

# Dadeville First Baptist

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## Pastor's Column

What a difference a day makes. I'm looking out my office window at blue skies and puffy clouds. Just 8 hours ago, it was overcast and spitting snow. And about 12 hours from now, we will experience some of the coldest temperatures we've had in decades, according to the weather people. By this time, everyone has made all the precautions to keep their pipes, pets, and plants safe until this weather system passes. The good news is that it will pass. That reminded me of the beautiful truth that in this life we have difficult days, but they will pass. It seems that some stay longer than others, but ultimately, they go the way of every other day. It is just like the psalmist said, "Weeping may last for the night, but joy comes with the morning" (Psalm 30:5). My dear friends, you can claim that as one of the many promises that God has made to His children, and you can trust that one day, somewhere in the future, He will wipe away all our tears and replace it with the unspeakable joy that only believers know. Hang in there! If it's not good, God's not done!

Love you all,  
Bro. Ben



Minister of Music & Senior Adults

## PRAYING>PLANNING

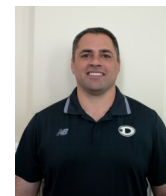
Do you remember "Greater-than" (>) and "Less-than" (<) from elementary school math? It took me forever to understand the difference between the two signs, <and>. But now I find myself using symbols quite a bit. So, in case you were confused by the title of this article, it reads "Praying is Greater than Planning." We have done a lot of planning over the past couple of months at FBC and we must not forget to cover those plans in earnest prayers! Let's remember to pray for our upcoming worship services, local food and clothing ministries, missions' organizations, local and foreign mission projects, small groups, children's and youth ministries, music ministries, upcoming Holy Week services, Easter, and personal ministries to which God has called each one of us. Ask the Lord to allow each to function in a manner that brings Him the most glory. Pray for souls to be saved and lives to be changed. Pray that the Lord prepare the hearts ahead of time for those who are invited to attend our ministries and services and that they would respond favorably to our invitation.

## PLANNING>PROCRASTINATING

Even though praying is of utmost importance, planning is still necessary. So, I am reminding all of us to make plans right away. If your schedule allows, please plan to be at our FBC scheduled events. Also, plan to invite your family and friends. Don't rely on impromptu opportunities. Be sure to know that the enemy will make sure no such moment arises. This is the easiest time of the year to get someone else to come to church with you.



Church Goal: \$16,000  
Receipts to date: 10,378.55



Minister of Youth & Discipleship

I need a nap after the DNOW Weekend. I am getting really old, but I had a great time. The Lord did some amazing things. We had our youth event at New Water Farms. Gary Wiggins was the speaker, and Austin led the worship team. Two missionaries from London helped with our discussion time. We did nine-square, basketball, inflatable balls, and bowling. It was a wild weekend. In the end we had sleepy teenagers that too much junk food. But praise the Lord, we had one person profess faith in Christ. Thank you to Christina, Chad, Haley, Austin, Katelin, Josh, Brandi, Chuck, and Brownie for all the help with the weekend. We couldn't have done it without you. Also, I want to give a special thanks to the young adult small group and the Pat White Sunday School class for helping with meals. That was a real blessing that enabled teenagers to participate without having to pay for an expensive DNOW. I am thankful for my church. I love you all.

God Bless, Hunter

## February Birthdays

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Frank Pearson   | 14 David Jones      |
| 2 Bill Turner     | Linda McGuirt       |
| 3 Ed Bishop       | 16 Jackie Harrelson |
| 4 Matt Campbell   | 17 David Willis     |
| 5 Lucy Little     | 19 Teresa Coker     |
| 6 Gayle Hawkins   | 21 Ronnie Hogan     |
| 7 David A Jones   | 22 Debra Francis    |
| 8 Ginger Head     | 24 Jefferson Arthur |
| Nanci Speagle     | Nancy Iacobella     |
| 9 Mike Kelley     | 26 Peggy Kelley     |
| 10 Ann Atkins     | Gail Missildine     |
| Annalise Hall     | 27 Marsha Pace      |
| Vivian Rose Hill  | 28 Josie Alexander  |
| Randy Nolen       | Peggy Kolen         |
| 11 Billy Bryan    | Preston Lutley      |
| Mark McCutcheon   | 29 Barbara Cole     |
| 12 Nathan Sellers | Tatyana Williams    |