service @ Gallion Baptist Church

### Mon. April 23

- 10:00 Grief Share Support Group-Hugh Lloyd Class Room

### Tues. April 24

- 10:00 Ladies Bible Study
- 1:00 JOY Choir

### Wed. April 25

- 10:00 No Care & Share until May 2
- 5:00 Children's Meal - Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 Children's Choirs (grades 1-6)
- 6:00 Wednesday Worship—Fellowship Hall  
Jesus Among Secular Gods led by Jim Stanford (Joy Class)  
Wednesday Night Live –Grades 7-12

- 6:15 Children's Missions (grades 1-6)
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thurs. April 26

- 6:45 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Simply Delicious
- 7:00 Powerhouse @ Jack's
- 1:30 JOY Trip to Linden Baptist Church (in lieu of JOY Day)



# The Reminder

A Great Commission Church...

Loving God, Loving Others.

*Carl Williams, Pastor*

*Tim Hall, Minister of Music/Senior Adults*

*Trent Nolen, Minister of Youth*

*Betty Sue Gandy, Financial Ministry Assistant*

*Bernice Johnson, Church Ministry Assistant*

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## Baptist Men's Breakfast

This Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 AM

Fellowship Hall



## Community Worship Service

This Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:00pm at Gallion Baptist Church

**Speaker:** DeAyrus Smith, Pastor

St. Paul's Baptist Church

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