



Join us for a bridal Shower

Honoring

*Ann Helton*

Sunday, February 4

2 - 3:30 pm

in the Family Life Center

Registered at Yazoo Drugs,  
Arnett's, Black's, Good Hope  
Mercantile, Downtown Market,  
Belk, Persnickety,  
Bed Bath & Beyond and  
Everyday Gourmet



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*Sarah Stoner*

Bride Elect to Neil McGraw

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Everyday Gourmet, Target &  
Williams Sonoma

**"An Evening with  
Carol Burnett"  
Dinner Theatre**

*March 2-3*

In the fellowship hall

All proceeds go toward  
our Chile Mission  
Fund.

Tickets are \$25 a  
person and go on sale  
**February 4.**

**Awana & Small Groups**

Kick Off - February 4

4 - 5:30 pm

(time change for kick off Sunday only)

Regular start time 5 pm

Begins February 11.

Small Groups Available:

*The Life: Living the Spiritual Disciplines*

Led by Vernon Sikes

*For Men Only*

A Straightforward Guide to the Inner

Life of Women (for men & women)

Led by Steve & Ginger Roark

*Taste for Truth*

Led by Tammy Sanford

A 30 day weight loss bible study

at Tammy's house: 10 Woodlawn

*A Couples Study*

At Nick & Ann King's house.

1660 Highway 16E

*Financial Peace*

Led by Clint Ritchie

**D6 - Living Out Deuteronomy 6**

Student Ministry

Led by Aaron Sibley

\*Groups are meeting at the church  
unless noted above.



We have made it through Dnow 2018 and I want to give a huge thank you to all the host homes and the volunteers. During the Saturday break of Dnow I was reflecting over the last 24 hours and all that had to come together to make Dnow work. There is no way that any of that could happen without the people who are willing to open their homes to our students, those who cooked and served food, who ran sound and media, who helped drive, chaperone, take pictures, and clean up the huge mess that 160 teenagers can make. If just one part of that equation is not working, it can cause huge stress, and our volunteers were there to fill the gap. Thank you a TON! My hope now is that our students will take the challenge of living out their faith everyday. They have to take the first step in resolving to do that, but they will need help. Church, my hope is that you will walk with them in prayer and by example. If you see one of our students, ask them how their quiet time was that morning. Talk to them about their prayer life and who they are trying to share the gospel with. Most of all ask them what you can pray for them about. Culture teaches our children that faith is something like a t-shirt you put on when the occasion is appropriate. The Bible teaches us that our faith should be the center of our lives. If we are fighting the culture, then we as a church must create a new culture that speaks truth into their lives and not the lies they are told by the world. If we are going to be the mouthpiece of truth, we must also live that truth. So what is the Lord calling you to do with our students? How can you live out your faith everyday? The world has had far too much influence on them. We can not wait any longer. Now is the time.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

\*\$17,217.11 required weekly to meet budget.

January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
Bible Study	Bible Study	Bible Study	Bible Study
Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
298	218	262	272
Worship Service	Worship Service	Worship Service	Worship Service
Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
N/A	274	223	297
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
<u>\$20,055.10</u>	<u>\$28,369.57</u>	<u>\$10,919.00</u>	<u>\$11,331.00</u>

***Gifts were received for the following designated funds:***  
*To the Youth Ministry in memory of Kay Willingham*  
*To the Children's Ministry in memory of Rex Brown*

**Financial Report through December**  
Total Budget Offering **\$951,898.21** less Expenses **\$980,293.43** = **-\$28,395.22**  
Total Approved Budgeted through October 2017 = \$997,536.05  
Actual Expenses **\$980,293.43**= **\$17,242.62** *spending under budget*

It is hard to believe that January is over, just another reminder of the fleeting of time. As Paul says in Ephesians 5:16, “make the most of every opportunity.” February will have lots of opportunities to worship, grow, serve, and share, including small groups and revival. We must be committed to do “whatever it takes” to make the most of these opportunities.

“Whatever it takes” means that you are willing to roll up your sleeves, to get your hands dirty, to go the extra mile, and to go above-and-beyond the call of duty. It means that you are not a prima donna; that you are not too good to serve. It means that you are a person of resolve, determination, and conviction. “Whatever it takes” means first of all that you know what the job is. You know what God wants done, and you have determined, that with His help, to see the task accomplished with excellence.

John F. Kennedy expressed the “whatever it takes” sentiment when he gave his speech in 1962 about the U.S. going to the moon, something which did not happen until 1969. He stated, *“We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win...”*

Jesus modeled the “whatever it takes” attitude. Isaiah 50 says that Jesus would set His “face like flint,” another way of saying He had the “whatever it takes” attitude. When Peter tried to talk Jesus out of going to the cross, Jesus responded, *“Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men”* (Matthew 16:23). Later, in the Garden of Gethsemane, when Jesus faced the agony of bearing the sin of humanity and dying on the cross, He prayed, *“O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will”* (Matthew 26:39). The cross was not something Jesus saw as a path of convenience or comfort, but it fell into the category of “whatever it takes” to redeem mankind.

Another aspect of Jesus’ resolve is seen in Matthew 16:18 where Jesus said, *“...I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”* Jesus is still building His church today, and He possesses a “whatever it takes” attitude toward that goal. His resolve and determination remain absolute.

- Jesus builds His Church on the realization and confession of His Lordship—that He is the Son of God!
- Jesus builds His Church through the influence and work of the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus builds His Church through the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.
- Jesus builds His Church through the leadership of pastors and other gifts that He places within the Church.

And last but not least, Jesus builds the Church through the contributions of every member—through acts of love, acts of service, and acts of generosity.

Jesus is resolved and determined that He will build His church! When we embrace and act upon His resolve, we become laborers together with Him, and we partner with God in His work.

Many people fear praying “whatever it takes” because God just might actually answer. There is a fear that God might make you do hard things or go to hard places where you might suffer. He might take away people and things you love. He might make you miserable. Praying “whatever it takes” feels dangerous.

I understand this fear. I used to feel it, too. We look at what some saints endured and we think, “No thanks.” But if we read Hebrews 11, we find that saints who seemed to pay a significant cost to fully follow God were not holy stoics who chose obedience over joy but chose costly obedience for the sake of their joy (Hebrews 12:2). They considered any hardship they endured worth the cost because the joy of their reward was so great (Hebrews 11:26).

**It is not dangerous to pray and live this way; it is dangerous not to pray and live this way.**

“Whatever it takes” living is a means to experiencing inexpressible joy (1 Peter 1:8), not misery. I have learned that choosing not to ask God to do whatever it takes out of fear I might lose something is like declining Thanksgiving dinner because I fear giving up my bag of Cheetos.

We are never safer than when we are in Jesus’s hands (John 10:28). And the safest way we can live is to ask God to do “whatever it takes” for Jesus’s joy to be in us and for our joy to be full (John 15:11).

Whatever it Takes!

Bro. Clint

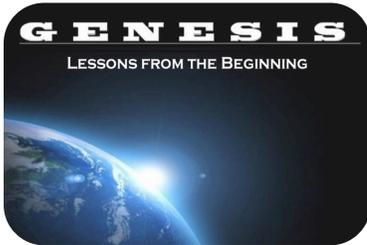


“Invite Your One” Day is February 18. Over 80% of unchurched individuals are willing to attend church if they are only invited. Please be praying for the ONE unchurched person you can invite and look for opportunities to do “whatever it takes” to get them here on February 18 for Sunday School and worship.



It's time! This Sunday, at the special time of 4 p.m. we will kickoff the spring semester! Parents, there are a number of really good small groups so plan now

for your kids to be a part of this semester.



This years revival theme is all about the beginning. There are so many lessons to learn from scripture and this year we are going

to look at the book of Genesis and dive in to God's lessons for us. Beginning Sunday night, February 18 at 5 p.m. then Monday through Wednesday night at 6:30! It's going to be a really great time with music, ventriloquism and God's Word. Parents, this is going to be a great time for your kids with God's Word presented on their level and



On Saturday, February 10 we are having a special night for Dads and Daughters. We will have

dinner at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall followed by a special night for you. Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday, February 4, to Ann King @ 662-671-6124.

**Worship Song and Hymn of the Month**

*Great Are You Lord and Revive Us Again*

A few weeks ago we introduced the worship song, "Great are You Lord" and we will be singing it again during our worship services in February. Sung by the group, *All Sons & Daughters*, you can hear it on your favorite Christian radio station or on You Tube. This song expresses not only the very character of God, it acknowledges that God is personal and is our very breath of life.



*You give life, You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore  
Every heart that is broken  
Great are You, Lord*

Our hymn of the month is "Revive Us Again", which hopefully is our heart cry for revival services that begin on February 18. William Mackay, a medical doctor who became a pastor, wrote this familiar hymn in 1863.

*Hallelujah! Thine the glory.  
Hallelujah! Amen.  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory.  
Revive us again.*

**WORSHIP CHOIR NOTES**

It's never too late to join our worship choir family. Besides offering you an opportunity to serve through music and worship, our rehearsals are refreshing, encouraging, and fun! We probably laugh as much as we sing some evenings. We are currently preparing for our revival services which is one of the most important events in the life of our church each year. Here is our rehearsal schedule for February:

- Sun. Feb. 4: 3:15 - 3:45
- Wed. Feb. 7: 6:45 - 7:45
- Wed. Feb. 14: 6:45 - 7:45
- Sun. Feb. 18: 4:15 (Revival service at 5)
- Feb. 19-21: 6:00 (Revival service at 6:30)

**Revival**

**February 18 - 21**

Sunday - 5 pm

Monday - Wednesday

Evening Services - 6:30 pm

Monday - Wednesday

Lunch Service

11:45 - begin serving lunch

12:15 - 12:45 - Service



Guest Speaker:

Rick Lance

*Executive Director of  
Alabama Baptist State  
Board of Missions*

*Simultaneous Children's*

*Service Each Evening in the Activities Building*

# February 2018

## Regular Weekly Sunday Services

9:45 am—Sunday School  
11:00 am—Worship Service &  
5:00 pm—Awana & Small Groups

## Wednesday Services

6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting, Children's & Students Bible Study  
and Ladies Bible Study  
6:45 pm—Choir Practice

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Chile Mission Dinner Theatre - March 2 & 3 Tickets go on sale Feb. 4				1	2	3
4 Small Group & Awana Kick Off 4 pm RSVP Deadline for Dad & Daughters Date Night Helton Shower	5	6	7	8	9	10 Dad & Daughter Date Night 5 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Stoner/McGraw Shower						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Revival					
25	26	27	28	Deacon of the week: 4 - Tommy Guthrie, 11—John Donaldson, 18-George Jennings , 25—Clarence Nelson		

### WATCH US LIVE ONLINE!

Sunday morning services are available **LIVE** online. You can watch the service live by going to [www.fbcyazoo.org](http://www.fbcyazoo.org)  
And clicking on the "Live Stream" on our home page.



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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**FRIDAY—CLOSED**

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