



MARCH 2025

MVMT TOGETHER SACRIFICING FOR THE NEXT GENERATIONS

What are the generations?

The Greatest Generation

(born 1901 – 1924)

Silent Generation

(1925 – 1945)

Baby Boomers

(1946 – 1964)

Generation X

(1965 – 1980)

Millennials

(1981 – 1996)

Generation Z "Zoomers"

(1997 – 2012)

Generation Alpha

(2013 – 2025)

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MARCH MADNESS

Did Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow on February 2 ... I cannot remember? So much has happened since then. The flu has been rampant; a helicopter and a plane collided in mid-air in D.C. area and one plane flipped over on landing in Toronto; our new President has been busy since the day of inauguration, indeed happy with pen in hand, signing Executive Orders; and our weather has been up and down with temperatures at 22 degrees one day and 72 degrees the next (sounds a little like how quickly our years fly by doesn't it?).

So much for February Frenzies ... ahead of us is March Madness! Ah, plenty of basketball, Mardi Gras, and the first day of Spring (my favorite time of year). I cannot fail to mention our 6th Annual Cruise-In, being held here at FBCT on Sunday, March 30. If you have not already signed up, please contact us ... we need volunteers to help with our event.

On a personal note, our SAM Valentine's Brunch on February 14 was huge. Read more about it and glance at the pictures later in this newsletter. I had so much fun singing I've Got My Foot on the Rock with Joe and Kim Stanley. This is an old song I hadn't sung in years; we did it totally unrehearsed. Thank you for allowing me this pleasure. As I close, I'll let the words speak for themselves. I pray that you will be encouraged as you listen to The Bowling Family sing the song. Is your mind made up for Jesus?

[LISTEN HERE](#)

I started out to win this race
To serve the Lord and to look upon
His face.
But the way's been long and the
way's been rough,
But there is one thing for sure
I've got my mind made up.

Now the Devil he will tempt you
And fill your way with strife.
He'll make you sick in body even try
To take your life.
But if you put your trust in Jesus
And say Lord, I've had enough
The Lord will say move on Satan
He's got his mind made up.

Now Job was a man who was
tempted in every way,
The Devil took his family

He lay sick both night and day.
His wife she came a saying
Curse God ... You've had enough
He said you talk like a foolish woman
I've got my mind made up.

**I've got my foot on the Rock and my
mind's made up.
Though I walk through the lonely valley
Though I drink from the bitter cup
When the Devil comes a knocking
Showing me an easier way.
I stand right square on my feet
I throw my head in the air
I look him straight in the eye
I say my foot's on the Rock and
my mind's made up.**

• HOW TO BE •

SAM with KEN LASS **SATIONAL!**

I have a very giving family. My three-year-old grandson came down with the flu, and gave it to my wife Sharon, who then generously passed it along to me. Both of us had our flu shots back in October. Getting a flu shot doesn't mean you won't get the flu, but I've always heard the shot is supposed to limit the severity of the sickness.

I must say, if this was a milder case, I'd sure hate to see the more severe one. We both got the works. Body ache, sore throat, stuffy nose, wheezy cough, and complete lack of energy. One of those things where it takes a monumental effort just to get up the ambition to get out of a chair. You can tell I'm sick if I don't want to eat. Eating is one of the great joys of my life. But I had to force down a little soup and a few Popsicles. Just wasn't hungry.

So there we were, curled up in our recliners, covered by blankets. Tissues, Tylenol, and a bottle of water on our end tables, feeling generally worthless. How do you pass the time? I couldn't sleep because whenever I started to drop off I would cough myself awake. I tried reading, but my eyes were red and sore, and it hurt to focus on the words. I decided to entertain myself by scrolling through Facebook, but it didn't help my state of mind to see all kinds of pictures of my friends out and about and having a wonderful time, at the beach or dining out at a nice restaurant. Who needs to see that when you're stuck in the house?

Eventually I turned on the TV. Daytime television. Ugh! How many lawyer commercials can you watch? And if I see that Jardiance ad where the people are dancing at the grocery store one more time I'm going to scream! There were talk shows where the hosts were interviewing "celebrities" that I have never heard of. There were contrived game shows where the contestants had been coached to be artificially wild and excited. There were soap operas and reruns of sitcoms from the 1960s.

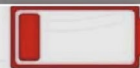
Frustrated and miserable, I finally shut down the TV, turned off the lights, sat back in my chair, and closed my eyes. And, I confess, more out of boredom than anything else, I started to pray. Just pray and pray. I prayed for everything I could

think of ... myself, my wife, my family, my friends, our church, our country, global warming, the Green Bay Packers, homeless dogs, the birds at our birdfeeder ... everything. When I couldn't think of anything else to pray for, I just tried to be still and listen for a reply. I didn't really hear God speaking to me, but I suddenly realized I wasn't in quite as much discomfort. Oh, I still had all the symptoms, but it was sort of like I came up with a little bit of endurance to bear them.

I would return to prayer several times over the next few days as I gradually got better. Each time it provided comfort. Maybe it was just getting my mind off of myself. Or maybe God, in His love and mercy, knew what I needed at that moment, and waited for me to come to Him to provide it.

I guess He did answer me after all. I've always known there is power in prayer. Now I've learned there is peace in it as well.

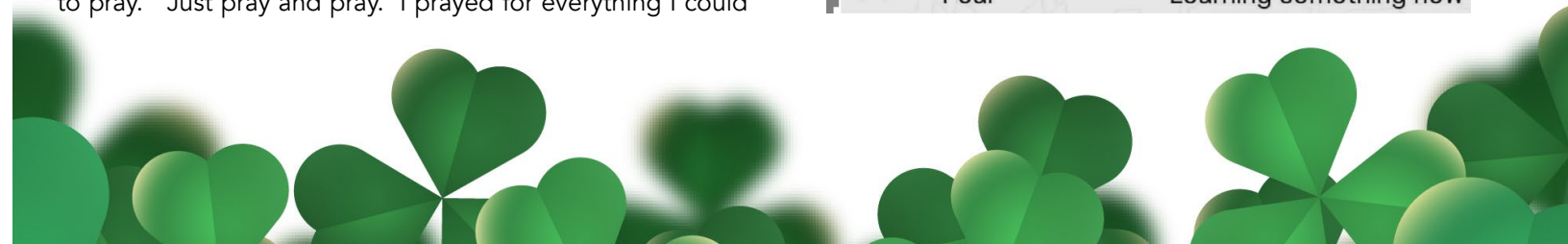
ENERGY TAKERS ENERGY GIVERS



Focusing on the past
Inconsistent sleep
Mess and clutter
Sedentary time
Social media
Overworking
Dehydration
Screen time
Resentment
Negativity
Junk food
The news
Alcohol
Stress
Fear



Music
Nature
Resting
Sunlight
Positivity
Gratitude
Hydration
Meditation
Movement
Breathwork
Community
Decluttering
Consistent sleep
Eating whole foods
Learning something new



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, MARCH 9

FIRST MONDAY PRAYER

March 3 • 10:00 AM • Room D139

Email prayer requests to
Sam.prayer@fbctrussville.org



FIRST THURSDAY

PRAYING for their ONE

March 6 • Room D139

Men @ 6:30 AM • Ladies @ 12:00 noon

Share the first name of your "ONE" and any information you wish by email: pray41@fbctrussville.org



JOYFUL HEARTS REHEARSALS

Every 1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursdays • 10:30AM

Fellowship Hall

If you're 55 and up, you are invited!

The Joyful Hearts Choir rehearses the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Thursdays of each month. We welcome ALL who love to sing!! If you would like more information, contact Kim Searcy.

Upcoming Rehearsals: March 6 & 13 and April 3 & 7

Joyful Hearts Director: Bob Smith 205-767-9606

SAM Music Associate: Kim Searcy 205-447-9911

SAM VOCAL BAND REHEARSALS

(Men's Southern Gospel Group)

Wednesdays • 4:30 PM • Room D139



HEARTS 'N HARMONY REHEARSALS

(Ladies Ensemble Group)

First & Third Thursdays • 9:00AM • D139



MEN'S 6:11 BREAKFAST

Thursday, March 13 • 6:11AM • In the gym

Men and boys, come hungry and Bring a friend!



FBCT SPORTS & WELLNESS

BE WELL

John 4:14

(formerly EDIBLE EDUCATION)

Thursday, March 13 • 11:30AM • FH

Special Guest: Jennifer Conn will help us to find ways to make our own favorite recipes more healthy! Bring a recipe! Must register [HERE](#) to eat. \$10

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Monday, March 17

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

Thursday, March 20

SPRING BREAK – TRUSSVILLE

March 24 - 29

SAM MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 27 • 10:30AM OR 5:30PM
In the Gym • \$7

Special Guests: Beatles tribute band

The Beatlads will play a lunch concert and a dinner concert. Both concerts will be the same.

Please register online NOW.

We need an idea of how many will be coming to the evening event, but you will not need to pay if you have purchased the annual SAM meal card.



Yes, this is a new day and time!

Sunday, March 30 • 3-7PM

FBCT Parking Lot

WHEN I WAS A KID

Can you guess who this beautiful baby is?
She was born in Louisville, Kentucky.

Find out on the last page of the email or website version of this Newsletter.



JOYFUL HEARTS NEWS

By Kim Searcy

JOYFUL HEARTS in CONCERT!

The Joyful Hearts Choir is performing a concert NEAR YOU! Please make plans to join us as we present the Gospel in song!

Date: Sunday, March 16 at 6 pm.

Location: Central Baptist Church, Argo

The Joyful Hearts choir will be featured, along with a few selections from the Sam Vocal Band and Hearts in Harmony. This will be a fun concert, and that is LOCAL, and it's FREE!

Joyful Hearts Local Tour

The Joyful Hearts Choir will be on the road during the month of March! Our Spring local Tour kicks off on Tuesday, March 11. We will be taking "day trips" to sing in various locations and events around the state.

Tour Schedule:

SingFest: Morning Hymn Singing Events led by Frank Jones

Tuesday, March 11: 10:00 am @ Golden Springs Baptist, Anniston, AL

Tuesday, March 18: 10:00 am @ Northport Baptist, Northport, AL

Joyful Hearts in Concert:

Sunday, March 16: 6:00 pm @ Central Baptist, Argo, AL

Senior Choir Festival:

Thursday, March 20: 11:00 am (EASTERN)

@ Lakewood Baptist, Phenix City, AL

Joyful Hearts Concert:

Thursday, April 10: 10:00 am

@ Veteran's Home, Pell City, AL



In our May 1st SAM Newsletter, we will recognize Memorial Day. FBCT members, please send us any stories you would like to share with us in remembrance and honor to your loved ones who died in war. Deadline for this information to be submitted: on or before April 14.

**Please send to: Judy Bryant at jb5348@bellsouth.net or
Grace McConnell at graceamelia@yahoo.com**





SUIT UP IN STYLE

"What Shoe are You?"

The Women's Conference held here at FBCT was well-planned and well-executed, and well-attended. About 400 women from Trussville and parts afar attended the Friday night / Saturday morning event January 31 and February 1.

Guest speaker, Lisa Allen of Proverbs 31 Ministries led in a fascinating and fun study she titled "God's Handiwork." That's us ladies! She encouraged us to learn our style and "strut" it, if you will. God loves us and He made us who we are. We are HIS. She exclaimed "If you have breath, you have a purpose."

Examining ourselves and our calling, we did an exercise to determine which style of shoe we are. We related to ourselves in terms of our shoe style:

- Mary Jane (perfect melancholy "C" compliant)
- Flip-Flop (peaceful phlegmatic "S" steady)
- Steel-Toed Workboot (powerful choleric "D" dominant)
- Stiletto Pump (popular sanguine "I" Inspire)

We were encouraged to dig deep in prayer and meditation, further discovering more about ourselves and more about how God wants to use us in His world and life for Jesus.



WHAT IS A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER?

*Written by: Julie Rousseau
January 2025*

Sunday School teachers are special people
With hearts for those who have lost their way;
Pointing others toward the road to heaven
Gifted through Christ and the price He paid.

For those who are already believers
A listener and encourager the teacher will be;
A strong influence, a giver of hope,
A smile when that is all we need.

Countless hours studying and praying
Over the lessons presented each week,
And giving so much of themselves
To provide guidance to those who seek.

Sunday School teachers are loving and kind
Always striving to be the best they can be,
They are patient, smart and always willing
To go the extra mile for you and me.

There are so many words that could be used
To describe these wonderful women and men,
But one of the best descriptions I can define
Is God-believing, people-loving, hard-working
FRIEND!!

Thank you, Teachers!

Editor's Note: In upcoming issues Julie will be introducing our SAM Small Group class teachers. These leaders are invaluable here at FBCT, and we appreciate each one so very much.



“GETTING TO KNOW YOU”

The Friday, February 14 Valentine’s Brunch, was not only yummy and entertaining, but the full gym with the various stations where we could drift around the rooms and talk to one another, meeting new friends and catching up with old friends, is, in fact, an important part of what SAM is all about.

The large crowd grazed through food stations that were beyond fabulous: Waffles and omelets made to order, a carving station, a bread/pasta station, a beautiful charcuterie table, and desserts, oh so yummy.

Entertaining was upbeat and fun as well, with Joe and Kim Stanley from Fayetteville, Georgia singing a mix of beautiful Gospel songs and even some old Temptations rock’n’roll, including the old song “My Girl” with words changed ... “My Lord.” Joe and Kim called on Bob Smith to join them on the stage to sing with them “I’ve Got My Feet on the Rock.” What a wonderful, upbeat old song.

There was a place to have our pictures made. The tables were beautifully decorated. Many thanks to all those who worked for days to serve this event up to us with so much LOVE in the air!



PRAYER FOCUS

There is power in prayer.

For All Those Who Come After Us

Our **MVMT TOGETHER**, 40 days of fasting and prayer leading to Commitment Day, Sunday, April 13, is well underway. If you have not already done so, please pick up a copy of the two red booklets ... one covering the six weeks of fasting and prayer and the other going over the building plans in detail. What an opportunity we have to leave a great legacy to our future generations!

You might remember Dr. Dennis Swanberg in our Worship Center a few years ago for a SAM program ... great guy, funny and committed to the Lord. He wrote a little book titled "Planting Shade Trees." The book is about the legacy his grandfather left for all those he left behind and how that has affected his own life and learning process.

After telling the story of a shade tree planted for him by "Rev" Winchell, his forever brother in Christ, "the Swan" wrote: Mr. Winchell didn't live long after that, but his "shade" – his influence, his generosity, and his love—remain with me to this day. I remember talking to "Rabbi" about it later. I asked "How can I ever pay Mr. Winchell back?" He said, "Dennis, you can't pay him back, but one day you can do the same for someone else!"



SMILE AWHILE

10 FUN FACTS

1. You can't see your ears without a mirror.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried No. 3.
6. When you did No. 3, you realized that it is possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You are smiling right now, because you were fooled.
8. You skipped No. 5.
9. You just checked to see if there is No. 5.
10. Share this with your friends so they can have some fun too!





HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO GLENN HICKS!

February 2025



AND TO ALL OUR SPRING CHICKS,
WISHES FOR YOU AS WELL!

Fun Fact: The oldest living person in North America as of the end of October 2024 is believed to be Naomi Whitehead of Pennsylvania, born in September 1910 on a farm in Georgia. Her suggestions for a long life: Working hard (she worked on the farm, plowing fields and picking cotton ... constantly moving); never smoking or drinking; and being religious (her grandson pointed out that she is a Godly woman and holds dear the community and sense of purpose God has blessed her with).

A NEW NAME!
A NEW DAY/TIME!
A FAMILY FUN DAY!

THERE'S MORE...

SEE MORE NEWS IN THE ELECTRONIC VERSIONS (EMAIL AND CHURCH WEBSITE) OF THIS NEWSLETTER. CHECK IT OUT AT www.fbctrussville.org, ON THE SAM MINISTRY PAGE.

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Kenya Mission Trip

By Susan Hornsby

In January I had the pleasure and privilege of participating in my 7th mission trip to Kenya. Jesus Harvesters Ministries joined forces with Agape Fellowship in Kenya to hold a medical clinic on the site of a brand new church plant in the community of Ndalani in Mwingi, Kenya. Twenty of us, 10 from FBC Trussville, held clinic from Tuesday through Saturday and then launched a new church on Sunday.

Each day the group of patients grew from the day before as word spread. We had about 6 medical providers every day seeing patients for a huge variety of issues, including high blood pressure, headaches, joint pain, old and new wounds and various infections, and almost all of whom had underlying malnutrition. All the patients left with at least vitamins and deworming meds. We had patients of all ages including several over 100 years old. One 81-year-old man walked from 4:30 to 8:30AM to get to clinic.

After receiving their meds each person was given the option of going to the prayer tent where they would hear the gospel and have their needs and life concerns lifted to the Lord. Each afternoon after clinic we held a revival-type crusade which also drew a crowd to worship where the Gospel was presented to all those who had gathered.

In 5 days of clinic we saw 1966 patients, gave 3017 prescriptions (over 119,000 pills all brought with us from the USA), around 300 pairs of glasses and thousands of smiles and hugs. We worshipped, prayed and praised the LORD at the beginning and end of each day with our Kenyan brothers and sisters - a taste of heaven for sure! This is something I look forward to every year. By the end of the week there had been 410 new decisions to follow Jesus. Praise the Lord and all glory to Him!

Join me in praying for this new body of believers and their new pastor that they will be a beacon of light in the darkness in Mwingi, Kenya.

OUT AND ABOUT

We SAMers offer up a huge THANK YOU to BOB SMITH, our Seasoned Adult Pastor, minister, leader, friend and confidante. Our favorite musician, event planner and bus driver. He's one who makes us laugh, cry, sing and work. He has introduced us to a great love for ice cream and each other.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU, BOB, AS YOU CELEBRATE SEVEN YEARS HERE ON STAFF AT FBCT!

CONGRATULATIONS also to Sally Blass Murray, whose writing has blessed so many children.

Sally writes:

Had a great time at Cahaba Elementary in Trussville and Hall Kent Elementary in Homewood! I shared a few of my books and we talked about the writing process. These students are amazing! They are kind, respectful, creative, and eager to learn! What a joy it was to visit these classrooms!



CONNECTING THE DOTS

By Janice R. Shelton, Ed. D.
Retired Dean of Arts and Sciences



If any of you are like me, we have known that the Jews as both the nation of Israel and a religion/religious body have not recognized Christ as the Messiah. Not included in this number are those Messianic Jews who by whatever means God has provided have had the truth revealed to them that the crucified, risen Jesus is the very One Who offers and brings salvation to those who believe.

Many of us as well have read again and again through our Bible and encountered the details of the practices established in worship surrounding the Tabernacle and the duties of the priests, the expectations and the following of the Law, and the various feasts.

Until recently, I have never been cognizant of the real significance of the feasts, that they are more than holidays. They are portraits of what has been and are yet to be fulfilled and that Jesus as the giver of the Gospel has fulfilled the first four feasts and will complete the Gospel at the last sounding of the trumpet when He comes to gather the church.

Recently my husband, daughter, and I and nine other FBCT members (all but our daughter being Seasoned Adults) were privileged to attend a fascinating presentation of "The Feasts of Israel" at the home of Michael and Michelle Attar. The Attars are fairly new to FBCT after retiring to Trussville from Texas.

Michael is a Messianic Jew whose story is fascinating, from his family history which includes members who were victims and survivors of the Holocaust. As he became more aware of who and Whose he was and is, he has deeply researched Jewish history and developed a presentation and a 226 guide/workbook in his efforts to spread awareness of the direct connection of the nation of Israel, the various feasts and, the Messiah.

I cannot emphasize enough how enlightening this session was to me and my husband and daughter and how much more we are aware of our need to witness to not only those we daily encounter but also to seek out the Jewish individuals who may come into our life. Michael's admonition to pray for God to send me a Jewish friend is compelling. Jews are as much a part of the Great Commission as anyone else.

My additional prayer is that each of us will be diligent in our witness and to include Jewish friends.

Thank you, Michael and Michelle, for rendering yourselves as instruments to spread the Gospel in an additional avenue.



*The "Last (Shofar) Trumpet" will sound,
and all believers will be "Gathered" (raptured).*

1 Corinthians 15:51-55.

...the sound that God LOVES to hear is the "Shofar Trumpet." The Shofar is God's instrument, and its sound is near and dear to His heart, which is why every Jewish home has one. God's instrument should be handled and sounded accordingly.

Editor's Note: If you or your Small Group class are interested in taking part in one of Michael's presentations, please go to Michael's website www.GoodMoodFoundation.org. Click on the "Invitation" link to copy it as a PDF and send it via email to your family and friends. It is self-explanatory. The Good Mood Foundation celebrates 20 years of ministry in 2025.

LOVE IS THE MAIN INGREDIENT

Mrs. Georgia Harvey (lovingly known as "Mrs. Georgia") has been a member of FBCT for 19 years and is without a doubt one of the hardest working members of this church. As the Food Service Director, her duties extend far beyond Wednesday night suppers.

With a team of 15+, including regular workers and many volunteers, Mrs. Georgia supports every ministry of FBCT, not the least of which is our SAM ministry. She and her team prepared virtually all of the food for SAM's recent Valentine event, and what a feast of a brunch that was! She prepares our monthly SAM luncheons, our SAM Christmas Dinner, and the list goes on. This team has prepared 1,000's of meals for so many in addition to SAM ... meals for the Galentine event, high school football teams, the meals we take to the CLCC, a staff luncheon every month, and meals for other ministries, including the Troy Foundation and others.

An interesting note: when Mrs. Georgia came to FBCT as Food Service Director the Wednesday night suppers fed around 80-90 folks. Now, that number is 200+ every Wednesday night.

One other note. Before COVID, Small Group classes took turns during the year serving food at our Wednesday night suppers. If you or your Small Group class would like to serve meals on Wednesday evenings (not every Wednesday, just on a rotation schedule with others), please contact Jennifer Bender in the church office to work out your class's schedule.

On June 6 Mrs. Georgia celebrates 19 years as FBCT Food Service Director.



"I do it because I love it."

A special and hearty Thank You to all Mrs. Georgia's team and volunteers.

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| Kathy Fancher | Roger and Cathy Hall |
| Marleen Lowery | Pam Lolley |
| Jake Nail | Anita and Robert Eaves |
| David Byars | Larry and Janet Willard |
| Scott Roberson | Nancy Smith |
| David Gay | John Seeley |
| Brian Hinson | |

LOOKING AHEAD

April 28 • 8AM-9PM • \$100



SAM
SEASONED ADULT MINISTRY
**Mystery
Excursion**

A MAGICAL MYSTERY TRIP

April 28 • 8am-9pm • \$100

Includes charter bus travel, tour, lunch, and dinner! Registration is limited to the first 100 people. Register online now.

WHEN I WAS A KID...

Meet Barbara Patton!



In what city and state were you born?

I was born in Louisville, Kentucky. We lived about 20 miles south of Louisville on Cane Run Road in Pleasure Ridge Park, Kentucky. Try learning to write that as a first grader!

How long have you been attending FBCT?

We moved to Trussville and joined FBCT in 1991.

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a Sunday School teacher and a cashier at A&P Grocery Store. Before I started elementary school there were two very important days each week. First was Sunday and we always went to church. I loved going to church, so I would line up my dolls on the staircase and play Sunday School. "We" would sing and have a Bible story complete with pictures so they could see what was happening. The second most important day was grocery day. I wanted to be a cashier at A&P so I could punch the rows of buttons on the big cash register, open the cash drawer, and sack groceries. Using the spring action stamper which printed the price on a little sticky piece of paper and affixed it to the top of the grocery item looked pretty cool too, but I was too short to stock shelves.

What did you actually become when you grew up?

I taught Sunday School for 50 years, starting with children in a bus ministry in Indiana, also GA's and Children's Choir. After we moved to Alabama I taught College and Career, Youth and spent the last 20+ years in Children's. In the business sector, I worked as a bookkeeper prior to moving to Alabama, then in Accounting at Saunders Leasing, and in Accounts Payable/Payroll Departments at HealthSouth.

Tell us about your family:

I was the youngest of three girls. My dad was a dairy farmer and worked the farm by himself. When I was born, the doctor said, "Earl, I'm so sorry, it's another girl." Anyway, growing up on a farm was the greatest life ever. I saw Jim at church when he was about 14. His dad and my dad were friends. Daddy said, "Have you seen how tall Tom's boy has gotten?" Didn't have a clue who Tom's boy was, but did look around for a really tall boy that Sunday night. About three years later we actually started talking to each other and the rest is history - like 5 years dating and 60 years married. Jim is my soul mate, my best friend, and I love him more than I could ever express.

We have two sons, Doug and Tim. The Lord heard my prayers, growing up with two sisters, I wanted boys. Doug and his family live in Hoover. He and Chris have a son and daughter. Justin, the first grandchild ('nuf said) is married to a beautiful, sweet girl, Taylor. Emily studied ballet from age three and teaches it in Nashville, Tennessee. Tim and his family live in Chipley, Florida. He and Angela have four children of their own and raising another who lives with them. Haylee is a worship leader in Pace, Florida; Hannah is a high school science teacher in West Blockton, Alabama; Jonathan is a Junior and Rebecca is a Sophomore in High School. Jayden is also a Sophomore in High School and brings a lot of spice to their family.

What is your favorite television show?

The new Matlock and Elsbeth (it's just quirky enough to make me smile).

What is your favorite food?

If the ingredients include salt or sugar, then it's my favorite. There's only a short list that I don't like.

Other than the Bible, do you have a favorite book?

I read a lot and do not have one favorite book, but I love non-fiction history, biographies, and mysteries.

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Who or what has impacted your faith journey?

We joined Graceland Baptist Church in Indiana as young marrieds. What a profound impact it made on our lives. Every member was called to serve both in and out of the church. That began the journey. Then at FBCT we were challenged to read the Bible through in one year. I had tried to do that for years but usually struck out somewhere in Deuteronomy. That year I completed the challenge, and it changed my life. To read the words God and His Son Jesus spoke is amazing. How He expressed His love for us through His promises and His ability to use us is breathtaking. Now, each year I read through the Old Testament, the New Testament twice, and Psalms and Proverbs twice. Often the passage in the Old Testament is repeated in either a Psalm or passage in the New Testament on the same day. For instance, today, I read in Exodus about Moses leading the Israelites and how angry they were with him. In Acts, Stephen was presenting his defense before the religious council when he reminded them that they were as stiff-necked as their ancestors when Moses was trying to lead them. Thought - When am I disobedient and stiff-necked?

What is your favorite Bible verse:

I have many and keep a notebook applying them to my life. I daily pray the one below expressing my thankfulness for Jesus' amazing grace, God's extravagant love, and the Holy Spirit's intimate friendship.

The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. 2 Corinthians 13:14 MSG

What ministries (at FBCT and elsewhere) are you involved in?

Member of Tony Green's Sunday School Class (he is a great teacher and asks questions that make you go "hmm"), the Adult choir, SAM and Joyful Hearts choir. On Wednesday afternoons, I serve with Elaine Copham and Betty and Dave Penuel in Discovery Club at Chalkville Elementary. Discovery Club is an after-school Bible club for 1st-3rd graders. It teaches God created a perfect world, sin corrupted it, but God sent a Rescuer and every story in the Bible whispers his name. Reference - The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones. It is a beautiful book for grandchildren, new parents, and others.

In 25 words or less, tell us what you are passionate about.

I am passionate about the Word of God. So rich, so deep, so beautiful, so comforting.

Is there anything else you want people to know about you?

Because I have a quirky sense of humor, I laugh at many things. If I have ever offended you, please accept my apology. I would never do it on purpose because my Southern mama raised me to be polite. Also, I love to back fill stories for our dog, Taco, who has his own personal resume' and is certified as a USPSISV (United States Postal Service Post Inspection Service Volunteer).

Finally, I love to leave town anytime to go anywhere with Jim, destination or reservations seldom required.

