

Dadeville First Baptist

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Pastor's Column

As I type this, Spring has just sprung, and it is a balmy 54 degrees and I have my portable heater going full blast. But it's hard to get mad at the weather because in Alabama it changes so quickly. One moment, it's Winter, then it's Summer. As one lady said to me last week, we have all four seasons in a matter of days. However, it's hard to miss the evidence of Spring with all the trees turning green and the flowers budding out. Other than the effect it all has on my sinuses, it's beautiful. And it's especially beautiful when you stop and think about how God created this fantastic variety for us to enjoy.

The same is true with the seasons in our lives. It's easy to get frustrated at how quickly the years pass or how the aging process is often painful, but the truth is, not many people would want to live forever in this world. Can you imagine being a child for a million years? To go through adolescence for a couple thousand years? From the beginning, God had a plan that takes us from birth to eternity in heaven with Him. The only question is whether or not we have chosen to spend our eternity with Him. The majority of the people in this world have not made that choice and will not make that choice, according to Jesus. We say that fact breaks our hearts, but does it really? I read a tweet from a sports broadcaster that truly convicted me. David Pollack said, "If Jesus came into our home tonight and said, 'I'm going to answer every prayer you prayed last week,' how many souls would come to know Christ because of our prayers?" And that broke my heart! Does it break yours? Church, we must get on our knees before the Father and pray that lost people would be saved. Remember, reaching the lost is the main thing!

Bro. Ben



**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

Did you know the very first VBS was held in a rented beer hall? We will not be renting a bar for VBS this summer but we do have the same opportunity as those early pioneers. We have the chance to teach children about the good news of Christ! There is no better opportunity to reach kids that normally don't come to our church. We will have 100 kids coming to the church eager for the chance to sing, play, and learn. This summer we will talk with the kids about putting on the full armor of God as they face the battle raging in society today. We will teach them about the absolute truth found in the Bible as they learn to be Keepers of the Kingdom! We want you to put on your armor and join us in the castle this summer June 5-9 9am till Noon. Scan the QR code to register as a volunteer. Even if you have always done the exact same job, please register early to help us with planning.

Bro. Forrest



Minister of Youth & Discipleship

Dear FBC,

I wanted to say thank you to Jackson Rice. Everybody knows how special he is, but not everyone knows his love for our youth in Dadeville. I will miss him and his leadership. You will truly be missed by our church and community, my brother.

Trust the Lord in this next chapter of your life. Be diligent to read the word of God and go to him in prayer. I will be praying for the Lord to put another brother in your life to point you to Jesus. We will all be praying for you. The Lord is faithful. He will be with you.

God Bless,
Hunter

**April 7th
@ 5:30
Sin-up in office**



Music Technologist

Once Upon A Time.....

The phrase "Once upon a time.." is a great way to start this article. When you read the Bible (or any other book, or watch a movie, or hear a story told) do you try to put yourself in the story or do you just read or listen and watch and then go on with what your day brings. Since the stories in the Bible have already happened it is easy to think of them as "once upon a time", read and enjoy them and go on to other things.

Let me suggest one way that helps me begin to understand better the message of the stories in the Bible as well as other materials I read, watch, or listen to.

I will use Abraham, one of my favorite characters in the Bible, as the object for this article. Abraham was 75 years old, married, no children but already established as a "man of means" when God told him to leave his home and go to a place that He would show him. Abraham acted without question, took all that he had collected and did what God instructed.

Here is the part I use to help me try to understand the message better. What did Abraham think? What were his fears, his questions, and his frustrations? When God explained the covenant, what were Abraham's thoughts and hopes or even dreams? Remember God was going to make him a great nation and he did not even have a child yet.

My answer to these questions come from my background and may not even be close to Abraham's response but they make Abraham a more real person to me. They help make the message clearer and easier to put into words that have meaning to me.

God Bless You!

Charlie



Goal: \$16,000.00

April Birthday List available in the office.