



A WORD *From The Pastor*

The Seasons of Change Are Here

As I write this, we are literally entering a season known as “March Madness.” It is a fun, frenzied, maddening, and joyful season all wrapped up in one—and it is over in about two and one-half weeks.

After March Madness, we step right into “April Fool’s” season. I know it is only one day, but Spring Break for students and families across country surrounds it and, well, I don’t think I need to detail how many fools are exposed around April Fool’s season (but some demonstrate it by totally bypassing Easter and the Resurrection).

After the April fools demonstrate their worthiness for that title, we move into a season of family focus with Mother’s Day and then Father’s Day. This is a great season to honor the leaders of our family and the molders of our values (and the one’s who did their absolute best to keep us from being the “April Fool!”).

From there, we move into July and celebrate the 250th birthday of our great nation. It will be a season of honoring our vets, our national leaders, our freedom, our Constitution, and prayerfully a future of God’s blessings for our nation and all our fellow citizens.

At warp speed we will be wrapping up summer, getting ready for a new school year in August, and reflecting on the worldwide impact of 9/11 in September. What a deeply impactful season of reflecting, mourning, resolve, and remembrance.

I don’t have to tell you that coming out of our season of remembrance we step right back into the holiday stretch as fall and winter take back over. Before we know it (and probably way too early), the stores will have Christmas decorations on the shelf and our neighbors will make us feel the pressure of decorating our own home, as theirs looks like it is straight out of Southern Living.

The seasons of change are here. Thankfully, our God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow (Hebrews 13:8). Cling to Him! He will protect us from being the fool, show us how to celebrate what matters, give us cool refreshing when the heat is intense, remind us of what is eternally important, and guide us into the holidays focused on Him. Let’s make sure that the only change in us is a growth in godliness! I look forward to seeing you soon at GSBC!

Pastor Scotty J



MINISTRY MINUTE

Child Development Center



As we approach Easter, we celebrate the incredible love of Jesus shown through His death, burial and resurrection; but as we move past Easter into the busy days of summer, do we put Jesus on the back burner?

I have been encouraging the CDC teachers daily with reminders to imitate Christ in His resolve to reject the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture and to "behold the beauty of the Lord" every moment. This not only guides our own walk but it allows these impressionable little ones to see Jesus in us. There is nothing more important for us to do here.

We are striving to make big improvements in the CDC to reach even more families with the message of Christ. There are many upcoming opportunities to live out Christ's love from Easter parties to K3 graduation. These things can only be accomplished with everyone joining together to seek and follow the Lord's guidance in fulfilling His mission through the CDC and school. Luke 7:9 reminds us to have great faith in the things our Lord can accomplish if we believe and trust.

—In Christ, Deborah Eddie

Church Administration

Greetings to all the GSBC family,

As we all enter the second quarter of calendar year 2026, I want to offer a friendly reminder to everyone that tax returns are due soon!



On a lighter note, the church, daycare, and school completed and closed out 2nd quarter FY'25/'26. Each of us should take comfort in knowing that for the most part the financial situation is on solid ground. There remains some improvements that need attention, and the process is constantly under review and diligently pursued with the goal being to cover all the bases and strengthen our commitment to Advance The Kingdom. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support and assistance towards the achievable goals.

As we enter the 3rd quarter of FY '26, there are a multitude of projects and pursuits available that will require dedicated vision and commitment. ALL of these are achievable, and none should be overlooked or ignored. Please allow me to respectfully encourage each and every one to engage and offer support as we move forward in a definitive, positive direction.

—Ed Walters
Interim Administrator

SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Daryl Myers for the loss of his mother, Mrs. Linda Myers

The family of former member, Mr. Kenneth Laird, Sr.

CHURCH BUDGET RECEIPTS

03/01/26	\$	6,821.00
03/08/26	\$	9,037.00
03/16/26	\$	8,089.60
03/22/26	\$	5,610.00
<u>03/01—03/22/26 (online giving)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,339.19</u>
MARCH TOTAL	\$	31,896.79
I LOVE MY CHURCH March Giving	\$	516.25
I LOVE MY CHURCH Balance	\$	113,398.98

Government Street Christian School



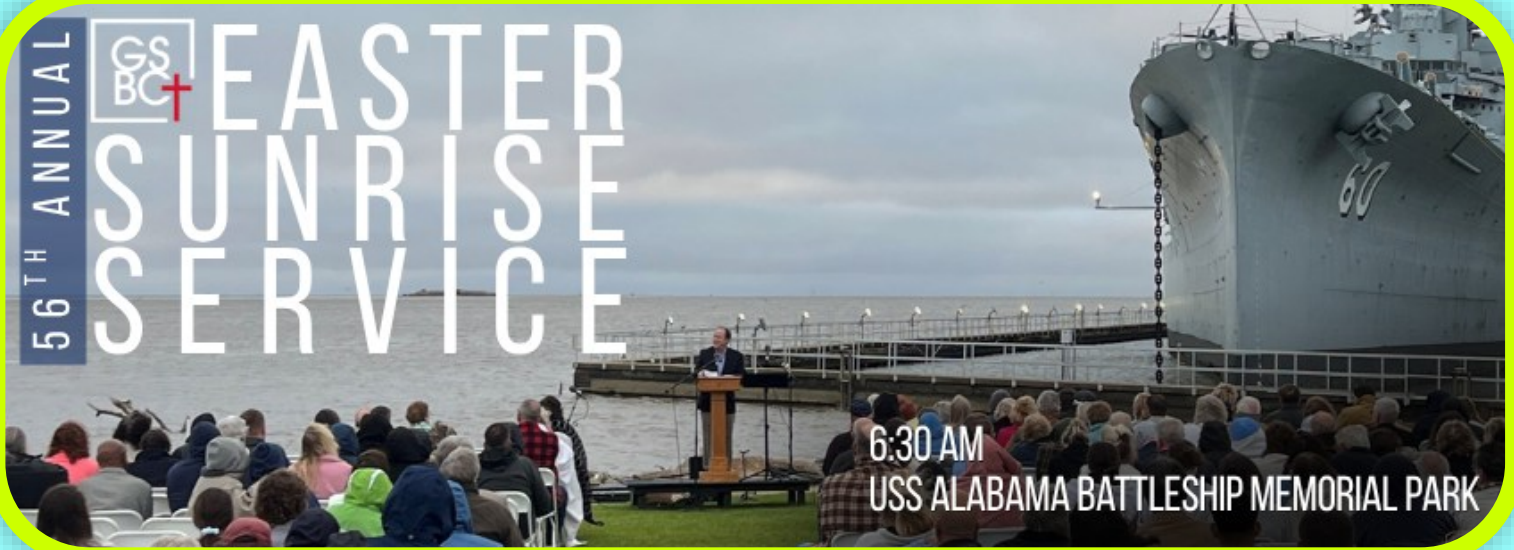
Greetings from GSCS. The fourth quarter is underway. As we begin the draw down on the 2025/2026 school year, we are busy with IOWA and ACT testing, planning, constructing class schedules, and faculty assignments for SY26/27. We already have seventy-five percent of our current enrollment registered for SY26/27. Next year, we will graduate five seniors, perhaps seven. We have been blessed this year in ways that we don't recognize. Humans, even Christians tend to evaluate success in carnal terms without recognizing the value of "the Long March" to achieve a goal. Since the late 19th century, Americans devote twelve to fourteen years to academic develop of our youth, yet believe we can a make a disciple for Jesus Christ in a couple of hours a week. A farmer would be foolish to think that after investing his money, time, and labor in sowing a crop that he would expect to recover his investment immediately after planting. In just the last ten years, seeds have been sown in perhaps two thousand lives in the day-care, school, and church.

Bryan Townsend

56TH ANNUAL



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE



6:30 AM

USS ALABAMA BATTLESHIP MEMORIAL PARK

Church Officers

- 04/05 Alan Weldy
- 04/12 Ronnie Boulter & Ed Walters
- 04/19 David Burcham & Jon Anderson
- 04/26 Greg Parker

Sunday Outreach by Deacons

- 04/05 Gary Raulerson & Jack Morrison
- 04/12 Ralph Shine
- 04/19 David Eddie
- 04/26 David Burcham & James Paravicini

Nursery

- 04/05 Tasha Archie | Lesley Anderson | Tonya Izzio
- 04/12 Susan Stringfellow | Dina Bowen | Whitney Erwin
- 04/19 Stephanie Jernigan | Libby Simms | Larry Alston
- 04/26 Cathy Alexander | Jean Lawrence | Alicia Lee



Easter Week

by
Charles Kingsley

See the land, her Easter keeping,

Rises as her Maker rose.

Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping,

Burst at last from winter snows.

Earth with heaven above rejoices;

Fields and gardens hail the spring;

Shaughs and woodlands ring with voices,

While the wild birds build and sing.

You, to whom your Maker granted

Powers to those sweet birds unknown,

Use the craft by God implanted;

Use the reason not your own.

Here, while heaven and earth rejoices,

Each his Easter tribute bring -

Work of fingers, chant of voices,

Like the birds who build and sing.

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April Events

- 2 CDC Easter Classroom Parties
- 3 Good Friday
Church Office Closed
- 5 Easter Sunday
6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service-Battleship Memorial Park
- 6 CDC Open Pre-Registration for '26/'27
- 7 10:30 am Sr. Adults to see Amazing Greys-1st Bapt.T.C.
- 9 9:00 am Sr. Adult Dominoes-Hosp.Rm.
- 13 Assistant Principals Day
Spring Break
- 14 Spring Break
9:30 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise-Hosp.Rm.
10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch-Hosp.Rm.
- 15 Spring Break
- 16 Spring Break
- 17 Spring Break
- 21 10:00 am Rags to Blessings Sewing Mtg.-Rm.207
- 22 6:00 pm *Experiencing God* Study Begins
- 24 11:30 am GSCS Family Fun Day
- 25 9:00 am Rags to Blessings Sewing Day-Rm.207
- 26 10:15 am CDC Day
- 28 9:30 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise-Hosp.Rm.
10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch-Hosp.Rm.



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Lee Anna Martin
Interim Worship Leader

Bryan Townsend
School Principal

Deborah Eddie
CDC Director

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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-Hosp.Rm.

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

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