

# A WORD *from the pastor*

## Ready For The New Year

It has happened again. (No, not another big truck getting stuck in the tunnel this time.) It has happened as it predictably does once a year. Some will say that it has happened incredibly fast while others can't believe how slowly it happened. Whatever your thoughts about the timing, it has happened again. What has happened? We have flipped the calendar page to a brand-new year.

A new year brings a clean slate. It brings a chance to get started right for the 12-month sprint that is ahead of us. A new year brings new benchmarks attained and new challenges created. A new year is here—2026! Here is something that I want you to find comfort in as the new year has launched: God is ready for the new!

In Revelation 21:5 Jesus declares: "Behold, I am making all things new!" This is such a treasured prophetic promise and the desire of all Christ-followers. It is a promise made after the Great White Throne judgment on sin. Something amazing happens after that judgment. The new has come! What has been so long waited for and so deeply desired becomes reality. All things are made new, and the changes are truly unlike anything we have ever experienced. And because God is making all things new, we can have this absolute confidence: God is ready for the new!

God is always ready. He is ready when years pass fast and when time seems to crawl over the course of a year. He is ready when things are moving along smoothly and when there is chaos and uncertainty. God is always ready to move us into the new, and in His perfect timing, He always does just that. He has given us a new year. Let's celebrate that He continues to do new things in us and in our church. I look forward to worshipping our God with you in 2026. I'll see you at GSBC!

**Blessings!**

**Pastor Scotty J**

**Philippians 3:14**



*All Things New!*

2026



# MINISTRY MINUTE

## Child Development Center



A couple of weeks ago our little ones told about our Savior's birth as they decorated the Christmas tree. The bells rang the message, the angel proclaimed, "Do not Fear," and the star guided the wisemen. Let us carry this message of hope with us into the new year, ringing the message that our Savior came to set us free from the bondage of sin, and that we also do not have to fear the trials of life because we have the hope of the gospel of Jesus to guide us if we follow Him just like the star guided the wisemen.

I love to reflect over the last year to see what God led us through, along with the blessings He gave us. We are blessed to share in the lives of so many families, to share the love of God, to share many firsts of their little ones like walking, talking, painting, ABC's, sharing Bible stories during chapel, summer fun, story time with the Book Mobile, and learning to "love one another."

Thank you for your prayers and support as we begin this new year. Only in seeking Him first will we be able to share more blessings with many more families.

—In Christ, Deborah Eddie

## Church Administration

Please allow me to take this opportunity to wish everyone all the best in 2026! As we close out calendar year 2025 and approach the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter fiscal year at the end of January, I would like to provide a view of where our church, day care, and school are currently poised towards the future. Once again, The Lord has indeed poured out His blessings and, as always, has been true to His word! Each entity referenced and the assigned leadership and staff have done an outstanding job of promoting, operating, and performing. We are no doubt blessed! Each of us would be well served to keep in mind our joint, united strategy as we pursue the ultimate goal to Advance The Kingdom. Church members should feel the comfort of knowing that the future we enter in 2026 is bright!



Ed Walters  
Interim Administrator

## Government Street Christian School

Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19–20).



As we embark on a new year, Government Street Christian School—an integral part of the overall ministry of Government Street Baptist Church—will prayerfully and diligently pursue this mission. We are committed to providing a learning environment where Jesus Christ is the foundation and center of both learning and living, where education is regarded as sacred, not secular.

Our prayer for 2026 is to develop fully committed disciples who are ready to serve the Lord with their whole being. To accomplish this, we will use every available tool to disciple a generation for Jesus Christ. Thankfully, the CHOOSE Act is one of these tools, providing up to \$7,000 per student for tuition. Applications for the CHOOSE Act will open on January 2, 2026. Visit <https://classwallet.com/alchoose/> and select Government Street Christian School.

Bryan Townsend

## Women's Ministry

As 2025 comes to a close, I am thankful to all the volunteers who assisted with numerous projects throughout the year. We look forward to 2026 continuing to be involved in ministering to the homeless, the homebound, and those who need a hand up. We had two rummage sales last year: one to fund our Women's Ministry and Homeless Ministry, the other to help with the I Love My Church fundraiser. We have a card ministry to our church family. The ladies in Rags to Blessings do a great job in providing quilts to our members who are ill. There are ladies who take on special projects, such as baskets of goodies at Easter and a Christmas stocking for our homebound members at Christmas.



On January 10, we will have our Secret Sister Reveal at 10:00 am. Our guest speaker will be Tiffany Huber. This is a time of fellowship and an opportunity to learn how to get involved in the many ministries we offer.

— Jenny McEvoy




**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

By Statement  
Mr. Justin Miller  
Mrs. Sarah Miller

**SECRET**

Guest Speaker:  
Tiffany Huber

*Easter* **REVEAL**

**Saturday, January 10  
10:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall**

Bring a favorite finger food | Sign up at the Welcome Center

Call the school office for more information.



**choose act** ALABAMA  
School Choice for a Strong Alabama

**Application Period**  
**January 1 - 31**

Look into the possibilities available for your children's education.

Up to \$7,000 in tuition assistance possible (which currently covers total tuition at Government Street Christian School)

**SYMPATHY TO:**

Mrs. Marcie McDonald in the loss of her husband, Mr. Gary McDonald  
Mr. Lorenzo French & family in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Betty Moore

**THANK YOU:**

Thank you to everyone for all your calls, visits, and food, and all the love you have shown to Gary and me over the past few months.

— Marcie McDonald

**CHURCH BUDGET RECEIPTS**

11/23/25	\$	7,766.00
11/30/25	\$	3,784.00
12/07/25	\$	34,794.00
12/14/25	\$	8,879.00
12/21/25	\$	12,460.00
12/28/25	\$	3,851.00
11/21-12/28/25 (online giving)	\$	2,608.01
<b>DECEMBER TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>75,142.01</b>
<b>I LOVE MY CHURCH December Giving</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,928.51</b>
<b>I LOVE MY CHURCH Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>110,234.72</b>

**Volunteers**

**Church Officers**

01/04 Steve Simms & Lorenzo French, Jr.  
01/11 Alan Weldy  
01/18 Ronnie Boulter & Ed Walters  
01/25 David Burcham & Jon Anderson

**Sunday Outreach by Deacons**

01/04 David Burcham & James Paravicini  
01/11 Gary Raulerson & Jack Morrison  
01/18 Ralph Shine  
01/25 David Eddie

**Nursery**

01/04 Stephanie Jernigan | Libby Simms | Larry Alston  
01/11 Cathy Alexander | Jean Lawrence | Alicia Lee  
01/18 Dana Pope | Deborah Eddie | Sean Erwin  
01/25 Tasha Archie | Lesley Anderson | Tonya Izzio

# January Events

1 New Year's Day

Christmas Break

All Offices Closed



2 Christmas Break

6 10:00 am Rags-to-Blessings Sewing Meeting-Rm.207

8 9:00 am Sr. Adult Dominoes-Hosp.Rm.

9 4:00 pm Boys MS Basketball Game v. S. Baldwin-Gym

5:00 pm Boys JV Basketball Game v. S. Baldwin-Gym

10 10:00 am Secret Sister Reveal-Fell.Hall



13 9:30 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise-Fell.Hall

10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch-Fell.Hall

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10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch-Hosp.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