

# A WORD *from the pastor*

## Have We Forgotten What Really Matters?

I love to study history. Not all history, but I do love to look at the records from the past and see what lessons I can learn. Writer George Santanyana famously stated, "Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it." How true that statement has proven to be.

Our country now sits at 250 years old (relatively young for a nation). The "American Experiment" continues to roll forward, though it looks a great deal different from where it started to where it is today. In the early years, freedom was

celebrated because the American citizens understood the blood and sweat equity that was invested in securing that precious freedom. Now, freedom is abused and used for personal interests and personal gain instead of it being used for the greater good of our fellow man. Freedom now means "I get to do whatever I want to do, no matter how it impacts people around me." Have we forgotten what really matters?

And the church? Well, freedom was celebrated differently in our worship at the outset of the "American Experiment" as well. The songs of faith, the songs of worship, the prayers of God's people celebrated the goodness of God in granting us the privilege to live in such an amazing country and also celebrated a heightened understanding of God's grace and mercy. People flocked to the churches, to the altars, to repentance before Holy God so that He would continue to shed His grace on us. Now, we see declining numbers in church attendance, large scale apathy and hatred toward Christianity, and a move toward "spiritualism" instead of a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance is rarely pursued or promoted.



What once made us great has been frowned upon, but for Christ-followers, THE REMNANT, it is a great time to stand firm in truth and testify to our world what is on our money: "IN GOD WE TRUST." Let's stay grounded in the simple faith in God, the morality, the passion for God, and the love for neighbors that made us great out of the gate. Let's imitate the faith of our forefathers and our spiritual ancestors. September 11th taught us that some things we should "Never Forget." Let's never forget Psalm 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD." Let's learn from current events so that we can be better (and blessed) in the future. I'll see you soon at GSBC as we do our part as the people of God. Happy 250th Birthday, America!

Pastor Scotty J



## Church Administration

Greetings to all GSBC members and welcome to the start of the back half of 2026!



GSCS is on summer break and rapidly approaching the start of the new school year. Our team is taking full advantage of the summer pause between school sessions by addressing items on the punch list. Just before the start of VBS the defective ceiling lights in the high school classrooms were repaired/replaced and all ceiling lights in one hall were upgraded. It was disturbing to discover the failure rate on a majority of lights that were replaced in recent years are quickly failing and the installing company has disappointed by not being helpful and cooperative in providing service and replacements. Additionally, we are in the process of evaluating and estimating some roof leaks that require attention and plan to have all repaired before the start of 2026/2027 school year. We continue to pursue items on the punch list and important for each of you to understand that none of these items could even begin to be addressed with a goal towards completion without your support... THANK YOU!

I hope each of you had a wonderful 4th of July celebration and embrace and recognize the blessings we all enjoy as Americans.

God Bless the USA,

—Ed Walters  
Interim Administrator

## CHURCH BUDGET RECEIPTS

|                                     |           |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 05/31/26                            | \$        | 5,777.00          |
| 06/07/26                            | \$        | 7,830.00          |
| 06/14/26                            | \$        | 9,853.00          |
| 06/21/26                            | \$        | 4,053.00          |
| 05/27—06/21/26 (online giving)      | \$        | 1,938.70          |
| <b>JUNE TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$</b> | <b>29,451.70</b>  |
| <b>I LOVE MY CHURCH June Giving</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>881.00</b>     |
| <b>I LOVE MY CHURCH Balance</b>     | <b>\$</b> | <b>124,979.48</b> |

## Child Development Center



Pastor Scotty asked me what my definition of a successful Child Development Center is. My answer: We are only successful when we reach families for Christ through these children. God has impressed on our hearts to create a whole new atmosphere here. We are spending the summer creating classrooms that glorify Him. Ice-Cream Friday's and donut fundraisers have allowed us to go room by room making them more inviting for little ones and setting up learning centers in each class. August will bring the all-new K2-K3 Little Chargers Christian Academy. This will offer a strong age-appropriate academic setting using Bible based curriculum. We will be introducing an infant curriculum and continuing ABC Jesus Loves Me with K1. Each class will include comprehensive learning for Academics, Bible, Development, music and self-care.

We are all so excited, and I could write pages, but let me end with saying that our goal is to make this ministry of our Church one where every family that enters sees Jesus and it impacts their family in a way that brings glory and honor to Him, so every child will know "they are wonderfully and fearfully made. (Psalm 139:14).

—In Christ, Deborah Eddie

## Government Street Christian School



Greetings! School year 25/26 was a great year for GSCS. The LORD always blessed us in so many ways. Our enrollment for 26/27 has already surpassed 25/26. The CHOOSE Act will be universal starting SY 27/28 and we will take advantage of the Federal Education Tax Credit in 2027 as well. Both are school choice initiatives. The CHOOSE Act is an Alabama initiative granting \$7,000 to students in K5-12th grades and the FETC initiative provides a dollar-for-dollar tax credit up to \$1700 per individual/family toward their federal tax liability. For School Year 26/27 we are working on three initiatives. Please join with us in prayer and support first, for salvation and the development of resilient disciples for Jesus Christ among our students and families. Second, the development of a Special Education Lab. Third, our comprehensive Reading initiative. If you would like to volunteer to help in these initiatives please see me, Renee Nguyen, or Kristy Townsend. This is a fantastic opportunity to model and share Christ and sow seeds and develop relationships with another generation.

—Bryan Townsend



## CAR NEEDED

The church is in search of a good, used vehicle that would be appropriate for daily use in meeting the needs of someone close to the church family. If you have an automobile in good operating condition that you might consider donating, contact Ed Walters in the church office.



## SYMPATHY TO:

The family of Mrs. Charlotte Arndt

The family of Ms. Theresa Jordan

The family of Mrs. Joann Slater

Mr. John Coleman & family in the loss of his cousin, Miss Virginia Carney

Mr. Bennie Ryan & family in the loss of his brother, Mr. Jimmy Ryan

The family of Mr. Mickey Finley

## THANK YOU:

Thank you so much for the cards, calls and prayers during the loss of my brother, James M. Ryan.

— Bennie Ryan & Family

Thank you so much for the kind note (Tuesday Adult Bible Study). It meant so much to me, and I'm doing very well.

— Marilyn Carroll

I love the beautiful quilt Rags to Blessings made and was gifted to me. I can't wait to use it. Thank you.

— Love, Susan Cannon

Thanks to everyone that pitched in to make the Senior Adult 2nd annual Independence Day picnic a success.

— Hugs, Libby & Steve Simms

## A Plea

God grant me these: the strength to do  
Some needed service here;  
The wisdom to be brave and true;  
The gift of vision clear,  
That in each task that comes to me  
Some purpose I may plainly see.

God teach me to believe that I  
Am stationed at a post,  
Although the humblest 'neath the sky,  
Where I am needed most,  
And that, at last, if I do well,  
My humble services will tell.

God grant me faith to stand on guard,  
Uncheered, unspoke, alone,  
And see behind such duty hard  
My service to the throne.  
Whate'er my task, be this my creed:  
I am on earth to fill a need.

## CELEBRATING BAPTISM

GSCS Student,  
Miss Nevaeh Smith



### Nursery

07/05 Cathy Alexander | Jean Lawrence | Alicia Lee  
07/12 Dana Pope | Deborah Eddie | Sean Erwin  
07/19 Tasha Archie | Lesley Anderson  
07/26 Susan Stringfellow | Dina Bowen | Whitney Erwin

### Church Officers

07/05 Ronnie Boulter & Ed Walters  
07/12 David Burcham & Jon Anderson  
07/19 Greg Parker  
07/26 Jay Denbow & Buddy Nabors

### Sunday Outreach by Deacons

07/05 Ralph Shine  
07/12 David Eddie  
07/19 David Burcham & James Paravicini  
07/26 Gary Raulerson & Jack Morrison

## July Events

- 2 11:30 am Sr. Adult July 4th Luncheon-Hosp.Rm.
- 3 Church Office closed
- 4 Independence Day
- 5 No Sunday School
- 7 10:00 am Rags to Blessings Sewing Meeting-Rm.207
- 9 9:00 am Sr. Adult Dominoes-Hosp.Rm.
- 14 9:30 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise-Hosp.Rm.  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch-Hosp.Rm.
- 19 10:15 am Guest Speaker, Jeff Copeland, Kingdom Bridges
- 21 10:00 am Rags to Blessings Sewing Meeting-Rm.207
- 25 9:00 am Rags to Blessings Sewing Day-Rm.207
- 28 9:30 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise-Hosp.Rm.  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch-Hosp.Rm.

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## MEET OUR STAFF

**Scotty Jernigan**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Ed Walters**  
*Interim Church Administrator*

**Arlen & Jessica Parker**  
*Children's Ministry Coordinators*

**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

5:00 PM - Ladies Bible Study-Hosp.Rm.

### Wednesday

6:00 PM - GSBC Kids-Children's Rm.  
6:00 PM - Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

### Thursday

3:30 PM - Ignite Students-Youth Rm.

## OFFICE HOURS

### Monday—Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### Friday

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

### Saturday—Sunday

Closed

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