

FROM YOUR PASTOR:

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Revelation 7:9-10 (ESV)

The last three months have provided another successful "Summer Refresh". It was a wonderful summer of ministry which included a Vacation Bible School offering that provided two AED's for the Decatur campus of the Alabama Baptist Children's Home, a life-changing student mission trip to help hurricane victims in North Carolina, a week of service to our community through World Changers, a fun-filled church-wide trip to Atlanta to hear our Worship Choir sing the National Anthem, a mission trip to Southeast Asia to reach the Persian people with the gospel of Christ, and a church-wide picnic at Gattman Park! A big "Thank You" goes out to everyone who made this summer of ministry possible!

As we transition to our Fall schedule of activities, WABC has many opportunities to be involved. Be sure to sign up for our Family Night Dinner & Quarterly Business Meeting on Wednesday, September 18th. The following Sunday, September 22nd, there will be a Ministry Showcase in the Welcome Center. This event will provide an opportunity for members to sign up for areas of service in the church. Also this month, we will have the first of two opportunities to have your family's photo made for our 75th Anniversary Pictorial Directory. We want to have every family & individual represented in our new directory.

This month we will begin sign up for our annual *Trunk-n-Treat* which will be held on Wednesday, October 30th. This is the single largest outreach event we do all year. Our goal is to have 40 trunks involved. For those unable to decorate a trunk, you can be involved by providing candy or serving in the kitchen. I hope everyone finds a way to participate in this important outreach activity.

In September, we will begin a new sermon series entitled, "For the Nations." This series will walk through the story of the Bible to discover God's plan for all the people of the earth. I hope you will make it a priority to be a part of worship each Sunday this month.

Expecting Great Things,
Will

SEPTEMBER'S SERMONS

September 1, 2019 **September 8, 2019**
For the Nations – Creation **For the Nations – Israel**

September 15, 2019 **September 22, 2019**
For the Nations – Jesus **For the Nations – The Church**

September 29, 2019
Message by Timmy Ray



*The Lord's
Supper will be observed
September 15th
During Morning Worship*

**You are invited to our
FREE Family Dinner
& Quarterly Business
Meeting**
September 18th
5:30 p.m.—Meal
6:00 p.m.—Business Meeting
(Activities Building)
This is a family event,
no childcare will be provided.
Please sign up at the table in the
Welcome Center or at the Desk in
the Adult Education Building.

*Ministry Showcase
September 22nd*

*Stop by the Welcome Center before or
after the Morning Worship Service to get
a glimpse of our different Ministry
Teams. There will be a member from
each team available to answer questions
and to help you find the perfect fit for you
to become a part of ministry at WABC!*

*Appointments for our 75th Anniversary
Pictorial are now being scheduled.
You may register for your appointment before or
after the Worship Services or by calling Susan
Freeman at 256.627.9228*

**September 8th-14th
Week of Prayer
for State Missions.**
*During the month of September, we will
be accepting donations for the
Myers-Mallory Mission Offering.
If you would like to make a donation,
you may pick up a designated envelope
from the table in the Welcome Center or
from the desk in the
Adult Education Building.
You may also designate your offering on
your regular envelope.*

Greetings!

I hope all of you are participating in our Woodward in the Word Bible Reading Program. I have enjoyed the books we have read thus far, and am looking forward to reading Judges and Romans in September.

As you read along with our WITW plan, or as you study your Bible in general, I wanted to share with you a few questions I recently encountered from Tim Keller to ask yourself as you study Scripture. While they certainly aren't the only questions to be asking as you read the Bible, I think they are great questions to ensure we are allowing ourselves to be shaped by what we're reading rather than simply going through the motions.

What difference does this make?
Am I taking this seriously?
If I forget this, how will that affect me?
Have I forgotten it?
Am I living in light of this?

Grace & Peace,
Timmy

Student Ministry

See You At the Pole will take place at area schools the morning of September 26th. Please check with your school for the time. Students will gather around their school's flag pole and pray for their teachers, administrators and fellow classmates.



Get creative—Wear your craziest socks to your Club meeting September 15th for CRAZY SOCK NIGHT!



Matthew Hines-Baptism
Kelsey Hoyle-Baptism
James Wood-Letter
Marcia Wood-Letter

Women of Woodward Mission Opportunity

W.O.W. has an opportunity to help students (3rd-6th grades) at L E Wilson School in Sheffield. We are collecting new or gently used jeans and/or t-shirts, sizes 6-16 (boys & girls).

Donations may be placed in the designated bins that are located in the WABC Kids Department or in the Office Hallway.



Thank you Notes Received

Dear Woodward Ave. Baptist,
Thank you very much for helping make our 2019 Colbert-Lauderdale Baptist Association World Changers a tremendous success. Your church did a fantastic job hosting and providing lunches and snacks. Thanks for going the extra mile to make our crews feel welcome.

During the week, the World Changers crews worked on 18 different sites. They shared the gospel with 62 people and they saw 2 people pray to receive Christ as Savior. The crews also handed out 17 Bibles. Your church had a part in the spreading of the gospel in the Shoals area.

World Changers is a beautiful picture of what we can do together in our association when we work together.

In His Care,
Eddy Garner, Director of Missions.

Church Family,
Thank y'all so much for the food that you sent us. Also for the beautiful flowers at Mom's service. Your thoughtfulness means a great deal to us. Thank you also for your prayers.

Sha & Anthony Sparks

Woodward Avenue Baptist Church Family,
We greatly appreciate the beautiful arrangement y'all sent to my Mom's service (Laura Smith, Killen). We love you all and thank you!

Special thanks to Lanita Wroten for reaching out to us offering food, etc & Janet & Mike Lansdell for cards & gift & the Hunter family for endless love and support & gifts!

Love,
Johnny & Terri Sue Crittenden

Dear Woodward Avenue Family,
Thank you for your kindness in sending the plant arrangement to the funeral home for my Mother's funeral. Mother loved flowers and would have enjoyed the plants. My family deeply appreciate your expression of sympathy during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Nancy Powell

NURSERY/CHILDCARE SCHEDULE

September 1st

Desk: Jenny Boozer
Bed Babies: Shane Conn & Sue Plaxco
Toddlers: Rickey & Sonja Ellett
Evening: No Evening Service

September 8th

Desk: Lindsey Bonner
Bed Babies: Jennifer Bragwell & Laretha Newell,
Toddlers: Anthony & Sharron Sparks
Evening: Cory & Karen King

September 15th

Desk: Lou Cornelius
Bed Babies: Maggie Bea Ray & Kate Rushing
Toddlers: Susie Ray & Amanda Thomas
Evening: Tammy Kirk & Kelli Rue

September 22nd

Desk: Anna Cowley
Bed Babies: Brittany Cobb & Morgan Hall
Toddlers: Ronnie & Susan Campbell
Evening: Kate Rushing

September 29th

Desk: Kelli Rue
Bed Babies: Rodney & Sonya Allman,
Toddlers: Doris Boozer & Tricia Starkey
Evening: Pam Clepper & Cara Fretwell

Children's Church Schedule:

September 1st:	Cory & Karen King
September 8th:	Megan Pigg
September 15th:	Sherry Hudson
September 22nd:	Melody Ray
September 29th:	Jennifer Collins

MEMORIES

We are collecting memories of WABC experiences that could possibly be included in our 75th Anniversary Pictorial Directory. If you have something you would like to share, please jot it down and leave it in the basket in the Welcome Center or the basket on the desk in the Adult Education Building.

The XYZ Fellowship & Lunch for

**September will be the 19th @ 10:30 a.m.
In the Adult Education Building
Guest Speaker: Lonlette Berg
We hope you will bring your favorite
side dish and/or dessert and join us!**

It's time to start getting ready for our largest outreach of the year—



"Trunk-n-Treat"

Trunk registration forms are available in the Welcome Center, at the desk in the Adult Education Building or in the Church Office.



SEPTEMBER



September 2nd

Office Closed for Labor Day

September 8th

Nominating Committee Meeting
4:30 p.m. (Conference Room)

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

September 15th

Lord's Supper—Morning Service
(Worship Center)

75th Anniversary Team Meeting
4:30 p.m. (Adult Education Bldg.)

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

September 18th

Family Dinner & Business Meeting
Dinner: 5:30
Business Meeting: 6:00
(Activities Building)

September 19th

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

Directory Portraits by appointment
(Adult Education Building)

September 20th

Directory Portraits by appointment
(Adult Education Building)

September 21st

Directory Portraits by appointment
(Adult Education Building)

September 22nd

Ministry Showcase
Before & After Worship Service
(Welcome Center)

September 25th

Students—See You At The Pole
(Area Schools)



Your Staff:

Pastor.....Dr. William Rushing
 Worship Pastor.....Timmy Ray
 Director of Student Ministries.....Clint Perry
 Financial/Administrative Assistant.....Sheila Holland
 Facility Assistant.....Tammy Kirk
 Publication Secretary.....Cassia Mathis
 Interim Children's Teacher.....Abby Forrester

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SCHEDULE

Sunday

Sunday School9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
 Radio Broadcast (WFIX 91.3)..11:30 a.m.
 AWANA Clubs..... 5:30 p.m.
 Student Worship Service.....5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

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

**VIEW SERVICES LIVE AT:
www.woodwardavenuebaptist.org/watch-us-live**



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

*Safeplace is in need of
 full-size personal hygiene items,
 diapers, cleaning items, phone chargers,
 children's books and paper goods such
 as plates/cups/toilet tissue/kleenex/
 paper towels, etc.
 Donations may be placed in the
 designated box in the Office Hallway.*

GREETERS TEAM SCHEDULE

Sept 1st David Branscomb,
 Robert Evans, &
 Bob & Susan Freeman
Sept 8th David Branscomb,
 Dean Day, Robert Evans
 James & Alexis Gautney
Sept 15th Rick & Doris Boozer,
 David Branscomb,
 Robert Evans &
 Ruth Gothard
Sept 22nd David Branscomb,
 Robert Evans, &
 Lance & Wendy Wright
Sept 29th Martha Brackeen,
 David Branscomb,
 Robert Evans, &
 Cheslene Walker

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sept 1st: Jason Bonner
Sept 8th: David Mayo
Sept 15th: Jerry Plaxco
Sept 22nd: Phil Richardson
Sept 29th: Ricky Williams

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

SECURITY TEAM SCHEDULE

Sept 1st Will Cottingham,
 James Gautney, David Mayo
 & Lance Wright
Sept 8th: Jason Bonner, Bob Freeman,
 Mike Lansdell & John Webb
Sept 15th: Mike Brooks, Ethan Hall,
 Keith Malone & Tim Ray
Sept 22nd: David Gresham, Irl Parks,
 Jack Pennington &
 Phil Richardson
Sept 29th: Will Cottingham,
 James Gautney, David Mayo,
 & Lance Wright