



North Shelby Baptist Church

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Thinking Allowed

“God’s Surprises”

When I came to North Shelby Baptist Church, it was 16 months old and had a good foothold. Since 50% of new churches do not survive, it seemed that NSBC would be in the successful half. After my nearly 23 years with you, by the grace of God, the church is healthy and thriving.

I had a dream 23 years ago, and it has not faded, that NSBC could and would “do church right.” We have been prayerful. We have been evangelistic and mission-minded. We have been biblical. We have been good stewards. We have loved and served one another, not perfectly but with perfectly good intentions.

As I look to retire from NSBC on January 31, God is surprising me. Though we had been way behind in giving toward the 2017 Ministry Budget, by the end of the year God’s people gave more than enough to meet and exceed the Budget. We have well exceeded the Lottie Moon Goal and will receive donations until month’s end. (Note “the count and amount” report on this page.)

I baptized eight on December 24 and 27 and have two more to baptize, perhaps before I retire. Surprisingly, we are adding new members every week, if not on Sunday, then on Wednesday—all ages. There is even another baby I have been asked to dedicate before I leave. I will have to be brief in my preaching! I heard that “Amen.”

Another surprise is the spiritual maturity I find among our church members, their care and concern and their willingness to volunteer time and effort to help the church do what is right. I am so proud of NSBC.

Another surprise is that my friend, Dr. Gary Fenton, retired Pastor of Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, has agreed to be Interim Pastor. You will have opportunity to hear him preach on February 4th and 11th, and will be voted on the 18th.

I love you,

Brother Allan

PS: Welcome **Joyce Crabtree, Mackenzie Hain, Madelynn Hain, Malachi Hain, Scott & Denni Clark, and Josh & Lindsey Wideman** into the North Shelby Baptist Church family.

Joyful Gathering...

Sunday, January 7th Sunday School: 356
Sunday, January 7th Morning Worship: 351

Joyful Giving...

2018 Weekly Budget Goal \$31,557.52
Week of 01/07/18 Actual Budget Receipts \$20,370.35
Year to Date Budget Goal @ 01/07/18 (1 week) \$31,557.52
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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 & Administration
Jon Jeffries, Minister of Education & Families
Alex Lovorn, Student Pastor
Daniel Birdsong, Student Worship Director
Julie Donovan, Children’s Minister



Young at Heart
Covered Dish Luncheon
Thursday, January 18th

Noon
Fellowship Hall

Jubilee Readers Theater
from Auburn United
Methodist Church

will perform
The Moving of Lilla Barton

Ladies Bound Together Book Club. . .

Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 pm, the ladies will discuss The Paradigm by Jonathan Cahn, at Martha Miller’s home in Meadow Brook!

Students Cook for Parents. . .

Friday, January 12th, the students will cook for their parents. Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Parents, please RSVP with Alex. (alex@northshelbybaptist.org).

Young at Heart Covered Dish Luncheon. . .

Thursday, January 18th, Young at Heart will meet at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite covered dish or dessert and fellowship with friends. Entertainment by Jubilee Readers Theater from Auburn United Methodist Church.

“Shine” Tablesapes. . .

Saturday, January 20th at 5:30 pm, will be our annual Tablesapes ladies event in the Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker will be Caroline Jones. Free Event – Bring a salad to share and light bulbs to donate to local ministries. **Seating is limited, so sign up by Sunday, January 14th**, at the Welcome Center, or call Vicki Tingle at 967-0119.

Ushers for Sunday, January 14th

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

Security Team for Sunday, January 14th

AM: Larry Huys, Jeremy McCormick, Larry Riggins
PM: Jeff Hester

Greeters for Sunday, January 14th

Jim Higdon, Greg Houston, Doris Parvin
Kelcei Chamberlain, Laura McCormick

Mark your calendars!

⇒ Brother Allan’s Retirement Reception

Sunday, January 21st at 4:00 pm, will be Brother Allan’s retirement reception in the Fellowship Hall.

⇒ Gospel Choir Concert

Sunday, January 21st at 6 pm, the North Shelby choir will sing gospel favorites for the evening worship.

⇒ Ladies Lunch Bunch

On Friday, February 2nd, Ladies will gather and eat at Firebirds. If you would like to ride together, meet at the church at 11:00 am otherwise meet at 11:30 am at Firebirds. RSVP with either Sherry Hartman (205) 678-9427 or Sandra Jones (205) 482-1958.

⇒ Ladies Bound Together Book Club

Thursday, February 8th at 6:30pm the Ladies Bound Together Book Club will meet at Martha Miller’s home.

⇒ Randy Tingle’s Retirement Brunch

Sunday, February 11th, 8:45 am to 10:00 am, will be Randy Tingle’s retirement reception in the Fellowship Hall.

No Sunday School this day.

2017

2017 Budget Goal - \$1,672,271

2017 Budget Giving - \$1,821,901

Lottie Moon Offering Goal

\$57,000.00

Lottie Moon Giving to Date

\$69,835.84

Deacon on Call

January 14th—20th

Andrew Chamberlain

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