

# THE MESSENGER

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*"Leading others to know Jesus Christ"*

REV. MATTHEW DEBORD, PASTOR

**TREASURING GOD'S WORD:**

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise wins souls" (Proverbs 11:30).

The Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering combines the previously observed Kathleen Mallory Offering and the Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief Offering to create a consolidated giving opportunity that continues to support the work of Alabama WMU and Disaster Relief, but it is expanded to include Church Planting, Partnership Missions, and Church Revitalization. In previous years, the Alabama Disaster Relief Offering had been collected each year following the devastating tornadoes that struck Alabama in 2011. We saw the need to launch an annual state disaster relief offering to help ensure that funds would be available year round to assist communities in crisis and to replenish the coffers that were drained during the widespread damage in 2011. In 2016, these two worthy offerings were combined and expanded to include other Great Commission Ministries under the umbrella of the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering. Funds are collected throughout the year, with a special emphasis coinciding with the Week of Prayer for State Missions, which is this week, September 8-15.

The 2016 inaugural year for the offering was truly historic in that, by the grace of God, the \$750,000 goal was exceeded and more than \$956,000 was received. Because of these generous gifts by local churches like First Baptist, Clanton, lives are being changed and the Gospel is being advanced. Our state WMU was able to host a retreat for the leaders of Christian Women's Job Corps/Christian Men's Job Corps, and three new sites are in the making. Our state Disaster Relief teams saw more than 40 professions of faith as they responded to floods, tornadoes and hurricanes around the Southeast. Twelve new churches were planted in Alabama; mission teams were trained in safety and security; new partnerships were formed with our Alabama missionaries on the field, and pastors of struggling churches around the state began the process of revitalizing their flocks.

With more than 2 million Alabamians not attending any church, the field is still ripe for harvest. Our gifts to this offering and our continued prayers beyond the Week of Prayer for State Missions will help make a tremendous difference in the kingdom of God. Thank you for being faithful to do your part! Martha Myers and Kathleen Mallory were both shining examples of faithfulness in giving their lives to Christ. **Martha Myers** was martyred along with two other missionaries in the country of Yemen in 2002. She spent her life serving others as a medical doctor. She worked tirelessly to take the Gospel to those who needed hope and healing, both spiritually and physically. **Kathleen Mallory** was known as the "Sweetheart of Alabama Baptists" and served as a respected leader in both state and national Woman's Missionary Union (WMU). She had an unwavering commitment to the enlisting of prayer support and other resources for Southern Baptist missionaries around the world.

## EQUIPPED TO SERVE

2019 Chilton Baptist Association  
Mega Training & Worship Rally

Sunday, September 22, 2019

4:00 - 5:30 Training

6:00 p.m. Worship Rally

Host Church: West End Baptist

*"to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."*

Ephesians 4:12



**September 18th** Vegetable Soup/Potato Bar with cheese, bacon bits, sour cream, butter, crackers, Tea, & Dessert

**September 25th** Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Tea and Dessert

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK: 9-15-19**  
BILL NELSON, RONNIE PORTER

**CHURCH SECURITY**  
JESSIE PEOPLES' TEAM

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 15, 2019**

8:15 A.M. - ORCHESTRA PRACTICE  
9:15 A.M. - SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30 A.M. - MORNING WORSHIP  
6:00 P.M. - EVENING SERVICE  
7:00 P.M. - YOUTH SNAC

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 17, 2019**

11:30 - KEENAGERS MEAL  
  
STITCH 'N PRAY WILL MEET EVERY  
2ND & 4TH TUESDAY @ 1:00 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18, 2019**

5:00 P.M. - FAMILY SUPPER  
5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. - **AWANA**  
5:45 P.M. - PRAYER MEETING  
6:30 P.M. - CHOIR PRACTICE  
6:30 P.M. - E3 STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Fridays**

Peace by Piece meet every 1st and 3rd Friday @ 9:00 a.m. in the Campbell Bldg.