

# Dadeville First Baptist

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## Pastor's Column

If I have done the math correctly, by the time you read this I will have experienced 245 changes of the seasons in my lifetime. Of course, I had no idea seasons were changing for those first several years, but they changed anyway. That's the amazing part of God's creation: no matter what we think or do, everything continues to move forward because change is inevitable. It's true with the weather. It's true with your family. It's true with our church. People come into our church and we rejoice; people leave our church and we grieve. That's the way it should be because losing a member of the family is like a death. But we look to the Father for His comfort, and we continue to move forward into His wonderful plan. And it is wonderful even if we don't know what it holds for us because He loves His church and wants only what is best for us. Do you realize what that means? The plans He has for us are to prosper us, according to Jeremiah 29:11, so, because of that, we can embrace the change with joy – even when our hearts are broken. Remember what the psalmist said, “weeping lasts for a night, but joy comes in the morning.” So let's look together to the future He is giving us knowing that morning is breaking and the best is yet to come. We will miss you, Jones family, and we are praying God's best for you, too.

Bro. Ben



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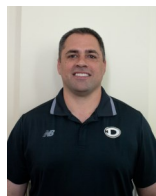
## Minister of Children & Families

Thankful.

I have tried to write this article multiple times. I keep trying to think back over the last four years and all that has happened in this time. It is easy to think of the spectacular such as mass shooting and global pandemic, but the truth is most of the time was spent in much more ordinary things, lunch conversations and Bible studies. I thank you for the opportunity to be one of your pastors, not to simply run some programs but for the opportunity to pray with you in hospital waiting rooms, to rejoice as you dedicate your child to the Lord, to weep with you at the loss of your loved one, to hear the pride in your voices when you tell me updates of your grandbabies, to see the worry that comes from not being able to solve all the problems you see around you. It has been such a blessing to walk with you and to share the highs and lows of life with you over our time at First Baptist. While I know that God is calling us to Amelia Baptist, part of our heart will always be in Dadeville. We love you all and thank the Lord for each of you!

May the Lord Bless you and keep you and His face shine upon you,

Bro. Forrest



## Minister of Youth & Discipleship

Hey guys,

I wanted to recommend a book for you to read if you are a reader like me. Coach Sanford says that I am the king of the \$10 book. That might be true. What can I say? As my grandmother used to say, “You are what you read.”

The name of the book is *A Praying Church* by Paul E. Miller. As the title suggests, Miller is concerned with our prayerlessness in churches today. He responds by pointing us to the need for God's power in the life of our church. His biblical and practical examples give an encouraging motivation for an increased prayer life.

As we move forward in our 2026 campaign, we must see the need for God's power. If we don't seek the Lord, we could end up with a brand-new empty building. My hope is that we will continue to seek the Lord and cry out to him for his presence. He will never abandon those who seek him.

God Bless,

Hunter



## Minister of Music & Senior Adults

Stay Alert to God's Call  
on Your Life!

“A college professor mysteriously brought a tennis ball to class each day and set it on the podium. He never touched it or referred to it during his lectures, but he always put it in the same spot before speaking. One day a student fell asleep during class so he took the tennis ball and threw it at the young man's head. The student woke up with a start and the professor continued without missing a beat. The next day everyone was surprised and remarkably alert when the professor went through his familiar ritual but brought a baseball instead.”

Satan is a powerful enemy. He can make going against God's will very appealing. We need to stay alert to the Word of God, and be reminded of the admonition Jesus gave Peter, James, and John in the Garden of Gethsemane, “Stay awake and pray that you will not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak!” (Mark 14:38)

We all need to stay alert to God's call on our lives and His instructions that He gives to keep us in His Word. We really don't want Him to have to do anything drastic just to get our attention!

Bro. Charlie



**October Birthdays  
Available in church office**



**Trunk-or-Treat**

**Tuesday, October 31st**

**5:30-7:00**

**Theme: Decades**