

## COMMUNICATING THE VISION

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Can you believe that we are already in the month of May? The year just seems to rush by us. This means **we need to be careful to use each day to accomplish God's purpose because opportunities pass by quickly.**

I hope the series on "The Goodness and Kindness of our Lord" has both reminded you of His great love and encouraged you to always see Him as good. **He is forever good and loving! He will never change from being full of goodness and loving-kindness.** This great truth should set some of us free from the lies of the enemy who causes us to doubt His goodness.

This month of May is filled with some special events. **Next Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, is our Sunday School emphasis** where we are asking you to invite a buddy to come to Bible Study. We will have plenty of biscuits to share with all who come! This fun experience is a great time to get back involved in Sunday School and to invite a family member, friend, neighbor, or work associate to come to church with you. Let's top 300 in Sunday School and reach toward that 350 number - which would be wonderful!

Don't forget that **May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day.** What a great day to celebrate mothers and to express our love and appreciation for their wonderful love!

Mark your calendars for **May 17<sup>th</sup>** when we will be hosting our association in **celebrating Bro. Roger Willmore's retirement as our Direction of Missions in Calhoun County.** The event begins with a special worship service at **5:00 pm** in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in our Fellowship Hall. Join us as we say "thanks" to Bro. Roger for his faithful service.

I am excited about **The Gathering** that is planned for **May 31<sup>st</sup>** when I will **celebrate my 50-year anniversary of preaching the gospel of Jesus.** It's hard to believe that I have been privileged to proclaim His Holy Word for 50 years! I have asked my family to join me and to help lead us in worship. I believe you will enjoy them. I am proud of each one of them and love to hear them sing for Jesus. The choir and orchestra are preparing a special worship song, and **I will once again stand behind the pulpit to tell the Good News! Thank you for this glorious privilege.**

I hope you will enjoy the wonderful month of May!

*Bro. Mack*

The Gathering  
Gather with us as we celebrate Bro. Mack's 50 years of preaching  
Sunday, May 31  
8:30 am Hallway Breakfast Fellowships  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Joint Worship Service – Sanctuary

### Christian Sympathy. . .

Richie Grogan & Family.....Death of Brother

#### Minister on Call

May 4 - 10	Kevin Anderson.....(256) 283-5580	May 11 - 17	Don Gober.....(256) 283-6156
May 18 - 24	Bro. Derrick.....(615) 556-7921	May 25 - 31	Bro. Mack.....(256) 454-3049
June 1 - 7	Kevin Anderson.....(256) 283-5580		

## DEARMANVILLE CAMPUS

BRO. JOEY & DC TEAM

**DON'T BLINK. SUMMER IS HERE.** It seems like Christmas was two days ago, but here we are on the precipice of a remarkably busy summer. One of the greatest struggles churches have during these busy months is keeping people connected between the events. Add in the family vacations and church attendance looks like an old beach rollercoaster. These are all good things and gifts from God. Yet, let me remind you that the church needs your participation, attendance, and support this summer. At ParkerDC, we are introducing 10 weeks of **DC Summer Sundays** that provide fun themes to invite people to "Wacky Hat Day" (June 7,) "Hawaiian Shirt and Flip Flop Day" (June 14,) and "Tacky Tie Day" (Father's Day). It is one fun way to keep people engaged AND inviting. Churches can grow in the summer, but it takes intentionally reaching into our community. Let's go! Summer 2026 is here!

#### - UPCOMING EVENTS -

**BOSTON BUTT FUNDRAISER** Saturday, May 23, 2026 Help support our youth ministry as they attend camp this summer. Cost is \$35/each. Order now! See John Nelson or any of our youth to place an order.

**SUPER VBS EXPERIENCE** Tuesday - Friday, May 26-29, 2026 | 8:30 - 11:30 AM Jesus is MUCH GREATER than any superhero! Join us for our unique VBS Experience as we celebrate a SUPER SAVIOR and grow in Him through worship, crafts, Bible Study, games, and MUCH more! Family Day is Sunday, May 31st! Register NOW at [dclivelove.com](http://dclivelove.com).

**REGIONAL MISSION PROJECT** May 31-June 5 | New Orleans, LA | Multi-Gen Trip Serving alongside MissionLab, NOBTS, and local churches; Cost is \$379 and includes transportation, lodging, and 90% of meals. See Nick Gregory NOW.

**SUPER KID'S CAMP** June 9 - 12 | Springville Camp & Conference Center This SUPER fun camp is for kids, completed third - sixth by this summer and cost just \$75. This includes all the fun, food, water park, etc. See Meagan Lanier NOW!

**GENERATE YOUTH CAMP** June 15-19, 2026 | Chattanooga, TN Sign up NOW with John Nelson for YM360's Generate Camp for seventh - 12th grade students. Cost is just \$100 per student. Deadline for signing up is May 24th.

**GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP** June 21-27, 2026 See Jerry Flummer for information.

**UGANDA MISSION TRIP** August 27 - September 7, 2026 Want to help support and serve our Acholi friends at Abana's Hope? See Meagan Lanier soon and join our team this fall.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

CAROLYN CLIFTON

Let me first say a big "thank you" to Rosalee McElroy for bringing such a sweet message to us as she shared her testimony and taught us about her prayer closet at our Ladies Gathering. If you missed it, you missed a blessing! Thank you to all who came and to Erica Ford, Anna Bush, Katie Edwards, Whitney Remington, Hannah Kate Edwards, Caity Daniel for helping to make this happen, and special thanks to Lisa Askew for also helping and for the beautiful table decorations! The good attendance, food, fellowship, and testimony all made it a special evening. I hope you will make it a priority to come join us for the next Ladies Gathering!

There are **so many things on our church calendar** and that is so great! **WE NEED YOU TO HELP MAKE THEM HAPPEN!** I hope you all will participate in the "Biscuit and a Buddy Sunday", May 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Invite some folks!*

**Ladies Bible Study** meets every Wednesday night from 6-7 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Martin Building in room 201. We would love to have you to join us!

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

TIM & LINDA KAYLOR

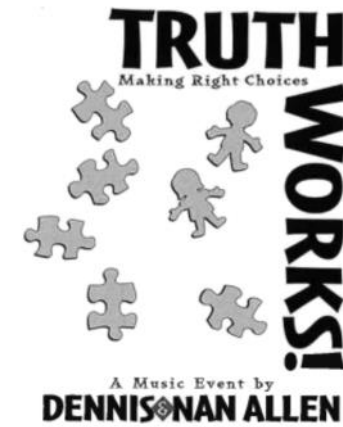
SAM has been continually active with planning, researching, and developing trips, events, and luncheons. On April 9<sup>th</sup> our SAM group of 31 souls travelled to "The Ark Restaurant" in Riverside for lunch. The SAM Pacesetters luncheon on April 21<sup>st</sup> drew 43 guests, who enjoyed chicken pot pie and listened to a presentation by a representative from Bonnie Plants.

On **May 7<sup>th</sup>**, SAM is visiting "278 Restaurant" in Gadsden to enjoy a tasty country-style lunch. Then on **Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** the SAM Pacesetters will host Dr. David Boyd presenting "The Story of the Anniston Fire Department," and we will have another wonderful time of food, fun, and fellowship.

If anyone has suggestions of "things to do" or "places to go, eat, enjoy," please let me or Linda know and please invite your folks in your Sunday School classes and others to join us. As the infamous "they" say, "the more, the merrier."

## MUSIC NOTES

DON GOBER



Coming up **July 13-17** is **Music Day Camp** for those who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade! We are now lining up our help for that awesome fun week where in one week we learn an entire musical filled with teachings from God's word. Then the children will perform the musical on Friday night the 17<sup>th</sup>! Please contact Carolyn Clifton or Don Gober and let us know where you would be willing to serve. This is an important week! And please know you do not have to be musical to help. We have MANY other jobs to be filled besides those that require us to be musical. I can't wait to hear from you and sign you up to help!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY & LEARNING CENTER

CANDICE FEAZELL

What an incredible time we had at our "Parker's Got Talent" Talent Show and Spaghetti Dinner! It was such a fun and meaningful evening filled with laughter, creativity, and fellowship. **We are so thankful for everyone who participated and shared their talents and supported our kids with your donations.** Thank you to our Children's Ministry Team who worked so hard behind the scenes to organize and bring the dinner together. Your dedication and heart for our children truly made this event a success. We are also incredibly grateful for the generous support from everyone who attended. Because of your kindness, we were able to raise over \$1,600 to help send our children to Shocco Springs Camp! What a blessing this will be for their spiritual growth and summer experience!

**Parker's Kids Update** - As we look ahead, please be in prayer for our upcoming **Memorial Day Weekend Camp for students in 1st-6th grade.** This is such a special opportunity to disciple our children and help them grow in their faith. We are excited to share that we are expecting over 50 children to attend! We are also so thankful for the chaperones who have already committed to go and invest in these students. Your prayers are greatly appreciated as we prepare for what God has in store. Thank you for your continued love, support, and investment in the lives of our children.

#### VBS 2026

We are very excited about Vacation Bible School this year. We will have our VBS "Kick-Off" as a church-wide fellowship with homemade ice cream, games and more. Please plan to join us on **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in the CLC for our VBS Kickoff and the 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> for VBS.** If you have not already joined the volunteers, please contact Candice and we will find you a spot. What an amazing way to share the Gospel with so many children!

**Parker Preparatory Academy Update** - We are excited to share that Parker Preparatory Academy is doing very well! God continues to bless and grow this ministry. We will have Awards Day Dinner on the 3<sup>rd</sup> as we celebrate our students and all they have accomplished this year. We are so excited to celebrate our students' accomplishments.

**Loving Kids Learning Center Update** - You're Invited! Please make plans to attend the **End-of-Year Program** for Loving Kids Learning Center & Parker Preparatory Academy:

**Date: May 5 Time: 6:00 PM Place: CLC Gym**

Come celebrate all that God has done this year through our students!

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS

KEVIN ANDERSON



We have a complete roster for our summer camp, where we will be visiting the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in northern Kentucky. A heartfelt "thank you" for your generous donations which will help cover our expenses. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for our journey on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Jamie and I are embarking on our ninth year in youth ministry, a journey that has proven to be even more rewarding than I anticipated when I began volunteering in June 2017. I am truly thankful to Bro. Mack for the chance to lead the Youth Ministry. We will continue to nurture and support your students in their faith, and we sincerely appreciate your prayers as we move forward in the name of Jesus!

**BISCUITS & A BUDDY**  
Sunday!

**MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

BISCUITS WILL BE IN THE 3 LOCATIONS AFTER 9:30 AM

COFFEE CORNER - CLC  
LOBBY - HARRIS BUILDING  
HALL WAY OUTSIDE OF THE FAITH CLASS

BRING A FRIEND ENJOY A BISCUIT  
JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

**GOSPEL MINISTRY CELEBRATION**  
HONORING DR. ROGER WILLMORE

PREACHER. PASTOR. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS. FRIEND.

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**  
Parker Memorial Baptist (Anniston)  
5:00 PM • Celebration Service

with special guests...  
**Dr. David Olford**  
Olford Ministries Institute of Biblical Preaching  
**Dr. Rick Lance**  
Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions  
and **joint CBA Choir**  
Led by Don Gober (Parker Memorial Baptist, Anniston)

RETIREMENT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW SERVICE.

**MAY 26 – 29, 2026**  
8:30 – 11:30 AM

**DeArmanville Campus**

**SUPER VBS**  
★ ISAIAH 12:2 ★

This is going to be SUPER FUN! Registration opens on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

FOR K5 – 6<sup>th</sup> GRADERS (completed)

SAVE THE DATE FOR

**VBS**

June 15 – 18, 6 PM – 8:30 PM  
Main Campus

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

	Main Campus	DeArmanville	Total
April.....	260.....	114.....	374

**And God's People Gave . . .**

MAIN CAMPUS:	DeARMANVILLE CAMPUS:
Total Approved Budget FY 2026.....\$ 1,381,079.00	Total Approved Budget FY 2026.....\$ 30,491.00
Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$ 26,559.21	Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$ 6,355.60
Given April.....\$ 67,579.80	Given April.....\$ 23,270.00
Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....\$ 557,743.41	Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....\$ 133,468.01
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....\$ 652,151.52	Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....\$ 117,274.96

**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  
~~6:30 pm - Handbells - Rm 214 Martin Building~~

**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  
~~9:30 am - Sounds of Joy - Chapel Resumes in August~~  
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**  
5:00 pm - Family Night Supper  
6:00 pm - Adult Bible Study  
- Children/Youth Activities

**Calendar**  
May 3 - May 31

**Sunday, May 3** - MC "Biscuits & A Buddy"  
**Wednesday, May 6**  
Last Day to Receive College Scholarship Applications  
**Thursday, May 7**  
10:20 am - PS Lunch at 278 Restaurant  
**Sunday, May 10** - Mother's Day  
"Baby Bottle Boomerang" Begins  
**Tuesday, May 12**  
11:30 AM - Homebound Ministry Team Lunch  
**Wednesday, May 13**  
10:00 AM - Parker Serving at Baptist Svc Ctr  
4:30 PM - Missions Committee Mtg - Library  
**Friday, May 15**  
10:00 AM - Parker Serving at Baptist Svc Ctr  
**Sunday, May 17**  
12:00 PM - Stewardship Committee - CR  
4:00 PM - Deacon Council Meeting - CC  
5:00 PM - Celebration Service Honoring Dr. Roger Willmore - Sanctuary Reception to Follow - FH  
**Tuesday, May 19**  
11:00 AM - Pacesetters Monthly Luncheon  
**Thursday, May 21**  
- WOM Meeting Off Campus  
**Friday, May 22 thru Monday, May 25**  
- MC Kid's Camp/Shocco  
**Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day**  
Church Offices, CLC, and Learning Center Closed  
**Tuesday, May 26 thru Friday, May 29**  
8:30 AM - DC Vacation Bible School  
**Sunday, May 31 - The Gathering - MC**  
9:15 AM - Sunday School  
10:30 AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary

**PARKER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Main Church Office Prayer Room CLC  
256-236-5628 256-236-1515 256-419-2120  
Parker Counseling Center DeArmanville Campus  
256-770-7337 256-831-9200  
Loving Kids Learning Center  
256-419-2845

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Loving God, Loving You

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The Gathering

Gather with us as we celebrate Bro. Mack's 50 years of preaching

**Sunday, May 31**  
8:30 AM - "Hallway" Breakfast Fellowships  
9:15 AM - Sunday School  
10:30 AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE  
CELEBRATING BRO. MACK'S 50 YEARS OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL  
Special Music by The Amis Family