



# North Shelby Baptist Church

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## Thinking Allowed

“Revival”

“Revival refers to a spiritual reawakening from a state of dormancy or stagnation in the life of a believer. It encompasses the resurfacing of a love for God, an appreciation of God's holiness, a passion for His Word and His church, a convicting awareness of personal and corporate sin, a spirit of humility, and a desire for repentance and growth in righteousness.” (The preceding quotation is from [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org).)

Charles Spurgeon wrote of revival— “It is clear that the term ‘revival’ can only be applied to a living soul, or to that which once lived. To be revived is a blessing which can only be enjoyed by those who have some degree of life. Those who have no spiritual life are not, and cannot be, in the strictest sense of the term, the subjects of a revival. Many blessings may come to the unconverted in consequence of a revival among Christians, but the revival itself has to do only with those who already possess spiritual life. There must be vitality in some degree before there can be a quickening of vitality, or, in other words, a revival.

“A true revival is to be looked for in the church of God. Only in the river of gracious life can the pearl of revival be found. It has been said that a revival must begin with God's people; this is very true, but it is not all the truth, for the revival itself must end as well as begin there. The results of the revival will extend to the outside world, but the revival, strictly speaking, must be within the circle of life, and must therefore essentially be enjoyed by the possessors of vital godliness and by them only. Is not this quite a different view of revival from that which is common in society; but is it not manifestly the correct one?”

One of our revival hymns is “Send a Great Revival.” The chorus says, “Send a great revival in my soul; let the Holy Spirit come and take control, and send a great revival in my soul.” Do you see the object—“in *my* soul?” North Shelby Baptist Church needs revival, spiritual reawakening from stagnation and a desire for growth in righteousness. May we pray that God would send revival! (Our revival meeting is scheduled for April 30- May 3.)

I love you,

Brother Allan

PS: After church, a kid from Children's Church asked me to help her to be saved. I talked with her and her mom and brother. She received Christ as her personal Savior on Easter Sunday!

### Joyful Gathering...

Sunday, April 16th Sunday School: 339

Sunday, April 16th Morning Worship: 682

### Joyful Giving...

2017 Weekly Budget Goal \$35,363.65

Week of April 16, 2017 Budget Receipts \$24,736.77

Year to Date Budget Goal @ 4/16/2017 (16 weeks) \$565,818.40

Year to Date Budget Receipts @ 4/16/2017 \$461,305.37

### Church Staff

Allan Murphy, Pastor

Randy Tingle, Minister of Music and Administration

Jon Jeffries, Minister of Education & Families

Alex Lovorn, Student Pastor

Daniel Birdsong, Student Worship Director

Julie Donovan, Children's Minister



### Young at Heart . . . . .

Noon, Thursday, April 20th, covered dish luncheon for Young at Heart, with entertainment by singer Larry Tidwell.

### Spring Revival . . . . .

Sunday, April 30th, through Wednesday, May 3rd, Richard Trader will be preaching our revival. Be praying and plan to bring others with you.

### National Day of Prayer. . .

Thursday, May 4th, 6:30 am—7:00 am. Prayer for America on the steps of the sanctuary. Prayer Room will be open from 7:00 am—5:00 pm.

**Our Total Giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions was \$44,890.00**

### Ushers for Sunday, April 23rd

Danny Belk, Matt Burns, Ken Carbonie, Guy Curlette, Mark Faurot, Greg Houston, James Murphy, Wayne Simmons, John Thomas, Wayne Walters, Derek Woods

### Security Team for Sunday, April 23rd

AM: Mike Hardy, Nate Hall, Wayne Walters  
PM: Steven Riggins

### Greeter for Sunday, April 23rd

Elaine Cox, Betty McCulla

## Mark your calendars!

### ⇒ Student Mission Team Evangelism Training

Saturday, April 29th, 9:30 am—Noon. Meeting in the Youth Room. Lunch provided.

### ⇒ Vacation Bible School Volunteer Faculty Meeting

Sunday, April 30th, 4:00 pm. Meet in Fellowship Hall.

### ⇒ Let's Play

Thursday, May 4th, 10:00 am. A time of fellowship for preschoolers. Meet at the church or at Let's Play.

### ⇒ Ladies Lunch Bunch

Friday, May 5th, Columbiana Tea Room. Meet at the church at 11:00 am. RSVP with Sherry Hartman or Judy Long.

### ⇒ First Friday

Friday, May 5th, 6:00 pm—9:00 pm.

### ⇒ PointMen

Saturday, May 6th, 8:00 am in the Youth Room. Men's fellowship breakfast. Join other men in a time of fellowship to learn about accountability and discipleship group opportunities.

### ⇒ Sewing Class

Saturday, May 6th, 9:00 am—5:00 pm fellowship hall. Contact Patsy Parker for more details.

### ⇒ McWane Center

Sunday, May 7th, 12:00 pm—4:30 pm. 1st—5th graders meet at the children's check-in area immediately following the service for lunch and McWane Center outing. Cost is \$20.00.

### ⇒ Retirement Celebration

Jerry and Nancy Bullock are celebrating a combined 57 years in public education, Sunday, May 7th, 2-4 pm. Fellowship Hall. Your presence is your gift service.

**Deacon on Call  
April 23-29**

**Larry Riggins**

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