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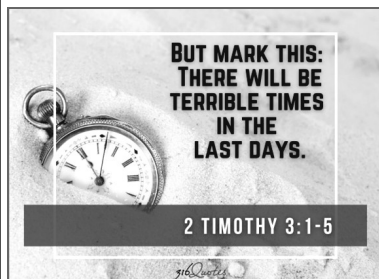
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THOMAS' TIDINGS

BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

Great breakfast... testimonies of praise... men's choir (they sounded great)... message by Dr. Wallace... My, what a joy to be present! Then we welcomed Debbie Harless into our fellowship. Let's just praise the Lord for His blessings.



NEARING THE LAST DAYS

Read 2 Tim. 3:1-5— In these verses Paul lists nineteen characteristics

which will dominate society prior to the return of Christ. These signs tell us that the end times are fast approaching.

This is but one passage we will focus on as I preach on events that lead to the rapture of the church and the Great Tribulation that will follow. Please read these verses and also read Revelation — the last book in the Bible. We will focus on the highlights of this prophetic book.

Beloved, let's renew our efforts to go after the lost and unchurched. We are called to go and share the Gospel. Ask God to give you a burden for a lost friend and then pray and go as God gives you opportunity.

I look forward to seeing you this Lord's day in Bible study and worship. God is going to bless! Amen!!

Looking Up...
Bro. Herb

CAIN'S CORNER

What a GREAT Group! I am so thankful for our College & Young Adults. Each week, they are bringing new people to our Sunday School Class or our Wednesday Bible Study! *Keep up the good work...*



Super Bowl Fellowship THIS Sunday: All College & YAs are encouraged to attend our HUGE fellowship this Sunday, February 12, at 5:00 PM. It all takes place at our house (1145 Brookhill Road), and will include Chili, Soup, Grilled Cheese, lots of Appetizers, and MORE! The game will feature the Eagles vs. the Chiefs. *Bring your Friends...*

Blessings, Rob

FROM DONNA'S DESK

"Pleasant words are a honeycomb: sweet to the taste and health to the body." Proverbs 16:24



This scripture tells us pleasant and kind words have wonderful healing power to bless and soothe both body and soul. Children so often need direction and correction when it comes to the words they choose, especially when they are angry or hurt. Ask your child, when these times arise, are your words... Sweet or Sour? Sweet words, like the bee's honey, build others up. Sour words, like the bee's stinger, hurt and make others sad. Teach your child that no one wants to be stung by others' words. May the words that we speak, think, or type be ones that build up, bless, and give grace to those who hear.

Joyfully, Donna



Looking Ahead:
Children's Church Lesson
"God's Love" 1 John 4:19
Followed by the
Children's Valentine Party!

NELSON'S NEWS



We currently have almost 90 kids registered for our fifth season of Upward Soccer and we still have a few weeks of registration left. I am beyond excited to have so many participants so early. I am working hard to get everything done and I believe this will be our best season yet! But, I still need lots of help and there are several ways you can be involved: 1) Pray for these families and all involved, 2) help with our evaluation day (March 4th at 9:00 a.m.), 3) work concessions, 4) coach a team, 5) referee our games, 6) provide meals for volunteers, 7) help with weekly setup/takedown... Being involved in Upward is a great way to have an impact for God's Kingdom. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please give me a call and let me know. I believe that God is going to use Upward to grow His Kingdom and His church and it would be great if you were involved!

In Christ, Steven

RECORD—SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

(Due to the printing schedule of *The Alabama Baptist* newspaper, the Sunday Record is one week behind.)

Budget Offering.....\$10,979.00
Building Fund.....\$35.00
Bob Pitman Love Offering.....\$4,800.00
And The Lord Added.....2

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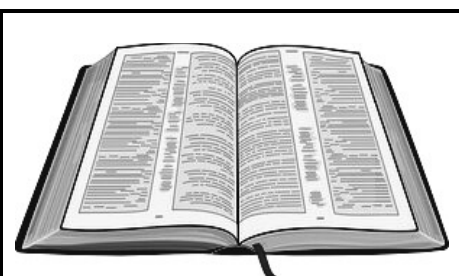
Dr. Herbert Thomas, Pastor
Winton Patterson, Minister of Music
Rob Cain, Associate Pastor
Steven Nelson, Student Minister
Donna Cicero, Children's Minister

IN MEMORY OF

A gift for the Building Fund was received in memory of Betty Krebs from the Cross Creek Homeowners Association.

THANK YOU

A thank you card was received from Pearlean Lowery, Teresa Evans, and Dot Sims and posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.



TOP TEN BIBLE VERSES IN 2022

1. January 8 — Isaiah 41:10
2. January 15 — Jeremiah 29:11
3. January 22 — Romans 8:28
4. January 29 — Philippians 4:6
5. February 5 — John 14:27
6. February 12 — Joshua 1:9
7. February 19 — John 16:33
8. February 26 — I Peter 5:10
9. March 5 — 2 Timothy 1:7
10. March 12 — John 3:16