

FROM YOUR PASTOR

*²⁸ “The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all who have separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding,
²⁹ join with their brothers, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in God’s Law that was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord and his rules and his statutes.*

Nehemiah 10:28-29

It is a new year, and, with a new year comes new opportunities. I know that for many of us the COVID-19 pandemic ruined our plans for 2020. While the restrictions the pandemic has placed on us will likely linger into 2021, it is my hope that we can get back to our pre-pandemic way of life soon. Instead of looking at the challenges the pandemic has presented, let us look for new ways and opportunities to make an impact for Christ’s Kingdom.

We will kick-off 2021 with a sermon series entitled “A Covenant Community.” This January sermon series will remind us of the importance of being connected to a church family. On Sunday, January 10th, we will gather around the Lord’s table and read our church covenant together. We do this at the beginning of each year to remind us what it means to be a part of Woodward Avenue Baptist Church. As a part of this special service on January 10th, we will hold an ordination council to consider the ordination of Don Kirk as deacon. This council will meet at 9:15 a.m. that morning and Don will be presented to the church for ordination in the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Beginning January 13th, we will offer a hybrid version of our Wednesday Night Bible Study. We will meet in the Activities Building at 6:00 p.m. but also allow others to join by Zoom. This means you will have the option to join us either in-person or online. Throughout 2021, we will walk through the book of Revelation. We began this study last year, but it was interrupted by the pandemic. We will start this study from the beginning on January 13th. I hope you will make plans to join us.

With the increases in COVID cases around the Shoals and based on the recommendations from state health officials, our Sunday School classes will continue to be put on hold for the month of January. While we will not have any organized gatherings for Sunday School, some classes are meeting on and off campus and at different times. Please check with your Sunday School leaders to find out if your class is meeting.

Expecting Great Things,

Will

SERMONS

January 3, 2021

*Message by Clint Perry

January 10, 2021

A Covenant Community: Together – Nehemiah 10:28-39

January 17, 2021

A Covenant Community: With God – Exodus 24:1-18

January 24, 2021

A Covenant Community: Ministry – Acts 2:41-47

January 31, 2021

A Covenant Community: Symbols – Genesis 17,
Romans 6:4-10; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

FROM YOUR WORSHIP PASTOR:

As we embark on another year together, I want to share with you a prayer. It is entitled, "New Year," and is from a book of Puritan prayers entitled *The Valley of Vision*:

O Lord,
Length of days does not profit me
except the days are passed in thy presence,
in thy service, to thy glory.
Give me a grace that precedes, follows, guides,
sustains, sanctifies, aids every hour,
that I may not be one moment apart from thee,
but may rely on thy Spirit
to supply every thought,
speak in every word,
direct every step,
prosper every work,
build up every mote of faith,
and give me a desire
to show forth thy praise;
testify thy love,
advance thy kingdom.

I launch my bark on the unknown waters
of this year,
with thee, O Father, as my harbor,
thee, O Son, at my helm
thee, O Holy Spirit, filling my sails.
Guide me to heaven with my loins girt,
my lamp burning,
my ear open to thy calls,
my heart full of love,
my soul free.

Give me thy grace to sanctify me,
thy comforts to cheer,
thy wisdom to teach,
thy right hand to guide,
thy counsel to instruct,
thy law to judge,
thy presence to stabilize.

May thy fear be my awe,
thy triumphs my joy.

Grace & Peace,
Timmy

*Special Covenant Renewal
Lord's Supper
January 10th*



*On January 10th, there will be a
Deacon Ordination Council meeting
at 9:15 a.m.*

*in the Adult Education Building
and a*

*Deacons' Meeting at 6:00 p.m.,
also in the Adult Education Building.*

2021 DEACONS

Roger Balentine
Rick Boozer
Pat Collins
John Conn
Ryan Cowley
Bob Freeman
Phillip Fretwell
Jimmy Jumper
Cory King
Don Kirk
Bob Little
David Mayo
Jack Pennington
Jerry Plaxco
Mark Ray

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

DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 3rd:
John Conn

January 10th:
Jack Pennington

January 17th:
Don Kirk

January 24th
Roger Balentine

January 31st
David Mayo

SECURITY TEAM SCHEDULE

January 3rd

David Gresham
Irl Parks

Jack Pennington
Phil Richardson

January 10th

Will Cottingham
James Gautney
Mark Potter
Lance Wright

January 17th

Bob Freeman
Mike Lansdell
John Webb

January 24th

Mike Brooks
Ethan Hall
Keith Malone
Tim Ray

January 31st

David Gresham
Irl Parks
Jack Pennington
Phil Richardson

Inclement Weather Policy

Church **office** closings will follow
Muscle Shoals City Schools.



If at all possible,
WABC will follow
our normal
worship schedule.

If services are cancelled
or delayed, notification

will be sent by

Church-Wide email,
through Calling Post

and a notice

will be posted on our website.

The Church Office

will be closed

December 31st & January 1st.



Thank you Notes Received

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for remembering us this time
of year! The bread, the pumpkin roll and the
visits meant so much. You are a special group of
servants and we are so blessed to have you ALL
in our lives.*

Love Always,

Bobbie Jones & Lanita Wroten



*Thanks to the Church for the prayers, the support
and the food during our time of loss.*

God Bless,

The Gautneys



Our Goal: \$10,000.00

Received: \$3,745.00

Special offering envelopes

are available on the table

in the Welcome Center

**or you may note your designation
on your regular offering envelope.**

You may also give online

or through our App.

2020

Contribution Statements

will be available by
the second week of January.

We will be happy to
email your statement or
send it in the regular mail.

Call the church office
at (256.383.4078)

or email

info@woodwardavenuebaptist.org
to request yours.

JANUARY'S SCHEDULE

Sunday

Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
(Worship Center & Online)

Student Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
(Student's Zoom App)

Wednesday

*Adult Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
(Activities Building & Zoom App)

Student Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
(Student's Zoom App)

***Beginning January 13th**



Your Staff:

Pastor.....Dr. William Rushing
Worship Pastor.....Timmy Ray
Director of Student Ministries.....Clint Perry
Nursery Coordinator.....Jenny Boozer
Financial/Administrative Assistant....Sheila Holland
Facility Assistant.....Tammy Kirk
Media Assistant.....Tony Bush

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ZOOM APP LOGIN:

Meeting ID: 8013834078

Password: WABC

STUDENT ZOOM APP LOGIN:

Meeting ID: 3453397922

(No Password required)