

August 2022

Volume 44



*Sunday School Promotion
will be August 7*



Wednesday Fellowship Supper resumes on August 10, at 5:00pm

To sign up please call Toni Shugart, 590-2319, Cindy Hamilton, 358-0491,
or the Church Office, 365-0231.

\$5 adults, \$3 children (6th grade and under), \$18 max per family
Coffee, Tea, and Lemonade are served every week

Schedule for Sundays
8:45am Sunday School
10:00am Morning Worship

Children's Church,
Nursery Provided

5:00pm New evening time begins
on Sunday, August 7 for:

Children: Torchlighters
Adult Disciple Life Classes: the
Books of the Bible & "Spiritual
Disciplines for the Christian Life," &
Students: Connect

AWANA begins 5:00pm August 14

Mondays & Thursdays
6:00pm Pickleball

Wednesdays beginning Aug. 10

5:00pm: Wednesday
Fellowship Supper
5:45pm:

Children in Action &
Children's Choir

6:00pm
CBSM The Well

Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
7:00pm:
Celebration Choir Rehearsal



Tuesday, August 2

- 6:30pm Young at Heart Game
Night at Andy Pond's office

Thursday, August 4

- Open House for Camellia School

Sunday, August 7

- Sunday School Promotion Day
- 5:00pm Children, CBSM
Connect, Disciple Life Classes

Monday, August 8

- First day of school for
Camellia School

Wednesday, August 10

- 5:00pm Wednesday Fellowship
Suppers begin
- 5:45pm Children in Action &
Children's Choir

Friday, August 12

- 5:30pm Y@H Social-CSFH

Sunday, August 14

- 5:00pm AWANA Kickoff
Celebration (Water Games)

Monday, August 15

- 9:00am Sewing for Missions

Thursday, August 18

- 6:00pm Camellia School Mtg.

Sunday, August 28

- 3:30pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, August 31

- 11:30am Brotherhood Lunch-
meet at Capt. D's



Everett Lee Trump

July 18, 2022

8 lb. 5 oz. 20" long

son of

Travis & Kelsey Trump



60 & above
(spouses are welcome)
Social

Friday, August 12, 5:30pm
Clayton Shaw Fellowship Hall

Please sign up, or
call Becky, 365-4860, or
text Andy, 324-4883, so
we can better prepare.

Next Year's BUDGET

ATTENTION:

Committee Chairpersons & Ministry Leaders

The Stewardship Committee
needs 2023 budget request by
Sunday, August 28th. Please
turn in or email your budget
request to the Church Office,
office@cbcprattville.org, or give
it to a member of the

Stewardship Committee:
Kenny Reynolds, Mary Spivey, or
Letitia Henson.



Camellia Baptist Church
Sewing For Missions
3rd Monday, August 15
9AM - 2PM

Clayton Shaw Building
Bring a sack lunch
Drinks and Desserts provided
For more information see
Carol Brock or
JoAnn Middlebrooks



Remember to sign up for our Prayer Chain Text!

To sign up for urgent prayer requests for church members and
immediate family, send a text to **81010** with the message
@201cbc. If you need help signing up, call the Church Office,
(365-0231, press "1").

Livestream

Go to cbcprattville.org & click on "Watch Live" or go to
youtube.com/camelliabaptistchurchprattville to watch our Sunday
Morning Worship Service and/or Wednesday Night Bible Study

**Message from our
Associate Pastor of Music & Ministries**

***"How Beautiful are the Feet of Those
Who Preach the Good News!"***

One of the great joys and privileges of the Christian life is participating in taking the gospel to the nations. When I was a child, missions seemed to be something only a select few did. It was very distant to me. But as I grew older and grew in my faith, the Lord began to show me that missions is an expectation for all believers. Matthew 28:18-20 is meant for all who declare "Jesus Is Lord" to obey, just like any other command in scripture.

Upon this revelation, I made a deal with God. I told Him that I would participate in an international mission trip my senior year of college. Every summer, several mission teams were sent out from my alma mater, The University of Mobile. I used the cost of these trips as an excuse not to participate (and the fear of being in a foreign culture), so naturally I chose the least expensive trip to Guatemala. I wrote letters to family and friends asking for prayer and financial support. Wouldn't you know it, I ended up receiving twice as much financial support as I needed for this mission trip and was able to help 2 others go.

God reminded me that day that nothing, even "the almighty dollar", is too big for Him. What He calls you to, He will see you through. This initial trip sparked within me a passion for missions. As I write this article, I'm preparing to go on my 11th short term mission trip and 6th different country. Maybe you're like I was, coming up with excuses not to go. I challenge you to not only pray and give to missions but also, if physically able, to go. I've been overseas with people ranging in age from children to senior adults. Be apart of gospel missions. Pray, give, and go!

In His Service, Peyton



Wednesday, August 3:
6:00pm Wise Up: Proverbs for Kids

Sunday, August 7
5:00pm Torchlighters: Heroes of Faith

Beginning Wednesday, August 10:
5:45pm Children in Action/Children's Choir

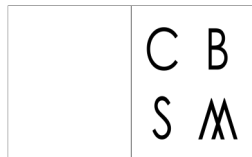
Beginning Sunday, August 14
5:00pm AWANA Kickoff Celebration (Water Games)

**Children in Action & Children's Choir
Wednesdays @ 5:45pm**

**AWANA
Sundays @ 5:00pm**



FALL!



Camellia Baptist Student Ministry/
College & Career
bturner@cbcprattville.org
334-730-3968 (call or text)

Sundays: Connect at 5:00pm

Wednesdays: The Well at 6:00pm

August Events:

Week of Welcome : August 7th-13th
August 7th- Move Up Sunday—Sunday School Promotion
August 10th- Special Service at The Well
August 12th- Guys/Girls Night
August 13th- Summer End Bash at The Taylor's

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Memory Verse for August: John 1:11-12

**He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God.**

A word from our Pastor

I want to share something with you that the Lord has opened my eyes to over these last few weeks as I was studying His Word. In the book of Lamentations, Jeremiah is lamenting the destruction of Jerusalem. This included not merely seeing the temple and the city destroyed, but also the people of God being murdered and carried away to Babylon in captivity.

The reality of what happened crushed Jeremiah. In Lamentations 3 he describes his emotions. He says in 3:7-8, "He has walled me about so that I cannot escape; he has made my chains heavy; though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer." He also says that he is a man of affliction (v.1); is in darkness without any light (v. 2); has God's hand turned against him (v. 3); is besieged with bitterness and tribulation (v. 5); dwells in darkness (v. 6); is filled with bitterness (v.15); his soul is bereft of peace and has forgotten what happiness is (v.17); and has lost his endurance and hope (v. 18). He ends his lament in verse 20 by saying "his soul continually remembers his affliction. He can't stop thinking about his pain and despair. Jeremiah is truly a depressed and hopeless man; that is, until something changes.

In verse 21 he remembers something that brings him hope. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him'" (vv. 22-24). Instead of dwelling on his circumstances, he begins to speak to himself. He reminds himself of the promises of God and who He is. His portion and refuge is not a change of circumstances but is God himself.

I have taught on this regularly in my ministry, but in reading through Lamentations, something new caught my eyes. It was at the end of Jeremiah's lament in 5:21. Jeremiah prays, "Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored." The answer to Jeremiah being restored was not the Lord removing the hard circumstances. It wasn't giving his people an easy life. The answer to Jeremiah's soul being restored was the Lord giving Jeremiah more of Himself.

There is nothing greater and more valuable for your life and your family's life than having as much of Christ as possible. So as the new school year begins and we re-enter back into our lives of routines and structure, let's make sure that Christ is our priority. Let's prioritize getting more of Christ so that we can know Him more. That is more important for your life and your child's life than anything else. I love you, Camellia, and I am grateful for you!

May God bless you, Bro. James