

# TALLAPOOSA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Equipping Churches to Expand God's Kingdom

THURSDAY, October 16, 2025



## Chad's Chats

GOD is good!!! All the time!!!

In honor of minister appreciation month "what is a minister? "

Somewhere between the call of God and the sick ward of the local hospital, there exists a specialist in everything, variously called "Preacher," "Pastor," "Reverend," or "Brother" and various other things.

- He is a hero to his wife and children yet also a stranger, a fine boy to his mother, an "easy touch" to down and outers, a name on the mailing list of hundreds of agencies and organizations, an example to his flock.
- To some people, he's a "fuddy duddy", "stick in the mud", "a stuffed shirt", to some he's a guy who has nothing else to do but get ready for a 20 minute sermon once a week.
- To some people, he's the person in whose presence you must not cuss, drink, or smoke.
- To others, he is a dear friend, a "Johnny on the spot" when Death's Angel hovers near; he's the man who can mend marriages, but can't find time to fix his wife's leaky faucet, he's the nice man at church who shakes everybody's hand even though he's not running for political office.
- He's the one who marries all the young couples, prays with the sick and visits hospitals, and buries the dead.
- He's a financial expert, a public speaker, janitor, errand boy, typist, public relations expert, Chief Cook, and bottle washer, evangelist, business executive, counselor, prophet, diplomat, human being, and usually a terrible golfer!

Ministers are found everywhere – preaching in church, listening in meetings, teaching a class, giving invocations, giving benedictions, waiting in maternity wards, sympathizing beside caskets, standing behind pulpits, pleading causes, serving on committees, studying the Bible, playing football with the kids on a vacant lot near the church, watching someone take a final breath, sitting behind a desk, going on mission trips, changing the tire on the side of the road, standing before women's groups, being at home for dinner, not being at home for dinner, diagnosing the world's sickness and prescribing the cure— **Jesus**.

This month and every month take time to love on your pastor, even though he's called by God to be your pastor, he's still a man just like you are. Think about it!

I love being your Associational Missionary,

*Chad*

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/4-Tina Lee, Vertical Point
- 10/6-Johnny Pritchard, Calvary
- 10/7-Missy Middlebrooks, TBA
- 10/12-Darlo Gemeinhardt, New Pine Grove
- 10/12-Vince Lee, Vertical Point
- 10/15-Emily Rasbury, Zion Hill
- 10/18-Nate Phillips, River Road
- 10/25-Jeff Hardin, Camp Hill
- 10/25-Shane Harris, New Elkahatchee

### CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 2012 Freddie Senn, Mt Carmel
- 2015 Mark Rasbury, Zion Hill
- 2022 Faron Golden, Grace Pointe
- 2022 Donald Ward, Russell Farm

OCTOBER 24-25-DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING  
DADEVILLE FBC. CALL 256-825-4441 FOR INFO

### CALENDAR

- Oct. 12, 4pm Business, 6pm Worship  
Annual Meeting, Dadeville FBC
- October 19-22, 6:30pm- CITY-WIDE  
Revival CACC
- October 27-30-Christmas Backpacks  
due at the TBA Office
- November 18-6pm, Church Revitalization,  
Morgan Bailey at the TBA Office

NOVEMBER 2nd 4pm TBA Office  
TIME CAPSULE OPENING CEREMONY

We will open the Time Capsule to discover what was put in the capsule 10 years ago.  
Also, bring items for the new capsule to be opened 10 years from now.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

The checkbook balance on  
9/30/2025 was \$126,397.60 (including  
\$35,794.48 in designated funds)

## ALEX CITY COMMUNITY REVIVAL

OCTOBER 19TH - 22ND  
6:30PM EACH NIGHT

LOCATION WALKING TRACK

MUSIC AND MESSAGE BY LOCAL AREA PASTORS AND MUSICIANS

Alex City

## Operation Christmas Child 2025

National Collection Week Drop-Off Hours  
First Baptist Church Alexander City  
64 Court Square

- Monday, November 17th 8:30-11:30AM
- Tuesday, November 18th 4:00-6:00PM
- Wednesday, November 19th 8:30-11:30AM
- Thursday, November 20th 4:00-6:00PM
- Friday, November 21st 3:00-6:00PM
- Saturday, November 22nd 9:30AM-11:30AM
- Sunday, November 23rd 11:30AM-1:30PM
- Monday, November 24th 8:00-10:00AM

\*We can not accept boxes at our location after  
Mon, Nov. 24 10:00AM

We'd love volunteers to help at our drop off location. If you're interested, please contact Jo Hoover at 720-219-0284

### MTI Classes @ TBA:

Fall Term B: October 20- December 8.  
"The Origins of the Bible", Teacher-Dru Mattox  
Registration can be done online at

<https://www.samford.edu/programs/ministry-training-institute/extension-classes/>

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