

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD YOU ARE HOLY

"We can rewrite the Bible." THE Holy Bible. REALLY?!

There was a piece on FOX News Sunday June 18 where it was reported by one gentleman that it is possible, indeed perhaps likely, that in years to come the Bible will be rewritten by A.I. (artificial intelligence, or technology). He also asserted that it would be a "correct" bible. What does that mean? Food for thought.

It is incomprehensible to me that man would even presume to write a program for a machine that could possibly get close to all the unique nuances of the human heart, soul or mind that God created. Only God knows and understands those mysteries.

Our Bible is inspired by God and written under the power of the Holy Spirit into the hearts and minds, then hands of those writers He called. God's Word is His Holy Word; His alone. Has been for 2,000+ years and still is. Our generation and all those before us have relied on God's Holy Word in every aspect of life.

I am not qualified, nor do I endeavor here to argue scientific advances that have been made over the years dealing with the mysteries of human minds and bodies; but we do know this -- GOD WILL NOT BE MOCKED. The Bible says in Galatians 6:7-10 (KJV): Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

So what does all this mean to you and me? It means we are only human. We cannot be perfect. That is exactly why God sent His Son to the cross to redeem us, to forgive us of our sins. We will live in a sinful world and be sinners ourselves, sorely tempted, and praise God, forgiven! We must choose to be set apart for God! God is our Most Holy God; he wants us to be holy (set apart) for Him! His Word says in Psalms 1:1-3 (KJV): Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season ...

"The world is changing so fast. Each day's science pushes back the frontiers of our knowledge – out there the Heavens and in here the mysteries of our minds. It's easy to wonder where is God. Even when we can't perceive him, never doubt that he is there. He is there constantly, in each act of love, kindness, forgiveness. And it is only with God's love that we will make this modern age a world not of horrors but of wonders." (Author unknown.)

Bob



JULY 2023

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA
July 4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FBCT
July 14

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to all our SAMers born during
Summer months.

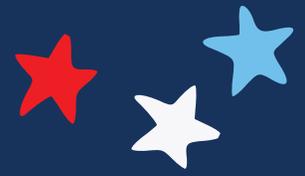
**There are some of us who were
born on the 4th of July!**
(If we missed someone, let us know!)

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THE BIBLE POINTS TO JESUS



EDITOR'S NOTE: Adding to Bob's letter, we'd like to share with all of you a devotion that Ron Booker passed along to his Small Group class in June. The devotion was written by Pastor Rick Warren, <https://pastorric.com/the-whole-bible-points-to-jesus/>

Only God could have put the Bible together. The Bible contains 66 books written over 1,600 years by 40 authors—and it has one theme.

Having a single, unified theme is one of the reasons you can know that the Bible is God's Word. From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is all about God redeeming humanity. Jesus is its star.

The fact that the Bible has only one theme is nothing short of a miracle. It would be one thing if the Bible had been written by just one person. The Koran was written by one person, Mohammed. The Analects of Confucius were written by Confucius. The writings of Buddha were written by Buddha. Because they were written by one person, you'd expect them to be uniform.

The Bible, on the other hand, was written by 40 different people—of different ages and stages of life—on three continents. And they all wrote the same story: Jesus' story. Prophets and poets, fishermen and kings, shepherds and scribes all had the same story. Some wrote in homes, others in prisons, and others on ships. You couldn't have put together a more diverse group of authors.

Yet the story is the same.

Imagine I gave 50 people each a piece of paper, and I told them to tear their pieces of paper into different shapes—but I never said how I was going to use them. What's the likelihood I'd be able to take those pieces of paper and make a map of the United States out of them? Those odds would be astronomically low. If I did that, most people would think it was a trick.

That's the miracle of how the Bible was put together.

We tend to think that the New Testament is about Jesus and the Old Testament is about Israel. But that's not true. The Bible says in Luke 24:27, "Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself" (NIV). When Jesus explained what the Scriptures said about him, those Scriptures were from the Old Testament. The New Testament wasn't even written yet!

The Bible's pictures, metaphors, analogies, and prophecies—from beginning to end—are about God's plan to redeem people and build a family for eternity. It all began with Jesus. You can see him in every book.

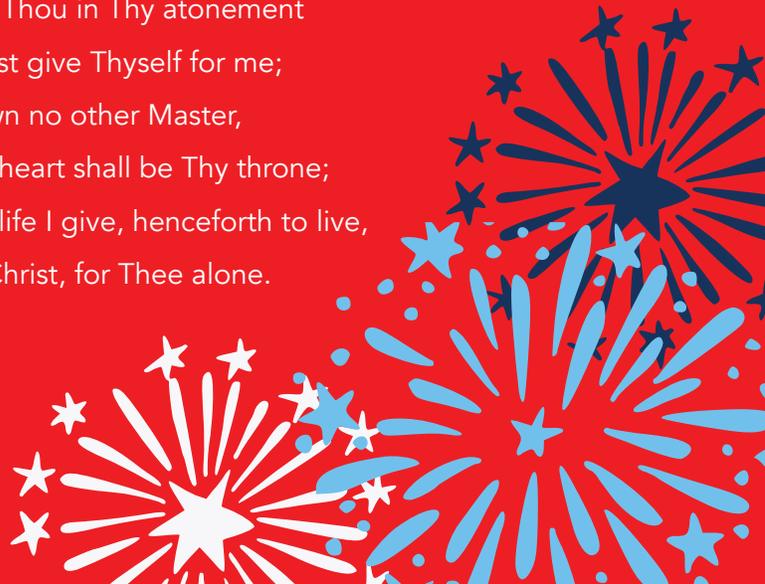
LIVING FOR JESUS

Hymn written in 1917 by Thomas O. Chisholm

Living for Jesus a life that is true,
Striving to please Him in all that I do.
Yielding allegiance, gladhearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me.



Oh Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
For Thou in Thy atonement
Didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master,
My heart shall be Thy throne;
My life I give, henceforth to live,
O Christ, for Thee alone.



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING



FIRST MONDAY PRAYER FOCUS

Monday, July 3 • 10:00 AM • Chapel

Meet in the Chapel or stop wherever you are and join us in prayer.

Email prayer requests to

Sam.prayer@fbctrussville.org



FIRST THURSDAY: MEN PRAYING

for their ONE

**First Thursday of every month
6:30 am • Worship Center**

FIRST THURSDAY: LADIES PRAYING

for their ONE

**First Thursday of every month
12:30pm • Room D147**

Share the first name of your "ONE" and any information you wish by email:

pray41@fbctrussville.org



JOYFUL HEARTS REHEARSALS

FIRST & THIRD Thursdays OF EVERY MONTH

10:30 AM • Fellowship Hall

SAM VOCAL BAND REHEARSALS

(Men's Southern Gospel Group)

Wednesdays • 4:55PM • Room D144



ALL AMERICAN PET PHOTO DAY!

Tuesday, July 11

Now is your chance...

Include your name and your pet's name.

Submit by mid-August to be published in August or September SAM newsletter.

Here's our first little cutie, submitted by Nina Orr, Master Topper Orr at the Cruise-In.

Submit your pet photos to Judy Bryant at jb5348@bellsouth.net

OASIS CONCERT

Featuring Allison Speer & Dennis Swanberg

Thursday, July 13 • Worship Center

Doors open @ 12:30PM • Concert @ 1:30PM

General admission tickets \$25

See www.fbctrussville.org SAM ministry page for details

EDIBLE EDUCATION

Thursday, July 13 • 11:30AM

Speaker: Keaona Adkinson, Director of Grandview Cancer Center

Keaona will be discussing the importance of LDCT, Lowdose CT screenings for early detection of lung cancer and Lung Cancer Prevention • \$6

Register [HERE](#)

SAM MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Thursday, July 27 • 9:30AM – 2:00PM

Building C Basement • Middle School Space

GAME DAY

(join us for all kinds of card games, Dominoes & more)

SAM SUNDAY STROLL

Sunday, July 30 • 3:00PM

PICNIC @ SEARCY FARM

\$10 per person

Tickets go on sale June 25; available at the Event Desk or online.

NOTE: Some of you may have a \$10 credit from the last cancelled picnic. Please ask before you pay!



Sir Bentley Aaron (left), Master Topper Orr (upper right) and Honey Roberts (bottom right)

WELCOME HOME, GARY AND GWEN HOLLINGSWORTH



For those of you who do not know Gary and Gwen, let us introduce you. Gary was our FBCT Senior Pastor from 1996-2005, and now in retirement, they return to Trussville.

Gary was born in Anniston, AL and Gwen was born in Fayetteville, NC. Gwen's father was in the military at Fort Bragg. Gwen has a degree in Early Childhood Education from Jacksonville State and taught school for nearly 15 years in the early days of their marriage. Gary has a BS from Alabama, a Masters of Divinity from Southwestern Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from Southern Seminary.

"It was my joy and honor to serve as Senior Pastor at FBCT," Bro. Gary says. "I left in 2005 to become the Senior Director of Cultural Evangelism at the North American Mission Board. I then became Senior Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas from 2007-2016. I was then called as the Executive Director, Treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Convention where I retired in April of this year." Gary is now serving part time as his retirement ministry as an Ambassador for Mission Dignity, a ministry of Guidestone. This ministry helps provide financial assistance to pastors who were not able to prepare adequately for their retirement years. There are currently 2,800 recipients receiving assistance and they are living at or below the poverty level.

Gary and Gwen's retirement bucket list is "pretty simple" --- spend more time with family; travel (they are



currently planning a trip to Greece for a Steps of Paul land and cruise excursion). (Bro. Gary said they "have some spots open for anyone interested in joining us!"); and reconnecting at FBCT, which is also a big part of their plans even though the Guidestone ministry will take Gary to churches for speaking opportunities along the way.

Of course, their hobbies will get some of their retirement time. They both love yard work and walking, in addition to travel and spending time with family. Bro. Gary loves golf and reading (especially historic biographies); and Gwen loves flowers and doing special projects around the house, but mainly spending time with their two granddaughters who live in Hoover!

Now the big question one must ask someone who is returning to our State: Auburn or Alabama??? "There is no fence riding with the Hollingsworth's. We are Roll Tide Roll all the way!!"

WE NEED TO KNOW THIS

Governor Ivey signed into law on June 15 that makes it against the law to hold a cell phone in your hand while driving in Alabama. At this time, law enforcement will not pull you over for the violation, but if you are involved in an accident you can be charged with the violation if you were holding the phone (in actual conversation or not). At this time it is still legal to use bluetooth to talk on the phone while driving. **BOTTOM LINE: Avoid distractions while driving.**

National Voter Registration Day is September 19th, 2023. We have November 2023 elections coming up, as well as Primary elections, and then Presidential elections next year. BE VOTE READY! Find out how to register to vote; how to update or change your voter registration (have you moved, changed your name, etc. since the last time you voted); voting districts may change soon so confirm your voter registration status before elections begin; and check voter registration deadlines, including deadlines for absentee voting.

Go to usa.gov or the Alabama Secretary of State's Office at sos.alabama.gov.



• HOW TO BE •

SAMSATIONAL!

with KEN LASS

It's late morning on a Tuesday in Trussville. Sharon and I are sitting at a table next to the children's play area at McDonald's. We have brought two of our grandkids here to romp around. About every ten minutes they take a break from the play equipment to stop by the table and consume one or two McNuggets, then it's back to the action. Could be a long lunch.

Suddenly, my attention is drawn to the large window that looks out onto Chalkville Road. A long, white charter bus is passing by, heading for the I-59 ramp. Then, another identical bus follows. Then another. And another. Holy smokes! I start to count them as they go by. Six, seven, eight.....they just keep coming. Twelve in all. What's going on? Are we being invaded by the army? Has there been some sort of mass evacuation order that we missed?

The caravan caught the attention of everyone in the restaurant. I hear a man's voice behind me saying "Looks like the First Baptist kids are heading to camp." Ahhh, that's it. I remember now. Over six hundred kids, plus a small army of chaperones, were to leave today for camp in Tennessee. A week of fun and lots of spiritual training. It is one of the most important things our church does each year.

I am thankful that ours is a congregation that values the souls of our youth. I can't imagine what it must be like to be a teenager today. So many voices coming at you, espousing so many different points of view. Their world is very different from the one in which we grew up. It was easier for our parents to control our influences. There was no internet, no mobile phones. Shoot, we didn't even really know what a computer was. Today's kids have the whole world, good and bad, at their fingertips. What path will they choose? Whom will they select as their role models?

They need to see Christian leaders. They need to be told the difference between what culture says is acceptable, and what God says is acceptable. They need spiritual mentors. They need us!

What??? Yes, you heard right. Us! Crusty, old, out-of-touch us!

Granted, easier said than done. Personally, I don't have a clue how to start a conversation with one of today's teenagers. Seems like we would have absolutely nothing in common. But I'm willing to bet there is one thing that hasn't changed throughout the generations. When I was that age, the most important thing in the world to me was to fit in. To feel loved and accepted as part of something bigger than myself. No doubt that is still the case. If the body of Christ doesn't reach out and love and accept these kids, somebody else will. And that will be the direction they follow.

And if nobody reaches out to them? Let me share a scary statistic from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. According to a recent survey, twenty-two percent of all teenagers said they had thought seriously about suicide in the past year. That's more than one out of five. Eighteen percent made a suicide plan. Ten percent actually attempted to take their lives. It is the second leading cause of death for people between the ages of fourteen and eighteen.

My attention goes back to the play area, where I watch my two grandsons, aged six and five, frolicking on the slides and monkey bars, laughing and smiling, without a care in the world. What will become of them in this crazy, diverse culture? When they get to the point of having to make a moral decision, will they have had enough Christian influence in their lives to make a difference?

Maybe, instead of just shaking our heads in disapproval at the way today's teenagers wear their hair, or the way they dress, or the music they listen to, or their obsession with texting, or their awkwardness around adults, maybe we should try understanding them, try remembering how we struggled to find our identities at that age. Maybe we could even look for ways to assist our church leadership in ministering to our youth.

Helping to lead a young person to Jesus Christ. Now that's what I would call SAMSational!

Start children off in the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.....
Proverbs 22:6

THE 'WAY'

By Jim Hickman



Since the summer vacation time has commenced, First Baptist Church, Trussville, has been sending people literally all over the world in 'Outreach' of the message of Jesus Christ - Salvation. Not least among those going out are our very own SAM group. SAM has traveled many 'WAYS', and has more to go.

Several years ago, I was riding with some Spanish Foresters in the mountains high above Gibraltar in Spain. We stopped on the gravel road, and I stepped out of the vehicle onto a stone pavement. It looked ancient, had a stone gutter, and there were faint grooves worn in the surface. I was informed this was a Roman 'Way' built by the Spanish Legion of the Roman Army, some 2000 years before, about the time Christ walked this earth. I've thought of that 'Way' many times, and am reminded of the 'Roman Road' we use to outline the plan of Salvation.

In Trussville we live in proximity to US HighWAYS 11 and 31. Both of these 'WAYS' are among the oldest in the US. Now let's look at the most important 'WAY' in our lives. In Jn. 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the 'WAY' the Truth and the Life." No one comes to the Father except through Me. In 2 Sam. 22 it tells us "GOD-His 'WAY' is perfect." In Acts 9:2 it tells of Saul, before his conversion, persecuting any he could find who belonged to the 'WAY'. Then we know Jesus told us in Matt 7:13, "- - - the gate is wide and the road (way) is broad that leads to destruction - - -. How narrow is the gate and difficult the road (WAY) that leads to Life - - -". So let's keep these thoughts in mind as we continue to 'Travel The WAY' through this summer ahead.

CALLS TO PRAYER

Please plan to join us. PLEASE PRAY.

There is still room for you... join us as we travel to Louisa, KY on July 15-20. We will be offering VBS to children at FBC Louisa in the morning and walking in the community in the afternoons to share the Gospel.



For full schedule and more details, please see SAM ministry page at www.fbctrussville.org. If you cannot make the trip, there will be opportunities to be of assistance with resources (\$\$ and tangible items needed).

Thailand Mission Trip

June 19-July 1 • Mae Sariang, Thailand

A team of 27 from our FBCT family made the 22 hour flight (plus connections and layovers!) to Thailand where they worked at an English camp at a school there. The group also travelled to the Burma/Thailand border to minister to refugees. Please pray for this group as they serve and travel home. Also pray for those they have shared the Gospel with!

Prayer Journey & Upcoming Prayer Service

From Denny Rogers.

My next Prayer Journey takes me back into Mississippi for a second prayer journey there, July 23-27. Thank you to all Prayer Warriors who faithfully pray for my safety as I travel and who agree with me in Prayer. NOTE: If you would like to keep up with Bro. Denny's Journeys text your home address to 205-258-6096 (be sure to include your first/last name).

Please also continue to pray for the "If My People Will Pray" metro Birmingham worship and prayer service to be held at the Wright Center at Samford University in October. Also, please join me in praying in our community. My challenge to you is to immediately begin praying over your local community, listening to, and agreeing with, scriptural prayers on a specially prepared CD or Flash Drive in your car as you drive. These CD's and Flash Drives are available at our church's Event Center and are free. This call to prayer, if you choose to accept it, will greatly multiply our prayers for this October 1st event.

VBS

Thanks to all you Seasoned Adults who fed our workers every morning; the close to 60 of you who came to pray in the balcony over (literally) our children on Wednesday morning during their worship service, and then returned on Thursday morning to address cards to all the children who attended, thanking them for coming and letting them know they are loved. **Matt Galloway**

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

Thank you Seasoned Adults for your support in so many ways, most especially your prayers, as 735+ students and counselors travelled to Camp Ocoee in June. And, yes, that was our group you saw on the roads in a procession of 13 white charter buses! There were many decisions made for Christ at Camp; we baptized 42 in our morning services on June 18. I hope you saw the recap of our trip in the video "Jesus my future is found in you" shown in our June 18 Sunday morning services. **Spencer Jones**

MEN ON MISSION

By Craig Copham

Our Men on Mission team set out for FAITH Glen Burnie church in Maryland, advance team on June 7 with main party following on June 10. Even a blow out on the way did not deter our team from the job! The renovation project that they partnered with for a total of about 70+ men and boys alike, put an 8,000 square foot 50-year-old building in brand new shape. It is a two-story building that will house the children and youth departments when finished. It is constructed in such a way that the spaces will be flexible for use by both groups when separate.



All of the work was on the interior (drywall; electrical; plumbing; and the like). Our teams worked hard! We cannot forget to thank our "world's best kitchen crew" who kept us fed! Our circles of prayer and devotions each day provided just the Spirit we needed.

"The most unique aspect of what Men On Mission does is not constructing a building, although it is significant. Instead, the beauty is in providing men of all ages the opportunity to see God at work." Bob Smith
We appreciate Ron Burkett so much for taking daily pictures on the trip which can be accessed through Ron Burkett Photography or FBC Trussville's web site. www.fbctrussville.org or <http://ronburkett.zenfolio.com> Galleries – Events – FBC Trussville Men On Mission – 2023.

Our entire church family is invited to join the Men On Mission team for a covered dish Fellowship Dinner & Slide Presentation on Tuesday, July 18 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar and make every effort to attend! Bring your favorite dish. Beverages will be furnished.



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FBCT FOURTH ANNUAL CRUISE-IN GIVES HIGH PRAISE!

Whether you are a car fanatic, car buff, or a car-nnoisseur, this car show is the best! We give God all the Glory!

"For us, this event is not all about the cars, the music, the prizes, the food; it's about Jesus and sharing the Gospel in our community through the fun and fellowship we share." Bill Bowser

By Denise Dockery.

On Saturday, June 3rd at 7:30 AM our wonderful group of volunteers stood ready to greet every driver with a First Baptist Church Welcome. We had over 210 cars, of all makes and models plus one boat! Each driver was anxious to find their spot to park, pull out their chairs and tents as they sat and had great music for entertainment, and just to catch up with their old car friends. We had a great response from the community of people coming to see.

My judging experience was my first, but with all the years of attending car shows with Leland I do have an appreciation for "classic cars" plus I felt this was for him as well. Jimmy Cranford, Bill Bowser, Andy Vann and myself judged the vehicles, along with the Mayor's Choice by Buddy Choat, and our Fan Favorites votes. It was great fun to walk the parking lot with these guys; while I was able to look at the beautiful work, they were looking under the hoods, doing the car talk. But we all knew when we saw a winner.

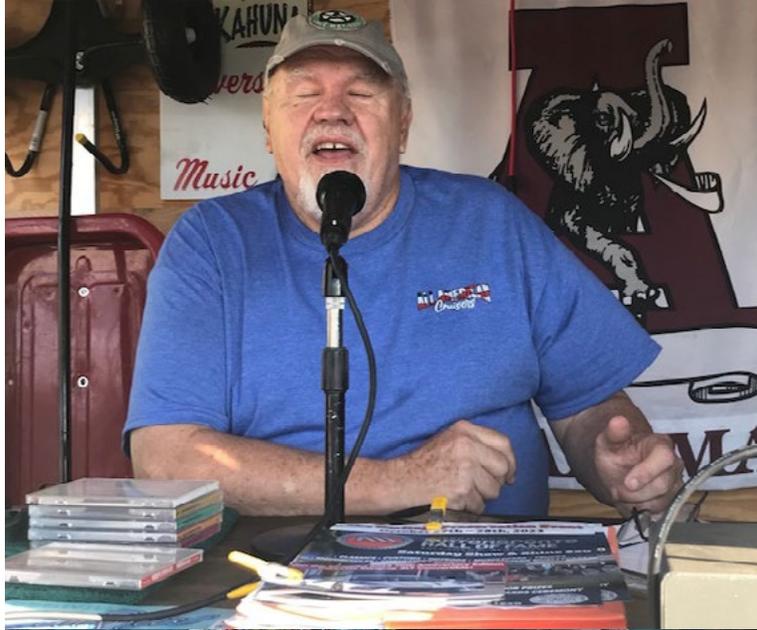
The Mayor's Choice award went to a Trussville resident, Hugh Bryant with a 1951 Fleetline Deluxe Black Chevy Coupe. The owner's father bought it brand new at Edwards Chevrolet when Hugh was 15 yrs. old. It was the car he learned to drive with. Hugh restored it 5 years ago.

The Best of Show went to Richard Evans with a 1956 Ford Thunderbird convertible. Richard had just finished restoration work on his car the week of the show, and it was his first car show to enter! It was a great joy to see his reaction to winning!

ALL THE WINNERS:

- Best of Show: Richard Evans, 1956 Ford Thunderbird
- Most Creative Design: Thorn McGuire, 1934 Model A Ford
- Best Work in Progress: Zach Sheffield, 1966 Chevy Nova
- Best Military Vehicle: Brent Goodwin, 1953 Jeep
- Mayor's Award: Hugh Bryant, 1951 Fleetline Deluxe
- Pre-War (pre45) Winner: Jerry Moore, 1934 Ford 5 Window coupe
- Pre-War (pre45) Runner Up: Joseph Millwood, 1923 Model T Ford
- 1945-1958 Winner: Joe Ziegler, 1950 Buick Roadmaster
- 1945-1958 Runner Up: David Dobbs, 1958 Willis Wagon
- 1960-1979 Winner: John Krauser, 1962 Studebaker
- 1960-1979 Runner Up: Fred Frost, 1965 Mercury Cyclone
- 1980 & Newer Winner: Joey Liverett, 2012 Audi R8
- 1980 & Newer Runner Up: Alex Nations, 2010 Nissan
- Fan Favorite Winner: James Miller, 1967 Ford Mustang
- Fan Favorite Runner Up: Elijah Hall, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro





FUTURE CAR-NOISSUERS!



All of these cars have a story of restoration, taking something that was broken and putting new life into it. Just as our Pastor Buddy Champion brought out in his message that day, that is what God does in our lives when we allow Him into our hearts and lives.

Yes, it's the beauty of the cars that draw people, but we truly desired as we prayed before and through this entire Cruise-In that God would receive the glory; also praying that seeds were sown into the hearts of every person who received the love of Jesus and even all the free bottles of water!! It was a great day.

See you at the next Cruise-In, June 2024.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!



GO GRANNY, GO GRANNY, GO GRANNY, GO!

By Judy Bryant.

Lloyd Wint isn't the "little ole lady from Pasadena." Yvonne Wint is! If you happened to be at the Talladega Raceway in May you may have witnessed a stunning one-year-old Corvette making its way around the track at 147 MPH! Driving the car was Lloyd Wint and riding shotgun was Yvonne, having the time of their lives! Yvonne told me it was like being on a roller coaster! Bucket list, check



Yvonne and Lloyd dated for a few years before getting married and during that time he had a Corvette. Thus, Yvonne's love (for both Lloyd and the Corvette). Last year, they were able to go to the National Corvette Museum in Kentucky and do a VIP delivery of their new Vette. It was sitting in the showroom when they arrived, hot off the assembly line.

During this process they worked with Gary Nelson at Hendricks Chevrolet in Hoover. Gary was and is heavily involved with a charity called Vettes for Vets that raises money to aid our Veterans. One of their events is held every Memorial Day weekend at Talladega racetrack. For a few dollars you can run 5 laps in your Corvette around the 2.6 mile 33 degree bank track. That sounded exciting so they decided to go for it. "It was a thrill to drive where great legends of NASCAR ran their cars." But Lloyd told me they didn't get near the pro speeds. People have asked them if it was dangerous? He says no, it was not, because this car was designed to run fast! Lloyd said their top speed was 147 MPH and that they could have gone a bit faster but for the cars in front of them causing them to slow! Friends have asked them if they would do it again and to that Lloyd says not until next year!

CONGRATULATIONS!



The Trussville Beautification Awards were announced in the Trussville Tribune on June 17. First Place for "Best Home Landscaping Design" went to Jim Meads; and second place went to Jan Monski (second year in a row). The first place winners for "Best Use of Color" went to Billy and Jayne Morrison and second place went to Charles Varner. Other categories and winners were listed in the Tribune as well.

After June Mathews retired as Director of the Trussville Chamber in June, she landed an opportunity to write for the Over The Mountain Journal. She wrote a wonderful article on the Cahaba River and those lovely Cahaba lilies. Now on her bucket list is a canoe trip on the river to closely examine the lilies!



SAM SERVES

By Jack Sittre

CLCC

Small Group classes have been serving dinner meals at the CLCC. If your small group class would be willing to serve a dinner meal at the CLCC on the last Thursday of any month, July forward, please call the SAM office, me or Jamie Chappell in Missions office.

TCS Work Days

Join us to help with our annual Trussville school clean-up projects in July and August. The work at Magnolia will be pressure washing; the other three serve days will be all inside work. REGISTER AT www.fbctrussville.org

JULY

24 • Magnolia Elementary Serve Day
8:00am-2:00pm • register (On Helper-Helper)

29 • Grantswood Elementary Serve Day
8:00am-2:00pm • register (On Helper-Helper)

AUGUST

1 • Cahaba Elementary Serve Day
8:00am-2:00pm • register (On Helper-Helper)

5 • Paine Elementary Serve Day
8:00am-2:00pm • register (On Helper-Helper)



FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART, SUMMER SERIES

By Linda Springfield



It was such a beautiful summer day! The sunshine was out, and I just wanted to walk through our little neighborhood breathing the fresh air and talking to God. As I was walking, I came across a low place in the sidewalk. Not noticing it, I found myself tripping and sailing through the air landing briefly on that sidewalk and into the neighbor's yard! Slightly embarrassed, I sat there for just a moment wondering how I would get up gracefully. So, as I tried to get up without being noticed or even more embarrassed, I heard a voice saying, "Wait a minute!" I looked up to see a very kind young man who asked if I was, OK? He reached out to me with his hand, lifting me up gently.

I quickly thanked him and told him that I was preparing to go on a trip soon and wanted to get in shape, but guessed I was not ready yet. I will always remember the words he said as he responded, "Well, watch where you're going Mama!"

These words of wisdom reminded me that we should always slow down and take time to ask for God's protection. And especially to watch where we are going as God watches over us.

If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his right hand. Psalms 37:23 -24

COMING UP!

For these and so much more, check out our SAM Ministry website at www.fbctrussville.org

COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY CONCERT

Friday, September 8 • FBCT Worship Center

Doors open 6:00PM • Concert 7:00PM

Tickets may be purchased through <https://thecollingsworthfamily.com/on-tour>

SAM MEN'S GOLF RETREAT

September 24-26 • RTJ Cambrian Ridge

First pay • First play (Limited to 24 Seasoned Adult Golfers)

Online REGISTRATION IS OPEN at www.fbctrussville.org/Events



REGISTRATION OPEN

Annual Celebrators Conference • Pigeon Forge, TN

Make plans now to join us.

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**It's OK to talk to
yourself...and ok to
answer yourself. But
sad when you have to
repeat what you said
because you weren't
listening!!**