

COMMUNICATING THE VISION

W. MACK AMIS, JR., D.MIN.



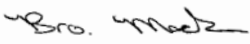
It is hard for me to imagine that after nineteen years of regularly writing an article for our newsletter that this is my final contribution. **My heart is filled with gratitude both to God and to you, the Parker Family, for allowing me to serve as your pastor these many years.** My life and our family have been blessed by your love and support. We have considered it a wonderful privilege to be a part of such a great church. We will always consider ourselves part of the Parker Family.

My plans are to stay busy preaching and teaching God’s Word as I have opportunities. My passion in life is to be able to proclaim His Word with a fresh anointing each time. I look forward to seeing what doors the Lord opens for me to walk through in obedience. We will be posting our ministry and schedule online in the coming days. **Please remember to pray for us when the Lord brings us to your mind.**

I am praying for Parker Memorial to have some of your greatest days with your new leadership team. **I want to encourage you to love and support your pastor and staff.** Remember to pray for all of them and be open to all God leads them to do in trying to reach people with the gospel of Jesus!

Your friendship is a precious gift and we want our relationship to continue to grow and flourish. We are living in this community so stay in touch with us.

Remember above everything else that any good thing that has been accomplished over these last 19 years is all for the glory of God! My hope is that you know our Lord and His precious Word better because of the time we have spent together!



We Welcome to Our Fellowship. . .

Dustin & Shelby Potts - MC

Coming for Baptism

Jeffrey & Kathleen Meyer

Peter Meyer

Jeffrey & Peter by Baptism; Kathleen by Statement

Georgia Dempsey - MC

Coming for Baptism

Eddie McCall - MC

Coming for Baptism

Christian Sympathy. . .

Kim Presson & Family.....

Death of Husband, Scott

Nelson Cook & Family.....

Death of Mother

Kathrine Miller & Family.....

Death of Sister

From the Chairman of Deacons, Chip Howell and Personnel Committee Chairman, Dallis Mayo:

Bro. Mack will be retiring as the Senior Pastor of Parker Memorial Baptist Church Sunday, September 13, 2026. He will become the longest tenured pastor to serve at Parker Memorial in its 139 years of existence. In recognition of his 19+ years of faithfully shepherding the Parker Family, we are planning a special “Retirement Day” September 13. This “Gathering Sunday” to honor Bro. Mack and Lynn on his retirement will have the following schedule:

9:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
12:00 pm - Church-Wide Catered Lunch in the Gym
Slide Presentation, “Through the Years” at Parker
An Opportunity to Voice Your Words of Appreciation
An Area Set Aside for Photographs

If you would like to write a card/letter/note to Bro. Mack and Lynn, these will be placed in a “memory book.” You may drop them off in the church office during regular office hours or on Sundays. You may also mail them to the church (PO Box 2104, Anniston, AL 36202.)

Thank you for praying for and supporting Bro. Mack during his faithful years of service at Parker. His love and devotion to the ministry of Parker and the Parker Family will remain in our hearts.



A LIFETIME OF FAITH ~ A LEGACY OF SERVICE

MINISTRY

SENIOR PASTOR

JULY 2007 - PRESENT

Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Anniston, Alabama

SENIOR PASTOR

MARCH 2002 – JULY 2007

First Baptist Church, McComb, Mississippi

SENIOR PASTOR

JULY 1994 - FEBRUARY 2002

Hillcrest Baptist Church, Enterprise, Alabama

SENIOR PASTOR

JANUARY 1987 - JULY 1994

Central Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Mississippi

FULL TIME EVANGELIST

MARCH 1984 - JANUARY 1987

PASTOR

MARCH 1982 - MARCH 1984

Magee’s Creek Baptist Church, Walthall County, Mississippi

ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY

APRIL 25, 1982

First Baptist Church, Gautier, Mississippi

SUPPLY PASTOR AND EVANGELIST

1976 - 1982

Preached in over thirty revivals and did supply preaching while completing college and seminary

LICENSED TO PREACH

MAY 30, 1976

Ingalls Avenue Baptist Church, Pascagoula, Mississippi

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Served on the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions as a Trustee
Served on the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions Executive Committee (Chairman, Budget Sub-Committee)
Preached at Alabama State Youth Evangelism Conference, 1978
President, Lincoln County Baptist Pastor’s Conference, 1990
Served on various Association Committees to include Executive Committee (Lincoln County Baptist Association) and Stewardship and Long-Range Planning Committees (Coffee Baptist Association,) and Advisory Team, (Calhoun Baptist Association)
Served on Alabama Baptist Center for Leadership Development Task Force
Served on the Advisory Board for The Baptist Record (Mississippi Baptist Paper)

EDUCATION:

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

DECEMBER 1988

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana

MASTER OF DIVINITY

DECEMBER 1981

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPEECH COMMUNICATION

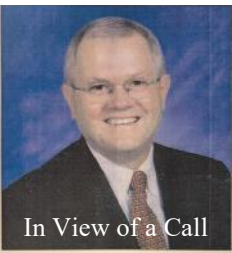
JUNE 1979

University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

MAY 1975

Pascagoula High School, Pascagoula, Mississippi



In View of a Call

Parker Memorial Welcomes

DR. MACK AMIS, JR.

June 10, 2007

PARKER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

AUGUST 1, 2007 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

(19 YEARS, 6 WEEKS)

Bro. Mack will become the longest tenured Pastor to serve at Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Anniston, Alabama, in its 139-year history.

In his 19+ years, Bro. Mack has led Parker Memorial to. . .

. . . Establish the Parker Memorial Baptist Church DeArmanville Campus, which now averages 150 in worship attendance.

. . . Establish the Loving Kids Learning Center for ages birth – Pre-K. The Learning Center now has an enrollment of 147.

. . . Establish the Parker Preparatory Academy which now services students through Kindergarten through Grade 5.

. . . Research possible expansion of the Preparatory Academy and establishing a second Learning Center at a second location.

. . . Establish a sponsorship with a Uganda Christian Church and School and provide funds to build the Parker Memorial Baptist Church Campus in Uganda.

. . .Establish the Uganda Children’s Education Fund which annually provides funds for 40 students to attend the Esuubi Community Outreach school.

. . . Expand the Intercessory Prayer Ministry to have prayer warriors interceding in prayer fifty hours per week in the Prayer Room.

. . . Establish the Parker Memorial Counseling Center located on Leighton Avenue, Anniston, after the purchase of the Wilson house and the adjacent lot.

. . . Remodel/update and name the Harris Building and Martin Building on the Main Campus.

. . . Become debt free through several capital stewardship campaigns (*Together We Will, Called to Finish, Vision 2020*) while accomplishing major capital improvements and mission projects, including the remodeling of the original Pastor’s Study located in the “Bell Tower.”

DEARMANVILLE CAMPUS

BRO. JOEY & DC TEAM

Good Shepherds. God often uses ordinary moments to nudge us toward His good, pleasing, and perfect will (Romans 12:2). In the fall of 2014, while I was pastoring a rural church north of Prattville, **I received a phone call from Dr. Mack Amis about a unique ministry opportunity in DeArmanville, Alabama.** To be honest, I was not especially interested at first. But through a Bible study Kim and I were leading, *Not a Fan* by Kyle Idleman, God began making it clear that He was prompting us to move to Anniston and follow Him into something new.

At the time, there were many unknowns. Would this church plant and revitalization effort work? How would it unfold? Would it be a short-term ministry or something more enduring? **Nearly 12 years later, I am deeply grateful that this God-sized project, as Carlton Barnes once described it, has not only survived but thrived. I am especially thankful for Pastor Mack’s vision, wisdom, and sensitivity in praying, preparing, planning, and helping implement the DeArmanville Campus.** He has coached when needed and, at the same time, allowed our DC leadership to lead in a uniquely different setting.

One of the greatest needs in the church today is faithful, steady leadership. We ought to honor pastors who have served, preached, and led the church faithfully for decades, because lasting fruit is often shaped by long obedience in the same direction. In a day when many pastors move quickly from one field to another, lengthy and steady pastoral care deserves to be celebrated. **Thank you, Pastor Mack, for modeling for younger ministers what persevering pastoral leadership looks like. More than 50 years of preaching and more than 19 years of pastoring at Parker Memorial Baptist Church, along with your service in other churches, are marks of a faithful shepherd. We are blessed to have served with you.**

A Vision from the Lord,
A Legacy That Will Continue

A Tribute to Bro. Mack Amis from Loving Kids Learning Center
and Parker Preparatory Academy

As we prepare to celebrate the retirement of our beloved Pastor, **Bro. Mack Amis**, those of us at Loving Kids Learning Center and Parker Preparatory Academy cannot help but reflect on the incredible impact his ministry has had on children and families throughout our community.

Loving Kids Learning Center began with a vision God placed on Bro. Mack's heart. He believed that our church could do more than care for children during the week. He envisioned a ministry where children could be loved, nurtured, educated, and - most importantly - taught about Jesus Christ. He saw the potential for classrooms to become mission fields and for teachers to have the opportunity to pour the love of Christ into children every single day. **Bro. Mack did not simply have the vision - he championed it.** He supported Loving Kids Learning Center as it grew, encouraged us through challenges, celebrated every milestone, and continually reminded us that this ministry belonged to the Lord.

Over the past seven years, 612 students and their families have been impacted through this ministry. That number represents so much more than enrollment. It represents hundreds of children who have heard Bible stories, learned Scripture, prayed with their teachers, attended Chapel, experienced the love of Christian educators, and heard the message that **Jesus loves them and has a purpose for their lives.**

And God continued to grow the vision. What began as Loving Kids Learning Center has now flourished to include **Parker Preparatory Academy**, allowing us to continue investing in children as they enter their elementary school years. The original vision has expanded into an even greater opportunity to provide Christ-centered education and partner with families in raising a generation that knows and follows Jesus.

*"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."
1 Corinthians 3:6*

Bro. Mack helped plant a seed. Many faithful people have watered it along the way. And there is no question that **God has given the increase.**

As Bro. Mack enters retirement, we want him to know that his influence will continue long after his final Sunday as our Pastor. Every child who walks through the doors of LKLC and PPA is part of the legacy of a pastor who listened when God gave him a vision and was willing to say yes.

From all of us at Loving Kids Learning Center and Parker Preparatory Academy, thank you, Bro. Mack, for believing in this ministry. Thank you for believing in our teachers and staff. Thank you for believing that reaching children matters. Thank you for supporting us, praying for us, encouraging us, and allowing God to use you to lay a foundation upon which we continue to build.

We have the opportunity to bless Bro. Mack and Lynn with a special retirement love offering, thanking them for their dedicated service and leadership over the past 19+ years.

If you would like to give, please use the love offering envelopes or mark "love offering" on your regular offering envelope. You may also give online and select "Love Offering."

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE</u>			
	<u>Main Campus</u>	<u>DeArmanville</u>	<u>Total</u>
August.....	259.....	98.....	357.....

<i>And God's People Gave . . .</i>	
MAIN CAMPUS:	
Total Approved Budget FY 2026.....	\$ 1,381,079.00
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 26,559.21
Given August.....	\$ 96,589.49
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$ 1,035,809.19
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....	\$ 1,030,812.91

DeARMANVILLE CAMPUS:	
Total Approved Budget FY 2026.....	\$ 330,492.00
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 6,355.60
Given August.....	\$ 31,666.00
Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....	\$ 247,868.40
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....	\$ 266,927.90

Weekly Schedule

MAIN CAMPUS

Sundays
8:30 am - Casual Worship - CLC Gym
- Children's Church - Chapel
9:00 am - Library Open until 10:00 am
9:50 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Classic Worship - Sanctuary
- Children's Church - Chapel
- Library Open until 12:00 pm

Monday thru Friday
7:00 am - Intercessory Prayer Ministry - CLC

Mondays
10:00 am - Pickleball - Gym

Tuesdays
9:00 am - Staff Meeting - Main Campus
10:00 am - Pickleball - Gym
2:00 pm - Flexibility Class - CLC

Wednesdays
10:00 am - Learning Center Service - Chapel
4:45 pm - Library Open until 5:00 pm
5:00 pm - Family Night Supper

Wednesdays (Cont'd)
6:00 pm - Pastor's Bible Study/Prayer Time - FH
- Children's Activities
- Men's Discipleship - Martin Bldg Rm 315
- Ladies' Discipleship - Martin Bldg Rm 201
- Youth Discipleship - 3rd Fl, CLC
7:00 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal
7:10 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays
8:00 am - Woodcarvers - 3rd Floor, Martin Building
10:00 am - Pickleball - Gym
2:00 pm - Flexibility Class - CLC

DEARMANVILLE CAMPUS

Sundays
9:00 am - Sunday School Small Groups
10:30 am - Worship Celebration

Wednesdays thru June 10
5:00 pm - Family Night Supper
6:00 pm - Adult Bible Study
- Children/Youth Activities
7:15 pm - Worship Choir Rehearsal

Calendar

September 6 - September 30

Sunday, September 6
12:00 PM - Stewardship Cmte - Conference Rm
4:00 PM - MC Deacon Council - Coffee Corner

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day
Church Offices, LKLC, Prep Academy, CLC
Closed for Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 8
11:30 AM - MC Homebound Team Luncheon

Wednesday, September 9
5:30 PM - MC Quarterly Business Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 12
9:00 AM - DC Fishing Rodeo

Sunday, September 13
MC Gathering to Honor Bro. Mack
9:15 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship Service
12:00 PM - Catered Lunch - Gym

Tuesday, September 15
11:00 AM - PS Monthly Luncheon - FH

Wednesday, September 16
6:00 PM - DC "Church Family Meeting"

Sunday, September 20
DC "Back to Church" Sunday
3:00 PM - MC Youth Kayak Trip

Thursday, September 24
10:00 AM - PS Travel Lunch - Talladega

Sunday, September 27
12:00 PM - DC "Potato Bar" Fundraiser

September 27 - October 1
Celebration 250 Crusade - Saks HS Stadium

PARKER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

<u>Main Church Office</u> 256-236-5628	<u>Prayer Room</u> 256-236-1515	<u>CLC</u> 256-419-2120
<u>Parker Counseling Center</u> 256-770-7337	<u>DeArmanville Campus</u> 256-831-9200	
<u>Loving Kids Learning Center</u> 256-419-2845		

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www.dclivelove.com

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at www.parkermemorial.com

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The Gathering

Honoring Our Pastor On His Retirement

Sunday, September 13

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Joint Worship Service – Sanctuary
Followed by a Catered Lunch in the Gym
Lunch reservations due by Wednesday, September 9.

thank you

Bro. Mack

for your FAITH & DEDICATION

August 1, 2007 - September 13, 2026