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But God
demonstrates
his own love
for us in this:
While
we were
still sinners,
Christ died
for us.

Romans 5:8 NIV

The Prime Times

FEBRUARY 2026

Triple L Monthly Meeting & Lunch

Tuesday, February 3

10:30 a.m. in Wells Fellowship Hall

**This Month's Musical Guests:
Kenny and Suzy Spencer**

Kenny and Suzy Spencer are a music duo from McCalla, AL, who have been performing around the state for 35+ years. Known as "Fiddlin' In The Parlor", they were one of the groups who performed regularly at Pepper Place Market in Birmingham for many years. These days, they find themselves playing for church groups, banquets, weddings and even an occasional funeral. Their music has its roots in several different countries and cultures, leaning heavily toward the Scottish and Irish Celtic genre. Kenny and Suzy have been married over 50 years and have three wonderful children and three wonderful grandchildren.



Triple L Meeting Check-In begins at 10 a.m.:

Sign in, pay \$1 monthly dues, sign up for events

Lunch Menu (\$6):

fried chicken tenders, green beans,
macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, biscuits w/gravy, strawberry cake

From the Senior Adult Pastor...

"This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success." **Joshua 1:8**

Dear Seniors,

How are you doing with your New Year's resolutions? We are one month into the New Year and I've heard of many who have already "given up"! I hope that one of your goals for this year is to spend more time in God's Word. Our record may not be "perfect" in daily reading and meditation, but remember God honors our efforts when we get into His Word. Please make God's Word a priority for you this year and I promise you will see results. The Lord will use His Word in your life as He transforms you into the image of His Son!!

**Spend Time
God's Word**

- Blessings, **Keith Pugh**

This Month:

Triple L Meeting:

Tuesday, February 3 at 10:30 a.m. in Wells Fellowship Hall

Naomi's Sisters:

Monday, February 9; location TBA, 11:30 a.m.

Prime Time Singers:

Thursday, February 5 and 19 at 10 a.m.

Lunch at the Bright Star:

Tuesday, February 17; leave from FBC at 10 a.m.

Game Day: Thursday, February 19; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Wells Hall, Room 1

BUNCO: Thursday, February 19; 2-4 p.m. in Wells Hall, Room 1

Alice's Mission Dresses: Friday, February 20; 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Room FB300

Sweet Dreams

Pillowcase Ministry

Workshop: Friday, February 27, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Room FB300

Legacy Fit Exercise

Classes: Mondays at 2 p.m. and Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. in Room MB236

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Lunch at the Bright Star

Tuesday, February 17

The group will leave from FBC at 10 a.m.

Sign up at the next Triple L Meeting!

Senior Adult Women's Bible Study

Remember your First Love

Revelation 2:1-5

Tuesday, February 3
(after Triple L)

led by
Teresa
Pugh



Alice's Mission Dresses Ministry Workshop

Friday, February 20
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Room FB300

Drop by or stay the whole time as we prepare dresses for shoeboxes and mission trips. You do not have to sew! Help is also needed in ironing and folding.



Sweet Dreams Pillowcase Ministry Workshop

Friday, February 27
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Room FB300

Join us to make cheerful pillowcases for children receiving treatment in Children's Hospital and other locations. There are lots of ways you can help!



Prime Time Singers

Thursdays, February 5 and 19

10 a.m. in the Choir Room

Be a part of the senior adult choir! We gather every first, third and fifth Thursday to worship together as we prepare music to share in area retirement homes. Anyone is welcome!

First Baptist Church's Sunday morning worship services are available by livestream on **Facebook** and **YouTube**. Find us on Facebook [@FirstTuscaloosa](#) or visit youtube.com/@firsttuscaloosa. On our YouTube channel you will also find recent sermon and service videos to watch and share. **Subscribe to our YouTube channel** (it's free!) to easily know about new videos and to help others find our content.

This Month's Spotlight: Wayne May

Wayne May and his wife Gail have been members of First Baptist for three "amazing" years. Read on to learn about Wayne May, in his own words.

Tell us about your family. After 51 years of marriage and over 30 years each in education, Gail and I are enjoying our retirement. I retired as Superintendent of Dallas County Schools, and Gail (Ed.D. / Auburn) retired as Dean of Students at Wallace Community College Selma. Selma was our home until we moved to Tuscaloosa in 2022 to be closer to our children and grandchildren.

Our son, Cliff (Tara), lives in Birmingham; he's an Auburn grad who has spent the last 20 years in IT and Logistics with AAA Cooper Transportation; he is Manager of Field Services. Our daughter, Amy Elam (Chris) followed in our footsteps in education, earned an Ed.D./ Administration, and is the principal of Verner Elementary in Tuscaloosa. One of life's greatest blessings is being "Pop" to our three grandsons: Mayson (18), Manning (13) in Tuscaloosa, and Miles (7) in Birmingham.



When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Growing up in Greensboro, Alabama, I watched my dad serve our community as a local pharmacist. I wanted to follow in his career path, so I enrolled at Troy State University to begin pre-pharmacy coursework. My goal was to eventually transfer to Auburn University, earn my pharmacy degree, and return home to Greensboro.

What did you actually become when you grew up?

God's plan for me took a different turn when I fell in love with my college sweetheart. I decided then to pursue a degree in Elementary Education, to continue another family legacy, and to set a new goal to become an Elementary School Principal. I married Gail at First Baptist Church Selma and dedicated 32 years to the Dallas County School System. Throughout my career, I served as an Elementary Teacher, High School Principal, and Superintendent of Schools. Ironically, our daughter fulfilled "my" goal of becoming an Elementary School Principal.

What is your favorite television show or movie?

The classic Erwin Brothers film, *Woodlawn*, is one of my favorites. I love all the faith-based movies produced over the last few years: *Sarah's Oil*, *The Forge*, *Unsung Hero*, *I Can Only Imagine*, and *Ordinary Angels* are also favorites.

Do you have a favorite book?

The Bible is absolutely my favorite book! During a season when my children were teenagers, I realized that spending time in God's Word had stopped being a priority. It was then that I read the book *Point Man: How a Man Can Lead His Family* by Steve Farrar. Following the principles in Steve's book, I began to intentionally prioritize my time in the Bible to stay grounded in God's truth and promises. This shift didn't just change my own heart; it gave me the strength to lead my family with a renewed sense of purpose.

Who or what has impacted your faith journey?

My faith journey began in my early teens at First Methodist Church Greensboro when I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior, but it truly flourished through the influence of Godly men and shared life experiences. Challenge Life-- a Christian organization at Troy State, and a branch of Campus Crusade for Christ--made a huge impact on Gail and me during our college years. Dr. Henry Lyon Jr. officiated our wedding at FBC Selma, marking the start of a lifelong spiritual partnership with Gail. My growth has also been nurtured by the friendship of Dr. John Fain and the guidance of Ralph Derryberry, whose leadership in "Experiencing God" deeply impacted my walk. While these leaders provided a foundation, it was through two of life's greatest trials—my quadruple bypass in 2004 and Gail's battle with breast cancer in 2005—that our trust in God was truly forged. These life-altering events grew our faith in God in a powerful way.

Do you have a favorite Bible verse?

While it's hard to choose just one because there are so many that speak to me, a few stand out as my favorites. I rely on Proverbs 3:5-6 to remind me to trust in the Lord's direction rather than my own, and Philippians 4:13 gives me the strength I need for every challenge. I also find great peace in Romans 8:28, knowing that God is working all things together for good of those who love him, and have been called according to his purpose.

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February

Birthdays

Laura Payne	02/01
Nina Jones	02/02
Geneva Lankford	02/02
Jade Abernathy	02/03
Rebecca Copeland	02/03
Roy Ezell	02/03
Ann Engelhart	02/05
Lillie Duncan	02/06
Earl Hamner	02/06
Lynn McColl	02/07
Dot Allen	02/08
Shirley Johnson	02/10
Barbara Allen	02/11
Bettye Bambarger	02/11
Donna Box	02/12
Billy Rucker	02/13
Marsha Davis	02/15
Janice Mauldin	02/16
Rick Foster	02/17
David Sloan	02/18
Layne Weeks	02/18
Helen Addison	02/19
Carolyn Colee	02/20
Jim Hill	02/23
Joe Boteler	02/24
Ken Jones	02/25
Joey Moore	02/25
Debra Ray	02/25
Nona Crowder	02/26
Sheryl West	02/27
Carole Byars	02/28





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*We Exist to Glorify God and
Make Disciples by
Leading all Generations to Seek
the Good of My Neighbor*
and all God Has Next.*

Our Values:

*We Stand on Scripture
We Welcome the Stranger
We Invest in Relationships
We Live Open-Handed
We Glorify God in Everything*

Spotlight on Wayne May (continued from page 3)

What ministries are you involved in?

I am thankful that FBC offers so many ministry opportunities. It has been a blessing to serve as a Life Group Leader, substitute bus driver for the ESL program, a member of the Triple-L Program Committee, and the Caring Hearts Ministry. I have also enjoyed participating in and supporting Homeless Connect, Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry, and Stand With Purpose mission. A heart for global missions led me to serve on two medical mission trips to Malawi.

What are you passionate about?

I have a heart for ministry that reaches across generations. I especially love spending time with and caring for senior adults (I am one!). I like sharing life with our senior group- their companionships have been very meaningful to me. For many years, I have also enjoyed volunteering for Vacation Bible School. What a joy it is to experience the excitement of children as they begin to discover their faith in Jesus Christ!

People would be surprised to know that...

"I Was Country When Country Wasn't Cool!" You would not believe the number of BARBARA MANDRELL concerts I have attended. "BABS" even checked on us during Gail's first pregnancy!

Is there anything else you want people to know about you?

This faithful Auburn fan absolutely loves Tuscaloosa and our First Baptist Church family! To me, FBC is more than just another congregation; it may be a BIG church, but it also has a BIG heart. Everyone has been so welcoming and have shown us God's love in many ways. We are so blessed that God brought us to Tuscaloosa, and we have actually "warmed up" to the University of Alabama and are thankful for all of our BAMA friends—y'all are not so bad after all--rtr.