

# Dadeville First Baptist

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## Pastor's Column

As I type this, it is the day after Valentine's Day. For some reason, we pick a day to celebrate love, and we spend money – some spend hundreds of dollars – to prove their love to that special person. What I think is interesting is that as you go into the stores today, February 15, the aisles are still full of colorful boxes shaped like hearts filled with chocolate costing half of what was being charged yesterday. Love discounted! All because of one day passing. I think that is a good analogy for our society today. Passionate about love one day, and apathetic the next. Aren't you glad that God isn't like that? He proves His love to us every day of our lives, and He promises that He will give us more than flowers and chocolates: He will give us abundant life filled with joy over His presence even on the days we don't feel very loveable. And even on those days that we don't feel loved. And therein lies the problem. Love is not a feeling; love is acting to rescue us from the depths of our sin and placing our feet on the solid rock of faith where Jesus can wash us clean, purify our hearts, and give us the one thing we need the most: a relationship with Him. On this day after Valentine's Day, let's rejoice in the fact that we are saved!

And remember this: I love you!

Bro. Ben

P.S. Sonya and I did celebrate Valentine's Day this year. We went to the Dadeville High School Basketball game. I know: I'm such a romantic!



**VBS June 5-9  
9:00-12:00**

**Volunteers Needed**

**Contact Lauren Rawls  
if you would like to help**

**<https://fbcdadeville.myanswers.com/vbs2023/volunteer/>**



## Children & Families Ministry

What does it mean to live an intentional life?

If you have been driving for very long, you have probably experi-

enced an autopilot feeling. It is the moment where you drive from point a to point b and arrive, and you don't remember anything along the way. It can feel a little disorienting when you realize your mind basically checked out, and you went through the motions and arrived at the destination.

If you're like me, it is easy to slip into auto pilot in life, just like driving. This is true in many areas of life, your work, your marriage, and especially your spiritual walk. This is a danger that we will get complacent and begin going through the motions, then before you know it, we have arrived at the end of our life. Instead, we must challenge each other to be intentional about growing in our faith. This includes being in discipleship groups and Bible studies but even more so, being in each other's lives and asking about one another's spiritual walk. We are a family of faith and we should be uplifting and challenging one another. We are not called to be on auto pilot but instead to be intentional about following Christ.

Bro. Forrest



Hey FBC,

I wanted to let you know about something fun we did this past month and an exciting opportunity in March. We carried the Chiefs to victory with our Super Bowl celebration. There were

lots of pots of Chili and hotdogs, wild youth, an inflatable bumper ball game, and I think we watched a football game. Thanks to all the volunteers for their efforts. Great fun!

Get ready for this month. Brother Charlie has us going to Shocco Springs to do a deep dive into worship and a high ropes course. I am going with our youth for the moral support. Charlie won't let me sing. Be in prayer for our youth on March 20-22. Pray that they might see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

God Bless,  
Hunter



## Teddy Bear Ministry

**January – March**

**10" – 12" teddy bears only please**

**Please donate or order bears [msteddybear.com](http://msteddybear.com)**



## Music Technologist

**3 Acts of Prayer That Will Focus Our Minds On Worship Before We Come To Our Worship Service**

### 1. I will pray before I attend the worship service.

Pray for your attitude toward worship, that God would speak to you through His Word and the praise and worship songs, and pray for others coming to worship God.

### 2. I will pray as I enter the sanctuary.

Praying again for your attitude, and other worshipers. Pray that the gospel would be clearly preached and that any unbelievers would hear the message clearly. Pray to remove distractions so that all can truly worship God in Truth and in Spirit.

### 3. I will pray that I will be a worshiper instead of a judge.

We should pray to stay focused on God, and not focus on the length of the sermon, or that they didn't sing my favorite hymn, or how someone else in the service presented themselves.

When we come to worship, we come to worship God alone. Let's keep this attitude front and foremost in our hearts and minds as we worship together.

Blessings,

Charlie



*Week of Prayer*

*March 5-12*



List available  
in the office.