



# North Shelby Baptist Church

4100 Belcher Drive Birmingham, AL 35242

Telephone: 205.995.9056

www.northshelbybaptist.org

August 10, 2017

## Thinking Allowed

“Back to School”

Around here, public schools open for the new school year this week. We have already had a back-to-school beach retreat and a back-to-school block party. This Sunday, August 13, we “promote” the kids and teens to their new grade-level Sunday School classes, as they go back to school.

I want to ask you some “back-to-school” questions:

- (1) Are you actively attending a Sunday School class? You never graduate from Sunday School! There is always more to learn, always.
- (2) Should you be teaching Sunday School? You may have volunteered in the past but were not given a class—sorry! Sometimes we have enough teachers who want to continue, so there are not always openings in the age-group or area you prefer. A “teacher” can often teach whatever age-group, with preparation. I love to teach senior adults; I love to teach children; I love to teach teens; I love to teach married adults; I love to teach single adults. Shouldn’t you be teaching? Let Brother Jon Jeffries know.
- (3) If you are not yet ready to teach, are you willing to be in a discipleship group, to be mentored in your walk with Christ? We plan to focus on personal discipleship on Sunday evenings beginning this fall (or other times, depending on your schedule). Let Jon know.
- (4) Would you like to explore what it takes to teach? This Sunday, August 13, after Morning Worship, we will offer a simple lunch for current and prospective teachers, and from 1:00 until 3:30, we will have six simultaneous gatherings to watch and discuss lessons on how to teach and reach people for Christ. We will offer excellent studies—for the cost of your time.

I was bragging a couple of weeks back about what I thought was going to be increased attendance numbers. I have been humbled! We can do much better than what we have been having on Sunday mornings! Come back to Sunday School!

I love you,

Brother Allan

### Joyful Gathering...

Sunday, August 6th Sunday School: 309  
Sunday, August 6th Morning Worship: 445

### Joyful Giving...

2017 Weekly Budget Goal \$35,363.65  
Week of August 6, 2017 Budget Receipts \$24,401.53  
Year to Date Budget Goal @ 8/6/2017 (32 weeks) \$1,131,636.80  
Year to Date Budget Receipts @ 8/6/2017 \$892,698.65

### 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 Donavan, Children’s Minister

**Sunday School Teachers Training**  
For All Age Groups  
Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>  
Immediately Following AM Service  
Fellowship Hall  
Lunch Provided  
Classes 1:00 – 3:30  
Presented by:  
The Alabama State Board of Missions

### Ladies Bound Together Book Club. . .

All Ladies are Invited! Simply Tuesday: Small-Moment Living in a Fast-Moving World by Emily P. Freeman, will be discussed Thursday, August 10, 6:30 pm, at Martha Miller’s.

### First Friday Family Fellowship. . .

Birmingham Barons Game this Friday, August 11th, 6:00 pm at Regions Field. For details, contact Jon Jeffries: jon@northshelbybaptist.org.

### Sit & Sew! . . .

Saturday, August 12th, 9:00 am—5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall. For details contact Patsy Parker.

### Sunday School Promotion Sunday. . .

On Sunday, August 13th, 9:00 am, all children and youth are promoted to the next grade level.

### Mission Project Reports. . .

Join us Sunday, August 13th, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary for Mission Project Reports and testimonies.

### Ushers for Sundays, August 13th & 20th

Danny Belk Matt Burns Ken Carbonie  
Guy Curlette Mark Fautot Greg Houston  
James Murphy Wayne Simmons John Thorne  
Wayne Walters Derek Woods

### Security Team for Sunday, August 13th

AM: Ron Gray, Rod Burchell, Steven Riggins  
PM: Steven Riggins

### Greeters for Sunday, August 13th

Jim Higdon, Greg Houston, Doris Parvin

Mark your calendars!

### ⇒ Sunday School Teachers Training!

For teachers of all age groups, Sunday, August 13th, immediately following Morning Worship, in Fellowship Hall, lunch provided. Classes from 1:00—3:30, presented by the Alabama State Board of Missions.

### ⇒ Kick-Off for Children’s Wednesday Ministry

Wednesday, August 16th, 6:30-7:30 pm, waterslide, games and pizza!

### ⇒ Quarterly Business Meeting!

Wednesday, August 16th, 6:00-7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall. All materials to be copied for the meeting must be turned into the office by Monday, August 14th.

### ⇒ Young at Heart!

Covered dish luncheon, noon, Thursday, August 17th, Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite covered dish and come fellowship with friends.

### ⇒ Women on Mission Fall Kick-Off!

Ladies, you are invited to Taste and See—the Women on Mission Fall Kick-Off, Tuesday, August 22nd, 6:00-8:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a donation for the Shelby Baptist Association Food Pantry and enjoy dinner and dessert. RSVP by calling or text to Megan Hartsfield: 205-296-5816 or e-mail: meharts10@gmail.com.

Deacon on Call  
August 13—19

Bruce Gilliland  
335-4371 (Cell)