



# THE BEACON

*January 1, 2023*



**LET YOUR LIGHT  
AND YOUR LOVE  
FOR CHRIST  
SHINE. SHARE  
JESUS WITH  
SOMEONE  
TODAY, IT MIGHT  
BE THEIR ONLY  
CHANCE**

## WEEKLY MINISTRIES

### SUNDAYS

**Morning:**  
Morning Worship 9:30 AM  
Sunday School 10:45 AM

**Evening:**  
C.R.E.W. 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Children's Bible Study 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Youth 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
NEXT Ministry 5:30 - 7:00 PM

### WEDNESDAYS

Mid-week Connection 6:30 PM  
Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM  
Children's Bible Study 6:30 PM  
Choir Practice 7:30 PM

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## GOD'S BLESSINGS LAST MONTH

### DECEMBER 4

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$15,850.64  
BUILDING FUND \$ 175.00  
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 91.62

### DECEMBER 11

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 8,459.20  
BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00  
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 11.62

### DECEMBER 18

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$10,626.00  
BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00  
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 91.62

### DECEMBER 25

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 6,954.09  
BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00  
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 11.62

LOTTIE MOON \$ 7,058.30

Called  
TO Serve

## Deacons' Meeting

January 8, 2023

4:00 pm

All deacons are  
encouraged to attend.



**January 10, 2023  
@ 11:30 am  
Potluck Lunch**



Please Join Us For A

Bridal Tea

Honoring

*Maddi McGoughy*

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Carrolls Creek Baptist Family Life Center

14247 Hwy. 69 North

Northport, AL 35475

2:00-3:30 pm

Registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond



The Family Life Center is used by the church for many events. Many of these are set up and decorated for in advance. If you're going to use the gym for a birthday party, family reunion, ball practice or other personal event please call the church office to check availability and to prevent event conflicts.



## United Appeal Fund Offering

January 29, 2023

All money collected benefits the Good Samaritan Clinic and CCBC local missions.

Thank you for supporting these ministries!



## Wednesday Night Prayer Groups

@6:30 pm

Men's Group—Room S106

Ladies Group—Room S104

Coed Group—S105

Nursery, Children, & Youth Activities Provided



**Wednesday Nights @ 7:30 pm**  
*There is a spot for you.*

**Security  
Ministry**

January 1	Dalton Bobo
January 8	Stan Acker
January 15	Mike Anders
January 22	James Bailey
January 29	Bill Darling



GOD IS GREATER  
G > ^ V  
THAN THE HIGHS  
AND THE LOWS

Dear CCBC Family,

As we start a new year, we reflect on the joys and struggles of 2022 with the anticipation of what God will do with this family of faith in 2023. Many of you have experienced repeated sickness, the passing of loved ones, family struggles, and much more. Jesus did tell us that in this world we would have tribulations. The good news is that our communion with Christ and staying connected with His people will sustain us and strengthen us for the days ahead.

With that in mind, the clarion call for all of us is to pray and say “Yes” to new ways of serving. Pray DAILY for your pastor search committee. These wonderful folks care about listening to God’s direction and methodically approaching the process of finding God’s man to shepherd us in these challenging times. Pray for an interim pastor as well to stand in the gap during the search process. Pray for a children’s minister to love our children and develop their passion for God’s Word. As you are praying, look for ways to honor the Lord and serve your church family. Be proactive. Don’t wait to be asked. Do you have an idea? Bring it to someone’s attention. If you’re asked to meet a need, step up, gather like-minded support, and experience the JOY of blessing others and pleasing God.

As with every church family, changes occur, and new opportunities emerge. Let’s approach these with enthusiasm for the glory of Christ and Him alone! I am confident that if we keep our focus on reaching the lost and discipling the saved, God will bless our efforts.

As I write this, I am wearing a hat that displays the symbols, “G > ^ V.” It means “God is greater than our highs and lows.” However, I typically tell others, “He is greater than any mountain we face or any valley we walk through.” I believe this more today than ever before. I hope you do as well. Maybe we should make this our mantra for 2023.

Thank you for allowing me to share a few thoughts as we begin 2023. Like many of you, I deeply care about how we move forward to represent Christ in a post-Christian culture. Times and methods change, but the message will always be Jesus. As our dear brother (Wilson Stamps) from years ago would say, “Keep your hands on the gospel plow and don’t look back!”

Blessings to each of you and know that your deacons are here to listen and serve alongside you.

Mike Hogue  
Chairman  
CCBC Deacons



Chuck Eavenson



*"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set for the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."  
1 Timothy 4:12*

## Student Leadership University "Lift Tour" February 10-11, 2023 Theme – "Awaken"

The Carrolls Creek youth will attend the Lift Tour in February at Hunter Street Baptist Church in Hoover, Alabama, in order to examine the story of Lazarus and discover what it means to step into the new life in which Jesus has called us. We will leave on Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and are currently planning to stay one night at the Holiday Inn located five minutes from the church. The cost for this trip is \$45 plus food and free-time activities. I have preordered tickets for the youth who have signed up. Parents, if your student would like to attend, make sure his or her name is on the sign-up list. We should be back to Carrolls Creek on February 11<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10:45 pm

## Summer Camp 2023 - Student Life at the Beach June 12-16, 2023

I am currently planning on taking the youth to Student Life Camp held at Orange Beach June 12<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup>. I have reservations on hold and will confirm them as soon as I receive a \$75.00 deposit for the students planning to attend. The housing is different this year in that each church is responsible for securing a place to stay during the week of camp. To make sure we get the location we desire, it is important that students sign up and turn in a summer camp deposit of \$75.00 on or before January 29<sup>th</sup>. The camp speaker is Ed Newton, one of the favorites of our youth.

## Student Leadership University 201 Washington, D.C.

For those who turned in a deposit and are planning on going to SLU 201, we are currently on the waitlist. As soon as I learn more, I will let you know.



Brian Wilson

*"I will sing of the Lord's  
great love forever; with my  
mouth I will make your  
faithfulness known through  
all generations."  
Psalm 89:1.*

God has given us a new year to worship and serve Him. I am asking each person to look at the talents He has given each of us. I am also asking for ten more people to come join the choir. It is important to use the talent of singing in your church. Please join me each Wednesday at 7:30 as we practice each week. May God bless you.

*Brother Brian*



# January 2023



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <b>midweek connection</b> Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	5	6	7
8 <b>Deacons' Meeting</b> 4:00 pm	9	10 <b>JOY</b> Fellowship 11:30 am Potluck Lunch	11 <b>midweek connection</b> Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <b>midweek connection</b> Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <b>midweek connection</b> Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	26	27	28
29 <b>United Appeal Offering</b>	30	31				



## RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Take twelve whole months. Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; in other words, make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into 28, 30, or 31 different parts-but don't make up the whole batch at once; instead, prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith, one of patience, one of courage, one of work; add one each of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness; blend with one part prayer, one part meditation and one good deed. Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love, cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with smiles and serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness-and you're bound to have a **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

***"In all thy ways acknowledge Him,  
and He shall direct thy Paths."***

***Proverbs 3:6***



January 1	Betty White
January 5	Billy Wharton
January 6	Sabrina Clardy
January 7	Rawley Rogers
January 16	Gloria Roggli
January 17	Leah McCool
January 21	Rollie Savage
January 24	Mary Elizabeth Colburn, Taylor Gurganus
January 25	Zephriah Hammer
January 30	Hudson Long
January 31	John Martz, Maddi McGaughy

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John Martz

# NEXT

Galatians 2:20

## A Ministry For and With Those 18-25 Years of Age

As most people do this time of year, I have been pondering on what 2023 will be like. I came across the following devotion by Franklin Graham that best describes what 2023 should look like. As Carrolls Creek Baptist starts a new chapter in her history we should all be busy about the Lord's work. I challenge you, if you're not already serving somewhere, to get involved. Look for opportunities to invite someone to church or to tell them the three most powerful words in the English language 'God Loves You.' If we are faithful, God will bless Carrolls Creek Baptist in 2023.

### Marching Orders

*"And while staying with them [Jesus] ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, 'you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So, when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?'"*

*"He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.' And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight."*

*"And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'"*

**SHORTLY AFTER** His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ physically ascended into Heaven right before the eyes of His disciples. "Why do you stand looking into heaven?" two angels asked them. "This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

As we await His return, we have work to do. He left us with marching orders—to make disciples, obey His commands, and live boldly for His glory. Heading into this new year, let's check our priorities and make sure we haven't drifted from Christ's urgent mission.

The world around us seems to be growing darker—rejecting God's ways and embracing sin. But the Bible challenges us to choose godliness in these uncertain days. "The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:11–13).

The Christmas season is filled with celebration as we remember the Savior's first coming. Today, in the new year, we can rejoice in the promise of His triumphant, second coming. In the meantime, I pray that we will "shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life" (Philippians 2:15–16). We can be faithful, by the power of His Spirit, to honor Him and join Him in His mission of redeeming men and women, boys, and girls, to Himself—until He comes!

In Christ,

*Bro. John*



# NEXT

*Galatians 2:20*

**A Ministry For and With Those 18-25 Years of Age**

The NEXT group is wanting to expand its game fun by adding a foosball table, air hockey table, ping pong table, or Xbox gaming system to the NEXT house. If you have one of these or another game you could donate, please let Bro. John know.

