

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Good Things Come to Those Who Wait

I was thinking recently about growing up and spending time with my grandparents. My Mamaw Williams, who lived next door to us, would sometimes take us with her to town. She didn't go shopping but once a week. She also went to the beauty shop on shopping day, so before TG&Y or Winn Dixie, we had to suffer through the trip to the beauty shop. A five-year old boy can't find much exciting about sitting in a beauty shop for an hour (or longer!).

But after that, we would make our way to the stores, and it usually happened that if we had behaved well at the beauty shop, we were rewarded with a snack or "treat" from the store. It was worth the waiting to know Mamaw was going to do something special for us.

Waiting is difficult for us as Christians. We "want what we want right now." Yet some of the biggest blessings in our lives come through seasons of waiting. Maybe you are in a "waiting period right now." It may be something unpleasant or difficult, but God will reward your faithfulness during those seasons of your life. Remember, patience produces endurance. (James 1:3-4) Ask God today to help you as you wait upon Him. Something really good will be waiting for you on the other side.

In Christ,  
Bro. Carl

*Memorial gifts have been received in loving memory of Nell Rush and Mike Thomas*

**FREE Event for all Men in West Alabama!**  
**4th Annual "Stand in the Gap" Men's Rally**

Friday, Feb. 23  
6:15 p.m.

Special Music!

First Baptist Church, Demopolis, Alabama

**FEATURED SPEAKER:**  
Dr. Kevin Hamm  
Senior Pastor  
Gardendale F.B.C.

Dr. Kevin Hamm has been the Senior Pastor of Gardendale First Baptist Church in Gardendale, Alabama since April 2006. He has his B.A. from Western Kentucky University, M. Div. from Mid-America Theological Seminary and Doctor of Ministry degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**This event includes a FREE MEAL!**  
No ticket necessary, no love offering will be taken  
Come hear a message of hope and challenge!  
*"I searched for a man among them who would...stand in the gap." Ezekiel 22:30*

## ♪ A Note from Tim

On Sunday, February 25, churches everywhere will be singing the missions hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" in support of Global Missions to the unreached! *Jesus Shall Reign* has been a famous missionary hymn for generations and was sung by the great missionary and Olympic sprinter Eric Liddell (*Chariots of Fire*) at the train station in Edinburgh as he embarked on a missionary journey to China. While interned during World War 2, Eric served alongside China Inland Mission (now OMF) workers, along with other organizations.

In 2016, over a million believers united worldwide in singing the hymn "Facing a Task Unfinished" as a way to focus their congregations on the importance of global missions. You may remember, that here in Demopolis, we were a part of that act of solidarity. It was an incredible experience and a privilege to join our voices with believers across the world and I look forward to that experience once again this year.

*"To our King be highest praise, Rising through eternal days  
Just and faithful He shall reign: Jesus shall reign!"*

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*In Loving Memory of  
Irma Parr  
August 30, 1925-February 12, 2018.*

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### Record of Attendance Sunday, February 11, 2018

	Enrolled	Total Present
Sun. School Attendance	368	177
New Members (0)	Visitors (14)	Riverside (9)

### God's Tithe and Our Offering Sunday, February 11, 2018

2018 Budget: \$646,041.00

Weekly Budget Needed: \$12,423.87 Sunday Offering: \$12,255.50

Offerings Year to date: Given: \$ 68,554.63 Needed: \$74,543.22

**February 18 Bus Ministry: Tommy Pearson 289-1294**

**Deacons on call February 18 - February 24**

Sonny James 803-972-1591 & Jim Stanford 289-1223

**February Church Lock-up: Fred Roemen 289-3128**

**Nursery Workers: February 18**

Whitney Mosley, Dana Eddins, Colton McGilberry,

Mary Catherine McGilberry, 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.

**PLEASE NO FOOD OR DRINK IN SANCTUARY.**

## Pray With Me

Thank you, church family, for your love, support and kind words Sunday. Love and grace are encouraging themes in scripture. It should be encouraging when we discuss the immeasurable riches of the love and grace we receive from Christ our Lord and Savior. Then to hear brother Richard unfold Job and apply it to our lives was a treat. I know there have been times I had a question or two for God yet, I quickly found myself put in my place. It's encouraging to know that whether you're feeling God's love and grace or his righteous rebuke, He is always for you and He does it for your good! Pray with me today for all who were touched by the Word of God Sunday. May it be our focus today to spread the hope and encouragement of our Lord.

February 18<sup>th</sup>:

Last Sunday for envelope fundraiser. (Table will be in sanctuary.)

Winter Jam. (Sign up ASAP if you want to go.)

February 22<sup>nd</sup>:

Frontline Rally. (Free. Go on your own or bus will leave the church at 5.)

February 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Serve at Men's Rally. (Be @ church gym by 5:45 pm.)

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**Our Church Family** would like to extend Christian love and sympathy to Katie Thomas and family on the death of her son, Mike Thomas; and to Billy Coplin and family on the death of his mother, Margie Coplin Camp.

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### FBC Bible Reading Plan Week 8 (Feb. 19)

Monday-Exodus 19-20

Tuesday-Exodus 24-25

Wednesday-Exodus 26-27

Thursday- Exodus 28-29

Friday-Exodus 30-31

Memory Verse: Galatians 5:14

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 02/19 Linda Beshears, Raymond Boone  
 02/20 Trenella Davis, Courtney Echols,  
 Libby Emory  
 02/22 Billy Tucker  
 02/23 Raiford Duncan  
 02/24 Chandler Barton, Carl Johnson



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Prayerfully Prepared For:

**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 February would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations to the church office.

**\*\*February Food Item:  
 Corn meal/Jiffy Mix\*\***

**Sunday Morning Nursery Need:** If you are interested in serving in the nursery a few Sunday mornings throughout the year during the morning worship service, please contact Wanda Dunklin or Sabrina Harrell.

**The 2018 Church flower calendar:** If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary/foyer for a loved one or for a special occasion, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board near the church office.

**Our love and prayers go out to....** Julia Willis, Billy & Florence Flowers, Carolyn Spence, Gail Hedrick, Agnes Willingham, Samantha Corkerin, Paul James IV, Tory Colvin, Katie Thomas, Donnie Cannon, Eddie Willingham, Nell Ree Ballard, Harold & Myrtle Dunn, Juliette M<sup>c</sup>Namara, Goldie Millsap, Jimmie M<sup>c</sup>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.

### WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sun. February 18**

- 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Morning Worship Service  
 5:00 Bible Drill (Grades 1-6)  
 Evening Worship Service (deacons meeting immediately following the service)

**Mon. February 19**

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

**Tues. February 20**

- 10:00 Ladies Bible Study  
 1:30 JOY Choir  
 6:00 Joy SS Class Party

**Wed. February 21**

- 10:00 Next Care & Share in March  
 5:00 Children's Meal - F/S Hall  
 5:30 Children's Choirs (grades 1-6)  
 6:00 Wednesday Worship (F/S Hall) - Pray Like This Study  
 The Forgotten Jesus 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. February 22**

- 6:45 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Simply Delicious  
 7:00 Powerhouse @ Jack's  
 10:00 JOY Day



# The Reminder

A Great Commission Church...

Loving God, Loving Others.

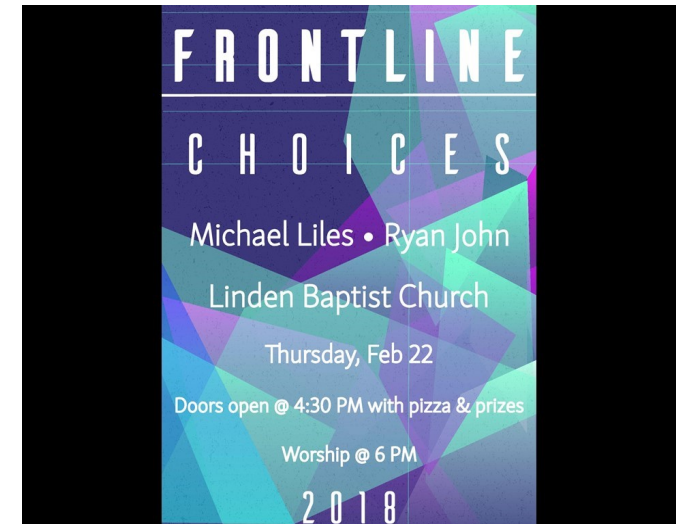
*Carl Williams, Pastor*  
*Tim Hall, Minister of Music/Senior Adults*  
*Trent Nolen, Minister of Youth*  
*Betty Sue Gandy, Financial Ministry Assistant*  
*Bernice Johnson, Church Ministry Assistant*

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## ATTENTION YOUTH!!



You do not want to miss this!

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