



North Shelby Baptist Church

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Thinking Allowed

“Safe at Church?”

Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, TX, was chosen by an unstable man to vent his anger at his former wife and her family. That church was unprepared for an “active shooter.” Is our church prepared?

We have greeters on Sunday mornings at all entrances. We have a security team Sunday morning and evening, and we will begin to do something similar on Wednesday evenings. There are over 35 cameras that monitor outside doors, interior halls, our children’s area, youth area, fellowship hall and sanctuary. Vigilant eyes watch the monitors. We have professional law enforcement and security personnel in regular attendance. We are also contracting with off-duty deputies to help us, even slowing traffic of 280, on Sunday mornings.

We have a “no firearm” policy for our building only on Election Day. (People do tend to “go crazy” on Election Day!)

On weekdays, our building is secured by magnetic locks. There is a buzzer with a camera at several entrances, which allow office and ministry staff to monitor who is allowed to enter. Approved persons are “buzzed in.”

We have hosted and attended several church safety conferences in recent years. On Saturday, January 20, 2018, there will be an Active Shooter Training event at First Baptist Church, Columbiana. You may want to register.

What happened in Texas was a mental health tragedy, a social tragedy, and a spiritual tragedy. Since that church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, our North American Mission Board, on the behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention, offered to cover funeral expenses for all shooting victims in coordination with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. (Some of you asked if we should send funds. We helped provide funds through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and the Cooperative Program.)

I love you, *Brother Allan*

PS: We welcome **Joe & Shirley Spain** into the North Shelby Baptist Church membership.

PPS: Thank God for the leadership of Lynda Freeman and Pam Capps! NSBC packed 1,231 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!



“Tin Can Bowl” Update

As of November 13th, the count is Auburn 184 - Alabama 175. During the month of November, canned and packaged foods, cleaning supplies, and paper products are gratefully accepted. Items may be placed in the **blue or red** bins lining the main hallway of the church. All items received will go to stock the Daily Bread Shop—Shelby Baptist Association.

Thanksgiving Dinner with King’s Home (Youth)

Youth small groups will serve Thanksgiving dinner to the families from the King’s Home. Dinner will be in the Youth Room from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm. Please contact Alex Lovorn alex@northshelbybaptist.org if you would be willing to serve.

No Church Activities

Wednesday, November 22nd. Schools are out.

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

Ushers for Sunday, November 19th

Andrew Chamberlain, Ron Gray, Chuck Hartsfield, Hudson Hartsfield, Larry Huys, Jeremy McCormick, Tony Poe, Danny Roland, Andy Sheppard, David Youngblood

Security Team for Sunday, November 19th

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

Greeters for Sunday, November 19th

Cindy Bailey, Mary Jane Carter, Betsy Cowan, Jan Duke, Martha Gilliland, Nan Hopkins

Mark your calendars!

⇒ Deacon Banquet

The Deacons Banquet will be Friday, December 1st, 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Mark Bishop will be speaking.

⇒ Operation Christmas Child Processing Center (Atlanta)

Youth will head to Atlanta on Saturday, December 2nd to help pack and send boxes for OCC. Will be leaving the church at 1:00 pm returning around midnight, serving 7 pm—10 pm (Eastern Time). Students will need money for dinner. There are only 15 spots available please let Alex know ASAP if you would like to attend.

alex@northshelbybaptist.org

⇒ S.N.O.W. Kids

Saturday, December 2nd, 5:00 pm—8:00 pm the bedbabies—5th grade will have their S.N.O.W. Kids event. Please RSVP by November 29th.

⇒ Children’s Choir Christmas Program

Sunday, December 3rd at 6 pm will be our Children’s Choir Christmas program.

⇒ Family Showcase

Sunday, December 3rd, immediately following the Children’s Choir will be our annual Family Showcase. Deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, November 29th.

⇒ Christmas Goodies Fellowship

Our annual Christmas Goodies Fellowship will be Sunday, December 3rd at 7 pm. Please bring your favorite Christmas goodie to share!

⇒ Operation Christmas Child Processing Center (Atlanta)

Everyone is invited to Atlanta Monday, December 4th. Lynda Freeman will lead a group to help pack and send boxes for OCC. Please contact Lynda Freeman for more details.

Joyful Gathering...

Sunday, November 12th Sunday School: 385

Sunday, November 12th Morning Worship: 352

Joyful Giving...

2017 Weekly Budget Goal

\$32,159.06

Week of 11/12/17 Actual Budget Receipts

\$13,145.10

Year to Date Budget Goal @ 11/12/17(46 weeks)

\$1,479,316.76

Year to Date Actual Budget Receipts @ 11/12/17

\$1,274,785.54

Text NSBC to 73256 to give using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply.

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

Deacon on Call

November 19th-25th

John Thorne

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