

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

As we come to the start of a new year, we enter a time of new beginnings. A chance to make corrective changes in our lives. Many of us use the new year to make better health choices like cutting back on certain foods or spending more time exercising. I would like to encourage you to place an emphasis in 2019 on your spiritual health as well. Make the commitment to spend more time in prayer and devotional Bible reading. Commit to be more consistent in your church attendance. These are just some of the things you can do to have a healthier spiritual life.

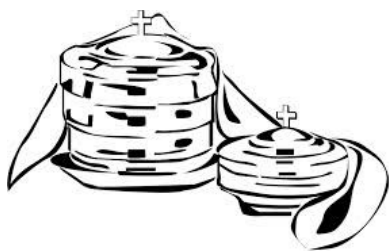
As a way to assist you in your spiritual exercise, we will be putting a greater emphasis on Bible reading in 2019. Each month, we will provide a Bible reading plan to guide you in your Bible study. In addition to the reading plan, we have made Scripture Journals available so that you can jot down those moments when the Lord speaks through his word. After our year long study in the Gospel of John, we have decided to begin our scripture reading in the book of Acts as a continuation of the story. Be sure to pick up your scripture journal and Bible reading guide in the foyer of the Worship Center.

Being a part of a church family means being connected to a covenant community of faith. It is important for us to be reminded each year of the commitment we make to one another as members of Woodward Avenue Baptist Church. We will begin 2019 with a Covenant Renewal Service around the Lord’s Table on January 6th. I want to encourage you to be a part of this important time of worship and renewal.

Our God is a life changing God. Many of us can remember what it was like before knowing Jesus and can recognize that the decision to follow Jesus changes everything. Often, after years of knowing Christ, we forget the life change that occurs when coming to Christ. To remind us that God is still in the business of life change, we will begin a new sermon series in January entitled, “*Changed.*” Throughout this series we will examine Biblical characters who have experienced dramatic life change through a relationship with a Holy God!

I look forward to seeing you in Worship and Sunday School this month.

Expecting Great Things,
Will



*Special Covenant
Renewal
Lord's Supper
January 6th,
during Morning Worship*

Sermons

January 6, 2019

A Covenant People—Nehemiah 10:28-39
Messy: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

January 13, 2019

Changed: New Creation—2 Corinthians 5:17
Messy: 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:13

January 20, 2019

Changed: Paul—Acts 19:1-22
Messy: 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:3

January 27, 2019

Changed: Jacob—Genesis 32:28
Messy: 2 Corinthians 3:4-18

WORSHIP MINISTRY

As we head toward another new year together, I want to make you aware of a project our Worship Ministry will undertake in 2019.

On Tuesday, April 16th, the week leading up to Easter, we will present a program entitled *Retelling the Story*, featuring pastor and author Russ Ramsey. Ramsey is the author of a three-volume narrative retelling of Scripture, also entitled *Retelling the Story*. He will be presenting readings from the middle volume of that trilogy, entitled *The Passion of the King of Glory*. These readings will be accompanied by music, performed by our Worship Choir and Praise Team.

I hope you will consider joining us for this program, and will begin praying now for our Choir and Praise Team as they work to execute it.

Looking forward to a great 2019 at Woodward Avenue Baptist Church!

Grace & Peace,
Timmy



The new year is a time filled with excitement, new beginnings, and even New Year's Resolutions. This new year, I would like you to encourage your child to read the Bible daily as our church begins reading the book of Acts.

A study done by Lifeway shows that **“reading the Bible, no surprise, shows the most impact in guiding a child to become a faithful member of a church as an adult.”** The important thing here is exposure to the Bible daily. If your child cannot read, spend time reading the Bible to

them each day. I recommend the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. If your child is learning to read, sit down with a large print Bible and help them to find the scripture you are reading. Read together with your child. If your child is a wonderful reader, don't simply send them off to read on their own. Instead, read with them, let them see you reading, and discuss what you are reading with your children. These simple things will impact your child and his or her love of Scripture immensely. WABC Kids will have a special New Year's Bible Reading Challenge that starts in January! Come by the welcome desk or parent's board in the Children's Building to get a copy of the Bible Reading Challenge.

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Will start back Sunday, January 6th at 5:30 p.m.

Crazy sock night will be January 20th.
Kids, wear your craziest socks to
your club meeting.



Student Bonfire at
Pam Clepper's Farm
Saturday, January 12th
(Meet at the church—the bus
will be leaving at 6:30 p.m.)



Thank You Note Received

Dear Woodward Avenue Baptist Church,
I wanted to take a moment to say Thank You!
On behalf of everyone at Safeplace, thank you so much for
your generous donation! All of the food you provided was so
appreciated! We all truly
thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
Safeplace, Inc.

Thank you for your support and kind expression of sympathy
in the loss of our mother. We rejoice in the knowledge that
earth hath no sorrows that heaven cannot heal.

Sincerely,
Gayle & Gary Doersam and family,
Bev and Steve Prentice and family,
Keith Connell and family

Church Family,

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits at
the time of Mindi's death and the girls' injuries. Your love
and concern has been a blessing to us.

In His love,
Barbara Brock

The Alabama Baptist Children's Home

Will be offering Foster Parenting Classes
starting February 10th here at WABC.
For more information, please call



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Goal: \$14,000

(Envelopes are available on the table in the
Welcome Center or you may designate on
your regular offering envelope).



January 1st

Church Office Closed

January 2nd

No Evening Service/Activities

January 6th

Lord's Supper-Morning Service

AWANA Resumes
5:30 p.m. (WABC Kids Department)

We need help taking down Christmas
Decorations (After Evening Service)

Deacons' Meeting-7:00 p.m.
(Adult Education Building)

January 9th

Worship Choir Fellowship
(Home of Timmy & Maggie Bea Ray)

January 12th

Students' Bonfire
Leaving the Church @ 6:30 p.m.
(Home of Pam Clepper)

January 13th

Church-Wide Baby Shower
For Clint & Katie Perry
7:00 p.m. (Adult Education Building)

January 16th

Worship Choir Resumes
6:00 p.m. (Choir Room)

Children's choir Resumes
6:00 p.m. (WABC Kids Department)

January 20th

Sancity of Human Life Sunday

AWANA Crazy Sock Night
5:30 p.m. (WABC Kids Department)

January 24th

XYZ Fellowship &
Covered Dish Luncheon
10:30 a.m. (Adult Education Building)

Your Staff:

Pastor.....Dr. William Rushing
 Worship Pastor.....Timmy Ray
 Director of Student Ministries.....Clint Perry
 Director of Children's MinistriesMakinna Morrison
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Sunday

Sunday School9:15 a.m.
 Student Bible Study (Underground).....6:00 p.m.
 Choir Practice.....6:00 p.m.
 Praise Team Practice (Activities Building).....7:00 p.m.
 Worship Service (Worship Center).....10:30 a.m.
 Weekly Radio Broadcast (WFIX 91.3).....11:30 a.m.
 AWANA Clubs (WABC Kids Department).....5:30 p.m.
 Discipleship Training Classes.....5:30 p.m.
 Student Bible Study (Underground).....5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Adult Bible Study (Adult Education Building).6:00 p.m.
 Children's Activities (WABC Kids Department)6:00 p.m.

View services live at:

www.woodwardavenuebaptist.org/watch-us-live

Weekly Radio Broadcast
WFIX 91.3
at 11:30 a.m.



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

January 6th

Desk: Sherry Forrester

Morning: Maggie Bea Ray & Anthony & Sharron Sparks

Evening: Doris Boozer

January 9th

Brittany Cobb & Morgan Hall

January 13th

Desk: Anna Cowley

Morning: Rodney & Sonya Allman & Edna Boddie

Evening: Allison Brooks

January 16th

Maggie Bea Ray & Kate Rushing

January 20th

Desk: Gidgett Wilson

Morning: Rickey & Sonja Ellett & Melinda Jumper

Evening: Pat Pennington

January 23rd

Natalie Branscomb

January 27th:

Desk: Lou Cornelius

Morning: Jennifer Bragwell, Laretha Newell
& Tricia Starkey

Evening: Shane Conn

January 30th

Brittany Cobb & Morgan Hall

GREETERS TEAM SCHEDULE

January 6th David Branscomb
 Barbara Brock
 John Conn
 Robert Evans
 Brad & Melinda Neal

January 13th David Branscomb
 John Conn
 Robert Evans
 Debbie Van Kauwenberg
 Dot Sibley
 Lanita Wroten

January 20th David Branscomb
 John Conn
 Barbara Cunningham
 Robert Evans
 Tammy Kirk
 Nona Parrish

January 27th David Branscomb
 John Conn
 Robert Evans
 Charles & Joann Gargis
 Maylea Perry

SECURITY TEAM SCHEDULE

January 6th: Mike Brooks, Ethan Hall
 Keith Malone & Tim Ray

January 13th: Rickey Ellett, Irl Parks,
 Jack Pennington & Phil Richardson

January 20th: Will Cottingham, James Gautney,
 David Mayo & Lance Wright

January 27th: Jason Bonner, Bob Freeman,
 John Webb & Dennis Whitehead

Children's Church Schedule

January 6th: Cory & Karen King & Isabelle Rushing
January 13th: Joann Gargis & Maylea Perry
January 20th: Sherry Hudson & Jack Scott
January 27th: Felecia Mayo & Sawyer Perry

DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 6th: Jason Bonner
 January 13th: David Mayo
 January 20th: Jerry Plaxco
 January 27th: Phil Richardson

A list of our active Deacons and their phone numbers is available in the Welcome Center