

*“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord,  
so walk in him, rooted and built up in him  
and established in the faith, just as you were taught,  
abounding in thanksgiving.”*

Colossians 2:6-7 ESV

Growth requires discipline! If we want to see our gardens grow, we must discipline ourselves to put in the work of planting, weeding, and fertilizing. Those desiring physical strength must be disciplined to train through workouts and weightlifting. The spiritual life is not any different. If we want to see ourselves growing in our relationship with Christ, we must be disciplined. Beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will explore the work required for spiritual growth in a new sermon series entitled, “*Discipline*.” This series will help us to understand the areas of our lives that we must work on to grow in our walk with Christ.

We began this year by making a commitment to read God’s word together. I hope you have joined us as we have read through the book of Acts and are currently reading through the book of Hebrews. Let me remind you that Scripture journals are available in the Adult Education Building and in the Welcome Center.

On Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, WABC will gather with churches throughout the area for the annual Shoals Area Wide Prayer Rally. On that evening there will not be any activities on our campus. Instead, we will meet at Norton Auditorium on the University of North Alabama campus at 6pm. I hope you will join us as we gather to worship, study God’s word and pray.

WABC will host a simulcast of the Empowered to Connect conference. Empowered to Connect is a two-day conference designed to help adoptive and foster parents, ministry leaders and professionals better understand how to connect with “children from hard places” in order to help them heal and become all that God desires for them to be. This simulcast has been approved by the National Association of Social Workers to provide 11 hours of continuing education credits. The cost is \$10 per participant you may register through our website by finding the Empowered to Connect event under the Events tab.

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

Expecting Great Things,

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Please join us as we gather with area churches at Norton Auditorium Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for our  
**Annual  
Area-Wide Prayer Rally**  
(There will be no activities at WABC on this evening).

We  Our  
*Woodward Avenue Baptist  
Church Family*  
*And would like to invite you all to our  
FREE Appreciation Banquet*  
*March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.*  
*In the Activities Building.*  
*Please sign up at the Welcome Center  
Table or at the Adult Education Desk  
by March 17<sup>th</sup>*  
*Our meal will be followed by our  
quarterly Business Meeting*  
*@ 6:00 p.m.*  
*(Bring your children with you—  
we will not have childcare).*

### **March’s Sermons**

March 3, 2019

*Discipline:* Bible Study  
Discipleship Training

March 10, 2019

*Discipline:* Prayer  
Prayer Rally

March 17, 2019

*Discipline:* Evangelism  
Discipleship Training

March 24, 2019

*Discipline:* Worship  
Discipleship Training

March 31, 2019

*Discipline:* Serving  
Discipleship Training

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

As our Worship Choir and Praise Team prepare musically for Easter, I would like to invite our congregation to join us in preparing our hearts as well. Here are a few ways you can begin preparing for Easter now.

First, make our church activities celebrating Easter a priority. Spring calendars notoriously fill up quickly, so go ahead and get these dates on yours in permanent ink:

April 13th - Easter Egg Hunt  
April 14th - Palm Sunday  
April 16th - Retelling the Story (Choir-led Easter Worship Service featuring author Russ Ramsey)  
April 17th - Tenebrae Service  
April 21st - EASTER SUNDAY

Second, spend time studying God's Word. If you are participating in our church-wide reading plan, we are currently working through the book of Hebrews and will move to Exodus next. We intentionally scheduled these books back-to-back leading up to Easter to enrich our understanding of what Christ has done for us. If you are behind, don't worry! Whether you read the passage on the prescribed date or after the fact, the Word of God is living and active and able to impact you right on time.

Third, pray for our church's Easter activities. You have a list above, and I implore you to begin praying specifically for each of the events above.

Finally, invite others to join us! Easter is about celebrating the Greatest News. What better way to do so than by sharing that News with others?

Grace & Peace,  
Timmy



Go Green!  
Sunday, March 17th  
5:30 p.m.  
In the WABC Kids Department

## STUDENT MINISTRY:

On March 15th we will have our "Pure" lock-in in the Underground @ WABC. Anthony Potts, with Shoals Sav-A-Life, will be speaking, and the worship will be led by "The Table" ministries in Sheffield. This is going to be a time of challenging the students in understanding that "true love waits."

**Students, meet in the Underground at 7 pm on March 15th, and have your parents pick you up @ 7am on March 16th.**

The cost will be \$20 and will include a t-shirt. Come, bring a friend, be ready for God to speak into your life, and stay up all night! Please sign up in the Underground or the event page on Facebook. Don't miss out...



*Ladies Brunch*  
*Saturday, March 16th*  
*10:00 a.m.*  
*(Adult Education Building)*

\$5.00 per person  
You may get your  
tickets in the  
Welcome Center  
Before and after  
Worship Services.



## Thank You Notes Received

Thank you so much to all WABC staff & members for your kindness & prayers during Dennis' illness. Special thanks to Timmy & Brother Will for making the service so special for us.

Love to you all,  
Lydia & family



Thank you so much for the beautiful arrangement and food sent during our time of loss of our daddy. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

With much love,  
Tommy, Angie, Sammy & families

# EMPOWERED TO CONNECT CONFERENCE

## April 5th & 6th

(9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

In the Adult Education Building

**A two-day conference designed  
To help adoptive and foster parents,  
ministry leaders and professionals  
better understand how to connect  
with "children from hard places"  
in order to help them heal  
and become all that God  
desires for them to be.**

**The cost is \$10 per participant.**

**You may register  
through our website  
[woodwardvenuebaptist.org](http://woodwardvenuebaptist.org)**



### **March 3, 2019**

Lord's Supper Observed (AM Service)  
Week of Prayer for North American Missions  
& Annie Armstrong Offering  
Personnel Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m.  
(Conference Room)  
Discipleship Training Classes, 5:30 p.m.  
Deacons' Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
(Adult Education Building)

### **March 5th**

Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.  
(Adult Education Building)

### **March 10th**

Daylight Saving Time Begins  
Prayer Rally, 6:00 p.m.  
(Norton Auditorium@ UNA)



### **March 12th**

Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.  
(Adult Education Building)

### **March 14th**

Tom Whatley Storytelling Part 2, 6:00 p.m.  
(Worship Center)

### **March 15th**

Student "Pure" Lock In, 7:00 p.m.  
(Underground)  
Ends March 16th @ 7:00 a.m.



### **March 16th**

Ladies Brunch, 10:00 a.m.  
(Adult Education Building)

### **March 17th**

AWANA Clubs "Go Green", 5:30 p.m.  
(WABC Kids Department)  
Discipleship Training Classes, 5:30 p.m.

### **March 20th**

Appreciation Banquet, 5:30 p.m.  
& Quarterly Business Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
(Activities Building)

### **March 21st**

XYZ Fellowship & Covered Dish Luncheon  
(Adult Education Building)

### **March 24th**

Discipleship Training Classes, 5:30 p.m.

### **March 31st**

Discipleship Training Classes, 5:30 p.m.



## Your Staff:

Pastor.....Dr. William Rushing  
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## Sunday

Sunday School .....9:15 a.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.  
 Student Bible Study (Underground).....5:30 p.m.  
 Worship Service.....6:00 p.m.

## Wednesday

Adult Bible Study (Adult Education Building)...6:00 p.m.  
 Children's Activities (WABC Kids Department)..6:00 p.m.  
 Student Bible Study (Underground).....6:00 p.m.  
 Choir Practice.....6:00 p.m.  
 Praise Team Practice (Activities Building).....7:00 p.m.

## View services live at:

[www.woodwardavenuebaptist.org/watch-us-live](http://www.woodwardavenuebaptist.org/watch-us-live)

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



### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

#### March 3rd

**Desk:** Sherry Forrester  
**Morning:** Rickey & Sonja Ellett  
**Evening:** Doris Boozer

#### March 6th

Natalie Branscomb

#### March 10th

**Desk:** Anna Cowley  
**Morning:** Jennifer Bragwell, Laretha Newell  
 & Tricia Starkey

#### March 13th

Brittany Cobb & Morgan Hall

#### March 17th

**Desk:** Gidgett Wilson  
**Morning:** Ronnie & Susan Campbell & Sue Plaxco  
**Evening:** Pat Pennington

#### March 24th

**Desk:** Lou Cornelius  
**Morning:** Mary Bullington & Kelli Rue  
**Evening:** Shane Conn

#### March 27th

Natalie Branscomb

#### March 31st

**Desk:** Lindsay Bonner  
**Morning:** Maggie Bea Ray & Anthony & Sharron Sparks  
**Evening:** Doris Boozer

### GREETERS TEAM SCHEDULE

**March 3rd** David Branscomb, John Conn  
 Robert Evans, Jimmy & Melinda  
 Jumper & Isabelle Rushing

**March 10th** David Branscomb, Patrick &  
 Jennifer Collins, John Conn,  
 Dean Day, Robert Evans  
 & Norma Martin

**March 17th** Warren & Edna Boddie,  
 David Branscomb, John Conn  
 Robert Evans & Ida Nell Hall

**March 24th** David Branscomb, John Conn  
 Robert Evans, Carole Hayes  
 & Peggy Schmidlkofer

**March 31st** Martha Brackeen, David Branscomb,  
 John Conn, Robert Evans,  
 Lance & Wendy Wright

### SECURITY TEAM SCHEDULE

**March 3rd:** Mike Brooks, Ethan Hall,  
 Keith Malone & Tim Ray

**March 10th:** Jack Pennington, Irl Parks  
 & Phil Richardson

**March 17th:** Will Cottingham, James Gautney,  
 David Mayo & Lance Wright

**March 24th:** Jason Bonner, Bob Freeman  
 & John Webb

**March 31st:** Mike Brooks, Ethan Hall,  
 Keith Malone & Tim Ray

### Children's Church Schedule

**March 3rd:** Felicia Mayo & Maylea Perry  
**March 10th:** Cara Fretwell & Jack Scott  
**March 17th:** Joann Gargis & Sawyer Perry  
**March 24th:** Sherry Hudson & Anna Rushing  
**March 31st:** Cory & Karen King & Leah Strickland

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

March 3rd: Mark Ray  
 March 10th: Bob Little  
 March 17th: Jack Pennington  
 March 24th: Farrel Cochran  
 March 31st: Jack Pennington

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