

# A WORD *from the pastor*

## How Big Is Your God?

As a child, I used to love playing with a magnifying glass. I would take it and look at things up close to see the details that weren't always easy to see without the help of the magnifier. I would look at bugs, leaves, my skin, and anything else that stirred my curiosity. I also found delight in using the magnifying glass to burn leaves by harnessing the sunlight into a finely focused area.

In **Psalm 34:3**, we are invited with the psalmist to **"magnify the Lord."** I was reminded of something recently: There are a couple of types of magnification. There is **microscopic** magnification and **telescopic** magnification. Microscopic magnification (using a microscope) makes a small thing look bigger than it is. Telescopic magnification (using a telescope) makes a big thing begin to look as big as it really is.

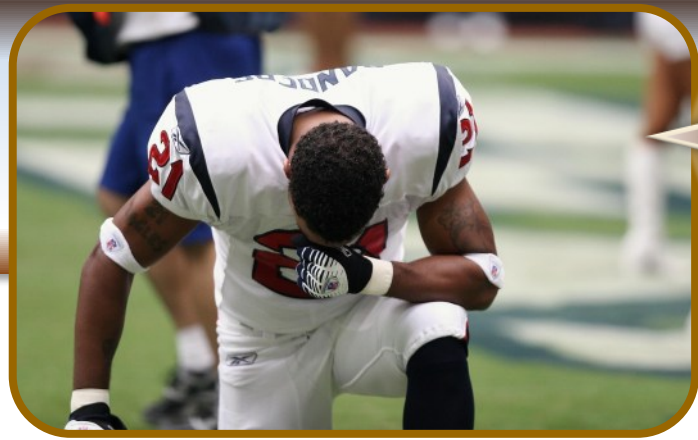
The psalmist is not inviting us to do our best to make a small God look big. Rather, he is inviting us to make our big, Almighty, unmatched, without-equal God look as big as He really is!! This reminder has greatly impacted my personal prayer life and my worship of the One True God. It has also challenged me to make sure that my actions match my declarations of my faith. I am blessed to have the opportunity to act, pray, and worship in such a way that it displays God as big as He really is.

An amazing thing happens when I magnify God telescopically. My problems, my fears, my anxieties, my worries, my doubts, my earthly desires begin to look so infinitely, microscopically small when I choose to worship, exalt, and magnify God. (And boisterous braggards become as small as they truly are!).

Do you remember the song, *"He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"*? I believe that song to be true. And, for that to be true, He must be a great, big God! Let's not settle for a little, limited God who needs our help. I promise you--He does not need you. But He will gladly dwell with you when you magnify Him and minimize everything else. I look forward to seeing you soon at GSBC as we join to be telescopes with our worship and magnify God!

**Pastor Scotty J** (Philippians 3:14)





# MINISTRY MINUTE

## Church Administration

Greetings fellow GSBC church members! This is my first submission to *The Courier*, so I would like to share some info as the process surrounding the "First One Hundred Days" unfolds.



To start, I would like to sincerely thank each and every church member that has personally reached out to me to offer their support and confidence as well as their provision. Ditto to the various committee members that have personally committed to unwavering love and support. Additionally, I would most definitely be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to recognize the entire church office staff. Without them the process at hand would have been a much greater challenge. Our church, school, and day care have professional, high performance, and deeply committed people in charge and running the show, and we all need to be grateful.

Several plans and many processes are rapidly evolving related to cost management/savings and personnel effectiveness that will enable our church, school, and daycare to not just survive, but, in fact, to thrive! None of this will be a walk-in-the-park, but there should be no doubt in anyone's mind that the goals outlined are, indeed, achievable. Together, we can make GSBC great again.

Advance The Kingdom, Ed Walters  
Interim Administrator

## Child Development Center

Happy Fall Y'all!



I recently had an interview with a college student who shared her life verse as being Proverbs 31:25, "She is clothed with strength and dignity; She can laugh at the days to come." Wow, this verse really spoke to me, so I have adopted this verse as our motto here in the Child Development Center. As we approach the holidays, our days may get stressful and filled with anxiety. As we look at the world around us, we often wonder if things could get any worse. This verse serves as an encouragement to believers that we can find confidence and joy in the future by "clothing" ourselves in strength and dignity through Christ, so that when challenges and times of stress come, we are able to laugh without fear.

The next few months will be busy with fall pictures, tailgating, Thanksgiving banquet and our annual Christmas program. My prayer is that through all the busyness, we will not forget that our God is in control, and we can have true joy through it all. I ask that you continue to join me in prayer for the future of the CDC and that we will all remember our hope is in the Lord.

—In Christ, Deborah Eddie

## Government Street Christian School

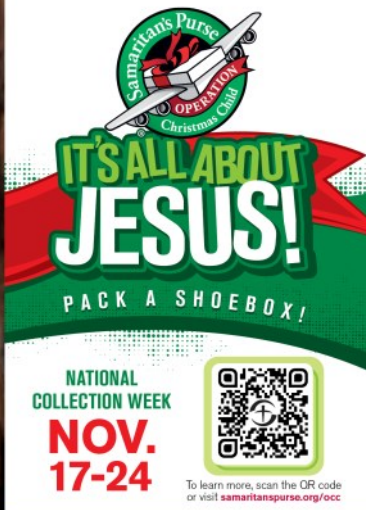
Greetings All! The 25/26 school year is under-way. In August we welcomed returning students and new students, but the mission remains the same. We foster an environment where the seeds of learning mathematics, science, history, civics, language arts, the arts, athletics, social interaction and social responsibility are planted in the soil of Scripture and nurtured in a right relationship with Jesus Christ. We make disciples according to Matthew 28:19, 20.



Congratulations to senior Isabella Young! Isabella has been selected as a Good Citizen by the Daughters of the American Revolution. She has also been selected as a student leader representing Government Street Christian School with the Drug Education Council of Mobile. Also, congratulations to Cady Shaw, Salutatorian class of 2021. Cady has been "white coated" and begins her journey in earning her Doctor of Pharmacy from Auburn University.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support! Follow us on Facebook/GSCSchargers.

Bryan Townsend









SCHOOL | CHURCH | DAYCARE

**TAILGATE TOGETHER**

**OCT 29 5:30 PM**

FREE ADMISSION | HAMBURGER OR HOT DOG MEAL INCLUDED |  
TRUNK & TREAT | GAMES | JUMP HOUSES | DOOR PRIZES  
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**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

By Baptism  
Mr. Nick Smith  
Mrs. Heather Smith

**SYMPATHY TO:**

Mr. Tyler Kimmel & family in the loss of his father, Mr. John Kimmel

CHURCH BUDGET RECEIPTS		
08/31/25	\$	7,186.00
09/07/25	\$	9,121.00
09/14/25	\$	5,935.00
09/21/25	\$	8,798.00
09/28/25	\$	3,658.00
09/02-09/29/25 (online giving)	\$	3,899.86
JUNE TOTAL	\$	37,665.06
I LOVE MY CHURCH September Giving	\$	57,140.01



Clean UP  
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FOR GOD

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**10/24 - 10/25**  
**8 AM - 3 PM**

Held by:  
**Government Street Baptist Church**  
**Women's Ministry**

**Nursery**

10/05 Dana Pope | Deborah Eddie | Sean Erwin  
10/12 Tasha Archie | Lesley Anderson | Tonya Izzio  
10/19 Susan Stringfellow | Dina Bowen | Whitney Erwin  
10/26 Stephanie Jernigan | Libby Simms | Larry Alston

**Church Officers**

10/05 Jay Denbow & Buddy Nabors  
10/12 Steve Simms & Lorenzo French, Jr.  
10/19 James Paravicini  
10/26 Ronnie Boulter & Ed Walters

**Sunday Outreach by Deacons**

10/05 David Eddie  
10/12 David Burcham & James Paravicini  
10/19 Gary Raulerson & Jack Morrison  
10/26 Ralph Shine



## October Events

- 7 10:00 am Rags to Blessings Sewing Meeting-Rm.207
- 9 9:00 am Sr. Adult Dominoes-Hosp.Rm.  
10:00 am CDC Pie the Teacher
- 10 End of 1st Quarter
- 13 Teacher Work Day
- 14 2nd Quarter Begins  
9:30 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise-Hosp.Rm.  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch-Hosp.Rm.
- 15 11:00 am Sr. Adult Lunch-Meat Boss
- 21 Guatemala Mission Trip  
8:30 am Honors Day  
10:00 am Rags to Blessings Sewing Meeting-Rm.207
- 22 Guatemala Mission Trip
- 23 Guatemala Mission Trip
- 24 Guatemala Mission Trip  
8:00 am Fall Rummage Sale-Gym
- 25 Guatemala Mission Trip  
8:00 am Fall Rummage Sale-Gym  
9:00 am Rags to Blessings Sewing Day-Rm.207
- 26 Guatemala Mission Trip
- 27 Guatemala Mission Trip  
Red Ribbon Week
- 28 Guatemala Mission Trip  
Red Ribbon Week  
K5 & Senior Pictures-Rm.101  
9:30 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise-Hosp.Rm.  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch-Hosp.Rm.
- 29 Red Ribbon Week  
5:30 pm Tailgate Together
- 30 Red Ribbon Week
- 31 Red Ribbon Week  
1:00 pm Student / Teacher Talent Show-Youth Rm



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## MEET OUR STAFF WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Scotty Jernigan**

*Senior Pastor*

**Ed Walters**

*Interim Church Administrator*

**Lee Anna Martin**

*Interim Worship Leader*

**Bryan Townsend**

*School Principal*

**Deborah Eddie**

*CDC Director*

### Sunday

7:45 AM - Man Church-Youth Rm.  
9:00 AM - Sunday School  
10:15 AM - Morning Worship

### Monday

4:30 PM - Connect at the Altar  
5:30 PM - Ladies Bible Study-Rm.111

### Wednesday

4:45 PM - Ignite Students-Youth Rm.  
5:30 PM - GSBC Kids-Children's Rm.  
6:00 PM - Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

## OFFICE HOURS

### Monday—Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### Friday

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

### Saturday—Sunday

Closed