

# The Messenger

Weekly Publication of First Baptist Church, Clanton, Alabama (205) 755-3840  
"Leading others to know Jesus Christ"

Rev. Matthew DeBord, Pastor

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## Treasuring His Word...

### From the Pastor's Heart:

"Make me know Thy ways, O LORD; Teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, for Thou art the God of my salvation; for Thee I wait all the day." (Psalm 25:4-5).

Well, school is in session and it's time to get back to learning. I have spoken with different students, and some of them are excited about that, and some are wishing the summer break lasted a bit longer. But one way or another, it's time to put on the thinking caps and get busy. I thank God for the Christian teachers and principals in our school systems, many of whom are members of our own fellowship here at First Baptist. Their influence in the lives of our children is an incredible blessing that reaches into the homes of our community and beyond.

Our greatest Teacher, Jesus Christ, still has many things He is desiring to instill within our hearts as His followers. As the above prayer states, we need to continue to call upon Him to instruct us in His ways, paths, and truths. We must be willing for the Lord to teach us how to manage ourselves in this world of spiritual darkness. I pray that your heart is not only open to learning, but so desiring to know the things of Christ that you are willing to spend time "waiting" on Him. Since we are like sheep, we need a Shepherd! Let's call out to Him to lead us and teach us how to live. "Savior, like a Shepherd lead us!"

As we seek to guide our own children as shepherding parents, it is our intention to bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. This coming Sunday morning, August 27, we will have a Baby Dedication ceremony. This time of dedication is a public commitment from parents to God concerning their intentions as godly parents. If you would like to be part of it, or know of someone who would, please contact the church office immediately. We will also have another Baby Dedication ceremony on September 17 for those who are unable to do it this Sunday.

Many thanks go to Bro. Don Graham who preached for me this past Sunday while Kay and I were out on vacation. May God continue to bless Bro. Don's ministry as we pray for God's church to be revived!



**August 27, 2017**

"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6)

**Wes & Brett Driver with Logan Claire**

**Chad & Julie Harrison with Everlie Mae**

**Conner & Hannah Lane with Mackenzie Lynn**

**Chad & Kala Langston with Kylee Jo**

**Matt & Kinsley Maddox with Rhett Michael**

**Trey & Sarah Speaks with Isabelle Jane**

### Deacons of the Week:

Jim Greene  
Scott Hudson

### Church Security:

Brison Mote  
Robert Arnold

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, August 27

8:15 a.m. - Orchestra Practice  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship  
7:00 p.m. - Youth SNAC

### Monday, August 28

5:30 p.m. - Exercise Class

### Tuesday, August 29

5:30 p.m. - Exercise Class  
6:30 p.m. - Stitch 'N Pray

### Wednesday, August 30

5:00 p.m. - Family Supper  
5:30 p.m. - AWANA  
5:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting  
6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice  
6:30 p.m. - E3 Student Ministries

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