

North Shelby Baptist Church

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Thinking Allowed

"Christmas Music"

Christmas music at church is well underway. The Deacon Christmas Banquet of December 1 featured gospel music artist Mark Bishop, singing traditional carols and several of his own compositions. The past Sunday evening, December 3, brought us the sweet sounds of our Preschool Choir and Children's Choir singing Christmas music. The annual Family Christmas Music Showcase, also last Sunday evening, featured several of our church members playing and singing for Christ.

This Sunday, December 10, at 6:00 pm, we worship under the leadership of the Church Choir, Student Ensemble, Children's Choir and orchestra, and The following Sunday evening, December 17, our own Jerry Bullock and Georgia Murdock will be joined by Cheryl Ramsey and Melody Dean for a Four-Piano Concert. The stage is literally set with four grand pianos and our large electronic piano/organ. (The Church Choir will join the piano(s) on December 17.)

Sunday at church, December 24, begins with Sunday School, then Morning Worship, and ends with a 45-minute, 5:00-5:45, "Candles, Carols, & Communion." This annual event is a favorite for families. Casual dress before your family's Christmas Eve dinner helps us all focus on the "reason for the season"—the Christ of Christmas.

I love you,

Brother Allan

PS: Welcome **Jim & Tara Schultz** into the North Shelby Baptist Church family, along with daughter **Anna Kate**. I begin a six-sermon series this Sunday morning, based on a book by Thom Rainer, *I Am a Church Member*. A copy is available for you. Sundays, December 10 and 17 and then January 7, 14, 21, and 28, will complete the series and end my preaching as your pastor.

Joyful Gathering...

Sunday, November 26th Sunday School: 337
Sunday, November 26th Morning Worship: 374

Joyful Giving...

2017 Weekly Budget Goal

\$32,159.06

Week of 12/03/17 Actual Budget Receipts

\$21,289.45

Year to Date Budget Goal @ 12/03/17(49 weeks)

\$1,575,793.94

Year to Date Actual Budget Receipts @ 12/03/17

\$1,385,170.26

Lottie Moon to Date- \$1,390.00

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

Julie Donovan, Children's Minister



TIN CAN BOWL COUNT

Final count—Auburn 2,595 — Alabama 708. North Shelby Baptist church has donated a total of 3,303 canned and packaged foods, cleaning supplies, and paper products to stock the Daily Bread Shop at the Shelby Baptist Association. Thank you for your generosity.

LADIES BOUND TOGETHER BOOK CLUB

Thursday, December 14th the ladies will discuss *Christmas in Fountain City* by Daphne Simpson at Martha's home in Meadow Brook!

TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, December 17th, we will honor the memory of loved ones by placing ornaments on the Church Christmas Tree. If you would like to participate please contact the church office with the name of your loved one, date of death, and your relation to the loved one.

Ushers for Sunday, December 10th

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

Security Team for Sunday, December 10th

AM: David Youngblood, Ken Carbonie, Andrew Chamberlain
PM: Wayne Simmons

Greeters for Sunday, December 10th

Jim Higdon, Greg Houston, Doris Parvin, Carol Lewis, Laura Short

Mark your calendars!

⇒ **Ladies Lunch Bunch**
Friday, December 8th, ladies will travel to the Classic on Noble in Anniston. Ladies will meet at the church at 10:00 am. Please contact Sherry Hartman (205)78-9427 or Sandra Jones (205) 482-1958

⇒ **Youth Winter Retreat**
Youth Winter Retreat will be at Wafloy Mountain Village again in Gatlinburg, TN on December 16-19.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Dec 10th 6:00 PM
Multi-Generational
Christmas Musical

Dec 17th 10:15AM
Tree of Remembrance

Dec 17th 6:00 PM
4 Pianos Concert
and
Church Choir Christmas Music

Dec 20th 6:30PM
Prayer Meeting Only

Dec 24th 5:00 PM
Candles, Carols, Communion

Dec 27th 6:30 PM
Prayer Meeting Only

The Church Office will be Closed

Friday, December 22nd and
Monday, December 25th

Deacon on Call
December 10th—16th

Bob Battles
531-1844

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