

Dwight Baptist Church

520 North 29th Street, Gadsden, AL 35904

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Daryle Nichols
Pastor

Rev. John Templeton
Minister of Students

January 2017 - Birthday's

02	Ralph Dyer, Sr.	15	Jerry Chambers
04	Myra Reagan	15	Cindy Dean
08	Michael Logan	15	Lewis Jerrell Yother
09	Anita Hathorn	16	Laura Beth Martin
10	Kathy Elrod	16	Lynn Rogers
10	Bob Riley	17	Caydance Glen
11	Savannah Bramblett	19	Harold Milner
11	Tommy Simmons	19	Kerry Payne
13	Mary Jo Brannon	20	J.J. Gilbert
13	Matt Raines	20	Rodney Thompson
14	J.L. Bellamy	29	Eli Edge

Upcoming - Special Events

January 2, The church office will be closed in observance of New Year's Day.

January 2, Betty Pruett's Class Meeting at 6 p.m. in the NLC.

January 8, Deacons' Meeting at 8 a.m.

January 12, Leisure Timers: 11:30 in the NLC for a New Years Luncheon.

January 18, Business Meeting

January 21, Brotherhood breakfast, 7:30 a.m. in the NLC.

January 26, Saints of Joy will meet in their classroom at 1 p.m.

Christmas is behind us, a New Year is ahead of us. I hope you have made some New Year's Resolutions and that you are committed to making your life better in 2017. As we begin this New Year I thought it would be good that we remind ourselves of the importance of the church. Paul said, "... You are members of God's family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord (Eph 2:19-21 NLT).

The church is a family and God expects Christians to be a member of a church family. In fact, a Christian without a church family is a contradiction. There are four things that unite us as a church; Our Salvation (What God has done for us), Our Statement (Why we exist as a church), Our Strategy (How we fulfill our purpose) and Our Structure (When and where we fulfill our purpose).

As your pastor, I am trying to lead you with a purpose. Our ultimate purpose is to glorify God in all that we do. Our mission is based on the Great Commandment and the Great Commission: We know them well. Jesus said the Great Commandment is, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets" (Mt 22:37-40). And the Great Commission is, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Mt 28:19-20). Our Mission is summarized with these three words: FAITH, LOVE and COMMUNITY.

As a church we exist to:

- Celebrate God's Presence through Worship
- Communicate God's Word through Evangelism
- Educate God's People through Discipleship
- Demonstrate God's Love through Ministry
- Assimilate God's People through Fellowship

Every member should be a minister at Dwight Baptist Church. Every member is special and every task of every member is important. I hope, as part of your New Year's Resolution, that you will commit to the church for which Jesus died and help the cause of Christ through reaching out to the lost and the unchurched. God loves people and so must we. Jesus came to save sinners. And I'm glad He did.

In Christ, Bro. Daryle



*HAPPY
NEW YEAR!
FROM
THE STAFF OF
DWIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH*



**May your New Year
be full of Music!**