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"Therefore, as
you received
Christ Jesus the
Lord, so walk in
him, rooted and
built up in him
and established
in the faith,
just as you
were taught,
abounding in
thanksgiving."

Colossians 2:6-7

Triple L Monthly Meeting & Lunch

Tuesday, October 6

10:30 a.m. in Wells Fellowship Hall

This Month's Guest: Eddie Burchfield

Eddie Burchfield was born in Bessemer to parents who were both World War 2 veterans, along with a sister and a brother. After serving two years active duty in the Army and seven years in the Army National Guard, he worked in Civil Engineering for ALDOT for 32 years and retired in 2015.

He was saved in 1975, called into the ministry in 1978, and licensed as an evangelist in the Church of God of Prophecy in 1985. He is currently an ordained minister with Worldwide Evangelism.

Eddie ministers through four radio stations, and is also involved with jail/prison ministry and nursing home ministries. He serves as Chaplain with several organizations, and has a street ministry called Sign Language. Eddie is the author of the book, *Words That Rhyme Worth Your Time*. Married with two children, Eddie resides in Shelby County.



FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE before the Triple L Meeting

Bring your Medicare Cards (Part A&B, Part D) or other Insurance Card

Triple L Meeting Check-In begins at 10 a.m.:

Sign in, pay \$1 monthly dues, sign up for events

Lunch Menu (\$6): BBQ pork, baked beans, coleslaw, peach cobbler

From the Senior Adult Pastor...

In his book, *Finishing Strong*, Steve Farrar has a powerful warning for all of us. He says, "Make sure that you keep your heart close to Jesus everyday. It's a long way from here to where you are going to go, and Satan is in no hurry to get you!"

The truth is many of us are closer to the finish line than ever before. Satan is still after us. He doesn't want us to finish strong. Farrar gives some practical advice to those who want to finish well. "Stay close to Jesus." How do we do that? He says:

- Stay in His Word
- Stay close to a friend
- Stay alert to the enemy

Staying in His Word helps us keep our heart close to Jesus. Staying close to a friend is so important for us today. We need each other to encourage one another to finish strong. Stay alert to the enemy by realizing he wants to trip you up before you finish. He is in no hurry to get you. Let's all Finish Strong!!

Love you, Brother Keith



This Month:

Triple L Meeting:

Tuesday, October 6
at 10:30 a.m. in Wells
Fellowship Hall

Naomi's Sisters:

Monday, October 12;
location TBA, 11:30 a.m.

Game Day:

Tuesday, October 13;
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Wells
Fellowship Hall

Sweet Dreams

Pillowcase Ministry:

Friday, October 16;
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Room
FB300

Huntsville Trip:

October 19-21

Alice's Mission Dresses:

Friday, October 23; 9 a.m.
- 2 p.m. in Room FB300

Legacy Fit Exercise

Classes: Mondays at 2
p.m. and Wednesdays
at 2:30 p.m. in Room
MB236

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September 29, 2026
It was a beautiful day for
"Dinner on the Ground"
and a Singing at God's
House of Hope!



Upcoming Trips

France:

May 20-31, 2027

Includes Paris, Versailles and the Loire Valley.
Click [HERE](#) for more info or to sign up. You can
also learn more at the next Triple L meeting!

Huntsville:

October 19-21

Includes US Space and Rocket
Center and Huntsville Botanical
Gardens

Getting to Know: Wes and Darla Perry

Wes & Darla Perry moved to Tuscaloosa from Dallas in 2015 and joined First Baptist in 2016.

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

Darla – when I was young, I wanted to be just like my mother and a nurse.

Wes – Cowboy or pilot; but always wanted to be involved in healthcare involving the cardiac system to help people.

What did you actually become when you grew up?

Darla: Began my career in Houston's oil and gas industry, where I analyzed leases and paid landowners rent and royalties. I concluded my career as a church administrator.

Wes: My career after high school started by joining the Air Force. I became a fighter jet crew chief, served a year in Vietnam, then finished my service time at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base. I then enrolled at UA specializing in biomedical engineering using training from the Air Force. It soon became clear that to fulfill the desire to help those with heart issues a career track change was necessary which resulted in obtaining a master's degree in Cardiovascular Nursing. Wes finished his career as CEO in two of the largest home health care companies.

Favorite television show or movie:

Television: *Andy Griffith*, *Downton Abbey*, *M*A*S*H*; Movies: *The Sound of Music*, *Papillon*

Favorite books:

The Bible is one of our favorite books because it offers guidance for living a godly life and honoring God in all we do. Darla: I especially enjoy Eugenia Price's novels, including the St. Simons Trilogy. Her fiction features historical figures connected to St. Simons, such as John Wesley and Suzanne. Wes: *The Book of Revelation* by Amir Tsarfati, plus I read lots of different genres to stay well balanced.

Who or What has impacted your faith journey?

Darla: I'm grateful to have grown up in a godly family that honored God in all we did. During my early teenage years, a kind woman named Mrs. Sherrill influenced my life in many ways.

Wes: I grew up in a religious household, but Darla really got me to have a closer relationship with the LORD.

Favorite Bible verse:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

"Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus..." Romans 8:1

How did you two meet?

We were both coming back to Birmingham from job interviews – Wes from Houston, Darla from Tulsa. We started talking on the plane from Atlanta to Birmingham. Wes worked at the VA Hospital at the time and was able to gain access to the Spine Hospital after hours so Darla could visit a friend. We exchanged phone numbers before departing and Darla called Wes the next day. After both moving to Houston to pursue our careers, we continued to see each other and 2 years later we were married. Next April we will have been married 45 years. We have one daughter, Carmen (Troy) and three wonderful granddaughters.

What is your favorite restaurant?

We don't eat out often! Our all-time favorite restaurant is Pappasito's Cantina. We came to love it while living in Houston and Dallas, and we have been known to drive a little out of our way to visit one. Their chips, salsa, and sizzling fajitas are the best. Local – Urban Bar & Kitchen, Southern Ale House and Dockside.

Favorite Vacation destination?

We enjoy traveling and exploring the world, and we have visited nearly every U.S. state. We love both the beach and the mountains, but there is no place like home, where we relax on the boat and dock while enjoying God's creation.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

We have moved eight times, living in Houston, Atlanta, Tucson, Minneapolis, St. Simons Island, Floral Park, New York, Dallas, and finally returning to Tuscaloosa. Darla considers Tuscaloosa home. Wes was born in upstate New York but considers Birmingham home because he lived there the longest.



October Birthdays

Peggy Sexton	10/1
Mary Sue Bennett	10/2
Juel Woods	10/3
Gloria Bowen	10/4
Carolyn Hill	10/5
Kay Kitchens	10/5
Phillip Clements	10/6
Charlotte Porter	10/8
Judy Duncan	10/9
Larry Williams	10/9
Betty Marcum	10/10
Milton Marcum	10/10
Elaine Appleby	10/11
Peggy Register	10/11
Ruby Wade	10/11
Ruby Kines	10/12
Janice Eason	10/15
Joy Orr	10/23
Melanie Sides	10/28
Pat Kibbey	10/29
Jackie Ray	10/29
Nancy Budzisz	10/30
Diane Gaddy	10/30
Lewis Ray	10/30





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Sweet Dreams Pillowcase Workshop

**Friday, October 16
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
in Room FB300**

Join us to make cheerful
pillowcases for children
receiving treatment in

Children's Hospital and other locations. We have camps
for cancer patients and children's hospitals asking for
pillowcases, but we need your help to meet these needs.

Alice's Mission Dresses Workshop

**Friday, October 23
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
in Room FB300**

Drop by or stay the whole
time as we prepare dresses
for shoeboxes and mission trips. You do not have to sew!
Help is also needed in ironing and folding.

Donations needed: Fabric donations or monetary
donations to purchase fabric and supplies.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Pack shoeboxes as a family or with your small group to
share the love of Christ with children around the world.
This Sunday empty boxes will be available for pickup
in Guest Services, along with information brochures
and labels. Completed boxes should be returned to the
church by Sunday, November 15.

**Our Goal: 1000
filled shoeboxes**