

# The BEACON

February 2024



**The church was not  
meant to entertain  
people.**

**It exists to train  
disciples, to glorify  
GOD, and reach the  
lost!**

**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 6:30 - 8:30 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**

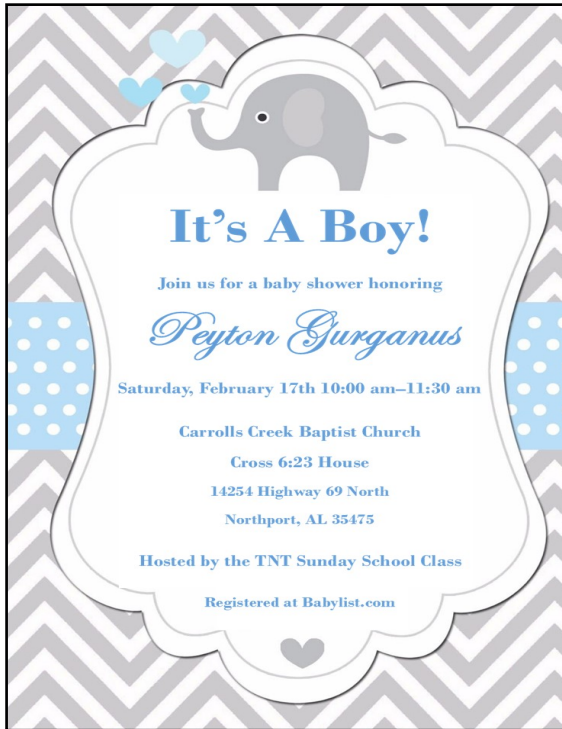
**DECEMBER 31**  
 TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 8,402.00  
 BUILDING FUND \$ 50.00  
 LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 113.52

**JANUARY 7**  
 TITHES/OFFERINGS \$15,121.99  
 BUILDING FUND \$ 175.00  
 LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 128.14

**JANUARY 14**  
 TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 7,265.87  
 BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00  
 LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 14.14

**JANUARY 21**  
 TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 9,092.60  
 BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00  
 LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 128.14

**JANUARY 28**  
 TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 6,514.30  
 BUILDING FUND \$ 50.00  
 LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 15.15



**It's A Boy!**  
 Join us for a baby shower honoring  
*Peyton Gurganus*  
 Saturday, February 17th 10:00 am–11:30 am  
 Carrolls Creek Baptist Church  
 Cross 6:23 House  
 14254 Highway 69 North  
 Northport, AL 35475  
 Hosted by the TNT Sunday School Class  
 Registered at Babylist.com



**Thank You**  
**Accompanist Appreciation Sunday**  
 A love offering will be received February 11, 2023 to show our accompanists how much we love and appreciate them for sharing their talents with us each Sunday.  
 Thank You, Melanie & Brenda



**just older youth**  
**February 13, 2024**  
**@ 11:30 am**  
**Potluck Lunch**



**Wednesday Night Prayer Groups**  
**@6:30 pm**  
 Men's Group—Room S106  
 Ladies Group—Room S103  
 Coed Group—S105  
**Nursery, Children, & Youth Activities Provided**



**Choir Notes**  
**Choir Rehearsal**  
**Sunday Afternoons @ 4:30 pm**  
**There is a seat for you.**



**CHURCH SECURITY**  
 Feb. 4: Bill Darling  
 Feb. 11: James Elmore  
 Feb. 18: Mike Hogue  
 Feb. 25: Russell Griffin



**Church DEACONS**  
**Deacons' Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 4, 2024**  
**@ 4:00 pm**  
 All deacons are encouraged to attend.



John Martz

# NEXT

*Galatians 2:20*

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

### The Opposite Of Love

*So, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:1-8*

Not long ago I heard a quote that says, “the opposite of love is not hate but selfishness.” Let that sink in for a minute. Did it hit you as hard as it hit me?

Wanting our own way is woven into the fabric of our fallen nature. Since the fall, it has been our default orientation. We can see this, even from our earliest days, whenever our way is crossed. We insist in the cradle and then as toddlers; we insist on the playground and then as over-confident teens; we insist in the church and the workplace; we insist as parents of toddlers and then as stubborn parents of over-confident teens; we insist as parents of adult children, and then as retirees, and then as nursing-home residents. We are disturbingly and persistently selfish.

Our selfishness is a master of disguise, wearing a thousand masks to cover its motives. Our selfishness is a wordsmith — bending, shaping, and sometimes twisting rationales for why our preferences are reasonable and right and even righteous (and, of course, best). Our selfishness is an attorney, trained from childhood in both defense and prosecution, bent on persuading judge and jury on behalf of its sole client.

Insisting on our own way is at the heart of most of our conflict, and at the bottom of almost all of the ways humans abuse others. This lack of love is a source of much human heartache and suffering.

Personal preferences are not wrong (unless for something inherently sinful). But insisting on personal preferences is very often wrong because it's very often selfish. Insisting on our own selfish way burdens us and others with conflict and discouragement, and causes others to stumble over temptation blocks of irritation, anger, resentment, and bitterness. This is a weight of sin we must lay aside.

So how do we lay aside this sin of selfishness? Jesus gives us the answer in John 13:34-35. *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”* Plain and simple we must learn to love the way Jesus loves by:

- **Having His Mind** - *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Philippians 2:3*
- **Offering His Welcome** - *Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Romans 12:16*
- **Speaking His Words** - *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16*
- **Showing His Love** - *See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. 1 Thessalonians 5:15*
- **Giving His Grace** - *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1-3*

CCBC my prayer is, that as we go out into the world— into parks and coffee shops—into places of employment and places of entertainment—into neighborhoods and communities, that our love for Christ and each other does not go unnoticed. When we commit to love each other and fight the sin of selfishness we show the world Christ's mind, offer His welcome, speak His words, show His love, and give His grace. We also advance His mission for CCBC.

In Christ,

*Bro. John*



*"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*

**Chuck Eavenson**

### Baskets of Love

The youth ministry is planning several ministry outreach events to encourage and support our local community. One of the ways we have demonstrated God's Love is to provide Baskets of Love to the local schools. January, we delivered baskets to Tuscaloosa County High School, Echols Middle School, and Crestmont Elementary School. We are thankful for the teachers and administration and all they do for our community and students. Praying for a blessed year.

### Mission Project to Family

The youth group has prepared for a special mission opportunity to touch several families. The youth have purchased some special gifts to give to needy families during our Lift Tour Weekend Jan. 26.27. As you read this the families will have received them. We are including several Spanish gospel tracts and other items to share the love of Christ with them. Please pray for these families to come to an understanding of God's love and accept His son Jesus as their savior.

### Summer Trips

Parents, I am trying to plan a few trips for summer based on our group and the opportunities that are available. The following trips are ideas that have been mentioned and discussed. I will have sign-up sheets available to see if we have enough interest to pursue.

### Youth Retreat June?

The youth have expressed interest in having a youth retreat at the Whitewater Express Camp in June. This camp is located just a few hours away in Copperhill Tennessee. We would have bible studies and worship mixed with fun and lots of adventure. This would be a 3-day 2-night trip in early June. The cost would be approx. \$75.00 per student.

### Mobile Mission Opportunity July?

The second opportunity that we have would be to go down to Mobile Alabama in July. I am waiting for the official dates. We would partner with Tyler's church Grace Table to help them with a 3-day backyard bible club outreach to area neighborhoods. This would be a fun and exciting way to serve and be a blessing to the people in Mobile and provide encouragement and support to Tyler and Grace Table Church. The church plant is going well, God is working, reaching families, and changing lives. Parents, if your student would be able to go on this trip, please have them sign up on the sign-up sheet that is available. The cost would be very reasonable and will be determined as we know more.



**Brian Wilson**

I am excited this year about our choir's involvement in singing. They are excited each week to sing with the praise team or other soloist. If you would like to sing in the choir, we meet every Sunday afternoon at 4:30. We would love to have you.

**Bro. Brian**

*"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.*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Deacons' Meeting 4:00 PM	5	6	7 midweek Connection Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13 JOY Fellowship 11:30 am Potluck Lunch	14 midweek Connection Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	15	16	17
18 HUNGER NO ONE KNOWS NO SEASON World Hunger Offering	19	20	21 midweek Connection Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 midweek Connection Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	29 		

# Ladies Valentine Celebration

Wednesday Night, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

6:30–7:30 pm

CCBC Family Life Center

All ladies are invited to a special time of fellowship as well as a unique, worshipful art presentation by Janet Latham. Since we will be having a catered meal, please text your RSVP to Melanie Hogue (205-454-0726) or Becky Wharton (205-344-3231) by Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.



- February 2 Aubrey Anders, Noah Griffin
- February 3 Bronson Engleber
- February 6 James Wilson
- February 7 Jacob Griffin
- February 8 Stephanie Englebert
- February 11 Anna Kate Hudson
- February 12 Dwayne Brown
- February 13 Ray Cook
- February 20 Hayward Malone
- February 25 Brian Wilson

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