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Volunteers For The Thrift Store

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| Mon. 12-1 | Laraine/Johnnie/Alana |
| Tues. 12-2 | Velma/Teresa |
| Wed. 12-3 | Laraine |
| Thurs. 12-4 | Laraine/Alana |
| Fri. 12-5 | Laraine |
| Sat. 12-6 | OPEN Diane, Bonnie, Daniel |
| Mon. 12-8 | Laraine/Alana/Nancy F |
| Tues. 12-9 | Laraine/ Wendy |
| Wed. 12-10 | Teresa/Ralph |
| Thurs. 12-11 | Alana/Laraine |
| Fri. 12-12 | Sarah Grace/Laraine/Faith |
| Mon. 12-15 | Laraine/Alana |
| Tues. 12-16 | Laraine/Faye/Peggy & Roger |
| Wed. 12-17 | Clara/Velma/Laraine |
| Thurs. 12-18 | Laraine/Alana |
| Fri. 12-19 | Teresa/Sarah Grace |
| Mon. 12-22 | Laraine/Alana |
| Tues. 12-23 | CLOSED |
| Wed. 12-24 | CLOSED |
| Thurs. 12-25 | CLOSED |
| Fri. 12-26 | CLOSED |
| Mon. 12-29 | Laraine/Alana |
| Tues. 12-30 | Laraine/Teresa |
| Wed. 12-31 | CLOSED |
| Thurs. 1-1-26 | CLOSED |

NOTICE
The Thrift Store
Will be open
every 1st Saturday
of the month from
9am-2pm

Holiday Hours
Closed
 Tues Dec. 23rd– Fri.26th
 And
 Wed. Dec. 31st &
 Thurs. Jan. 1st

Food Closet Collection

THANK YOU! For the food donations.

Church Happenings
Barfield

12-3 JOY Club 10:30 lunch @noon
 12-7 Christmas Cantata &
 Finger food Social @ 6pm– see insert
 12-25 **Christmas Morning Service 10am**
 1-7– JOY Club 10:30 lunch @ noon
 1-25– Guest Singer– Scott Brand

Big Springs

Bible Study- Each Thursday night at 6pm
 with Dr. Albert Pike. Open to all

Clairmont Springs

Men’s Bible Study– Thursday nights with
 Pastor M R Hamilton at 6: 30 pm men invited

Lineville

12-14 Three on a String Concert @
 6pm See insert

12-24 Candlelight Service 4:30pm

Join us for a warm and intimate Christmas Eve
 Candlelight Service as we celebrate the birth of
 our Savior. This special evening will include
 Scripture reading, worship, and the beloved tradi-
 tion of lighting candles together as a church fami-
 ly. Bring your loved ones and gather with us in
 the glow of candlelight as we reflect on the hope,
 joy, and promise that Jesus brings into the world.
 All are welcome — come as you are, and let your
 heart be refreshed by the true meaning of
 Christmas. See insert

Mt. Zion

Adult Choir- “Heaven’s Greatest Gift”
 Sunday Dec. 7th @ 10:30am
Youth & Children- “Christmas, Where,
 When & Why?” Sun. Dec, 14th @ 5pm

Oak Chapel

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Wednesday Dec. 24th at 5pm

Olive Branch

Dec. 3rd, 10th & 17th– **Kids Camp @**
 5:15pm each night
 Dec. 11th– Ladies Christmas Party
 Dec. 21st– Christmas Cantata 10am

Clay County Hospital
Food & Blanket Drive
Dec. 9th from 4-6pm
See Insert

ATTENTION Ministers
“An Hour of Power”

December 13 @ 9am Carey Office
January 17 @ 9am
 Food & Fellowship for all Ministers

Jail Ministry

Every Other Sunday at 2:30pm
@ the Clay County Jail

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| Dec. 14 | Greg Dempsey |
| Dec. 28 | Jerry Brownlee |
| Jan-11 | T C Brown |
| Jan. 25 | Craig Price |

Spotlight

Mission opportunities

December

Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering– Support of
International Missionaries

We do this in partnership with IMB as we
 send missionaries from our churches to
 make disciples and multiply churches
 among unreached peoples and places for
 the glory of God. In this partnership,
 Southern Baptists provide the funding to
 support these missionaries and their min-
 istries.

The more we give, the more missionaries
 can be sent! For Supplies:

www.AlabamWmu.org/resources
 Get your church involved!

January 2026

Baby Shower for the

Women & Children’s Resource Center
 January 5th– January 30th

The Women & Children’s Resource Center
 is located at 10297 Hwy 77 Ashland if you
 would like to go by and visit. **Large Dia-
 pers & pull ups are needed. Pampers &
 Huggies. Please! Monetary Donations!!**

For more info call: 256-354-2229 on
 Wednesday or Friday of each week. mail-
 ing address is: PO Box 683

Ashland, AL 36251

**From Your Associational
Missionary
THANKSGIVING!!!**

Many people tell me, "This is my favorite holiday." It isn't mine (Easter is!), but I certainly understand why so many feel that way. Thanksgiving is about **family, food, and faith**. My prayer is that each of us will pause this Thanksgiving to give our Savior the thanks He truly deserves and desires. May all **560 homes** receiving this message be richly blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Before long, we will be celebrating the birth of our Savior. It's exciting to hear about all the special Christmas events our churches are preparing. Let's each do our part to **keep Christ in Christmas**. And as Scripture encourages us, "*not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together*" (Hebrews 10:25).

Our ministry here in the CBA continues to move forward with strength and purpose. Some **Good News**: we have seen **five people saved since October!** Jesus is SO GOOD. **All praise and glory belongs to Him**. Thank you, churches, for your faithful support of this ministry. These five souls have come to know Jesus because **you** make this work possible.

Our new warehouse at the Thrift Store is nearing completion. The building is up, the electrical work is almost finished, and—Lord willing—next week the spray insulation will be applied. After that, we'll sheath the interior walls and begin using the building. Stop by and take a look when you can—we'd love to show you the progress.

COMING IN JANUARY

Our pastors and church leaders will have the opportunity to attend a workshop called "**HEALTHY CHURCH**." Edwin and Andrew Jenkins will be leading this training. Many have asked, "*What is it about?*" It's a tool designed to help pastors and leaders evaluate their church using the biblical model found in **Acts 2:41-48**.

Just as we schedule regular doctor's appointments to check on our personal health, this workshop helps us check on the **spiritual health** of our churches—identifying areas that may need attention and offering guidance for strengthening areas already identified as unhealthy.

We are partnering with the **Coosa River Baptist Association** and the **Central Baptist Association**. The workshop will be held at the Coosa River Association office in Talladega on:

- **Friday, January 23** (5:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - Saturday, January 24** (9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)
- Dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday will be provided.
For more information, **CALL ME** at the **Carey Association office**. 256-354-4441 or cell.

Richie, 256-283-7076



Christmas Fellowship
For
**Executive Committee
Members, Pastors, Leaders,
Staff & Their Spouse**

Friday Dec. 5 at 6:00pm
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
161 Mt. Olive Circle Wadley
Special Guest Singer:
Mark Lanier

**Training Opportunity
Project Zero
Suicide Prevention**
Wed. Dec. 10th
10am-11am
Ashland City Library
See Insert for more info.

**Send Relief
Serve Tour
Birmingham**

March 20-21, 2026

Join us to serve Birmingham in partnership with Alabama Baptist convention, Shelby Baptist Association, and Birmingham Metro Association!

Lead your church to serve the city and reach those in need with practical help and gospel hope.

Register for early access at :
ServeTour.org

**Executive Committee
Meetings 2026**

Sunday January 18, 2026
Sunday March 15, 2026
Sunday June 14, 2026
Sunday September 20, 2026

Ramp Ministry

1st ramp— in Lineville— David Rush, leader, County Line; Jim Gasser, Mannings chapel; Bob Allen, Ashland First; Derrick Griffin, Delta; Richie Farrow, DOM.

2nd ramp— Shiloh community— David Rush, Leader, County Line; Richie Farrow, DOM

**SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE
SUNDAY
SUNDAY JANUARY 18, 2026.**

Since 1983, Americans have observed Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS) as a day to celebrate the intrinsic value of all human life. This important day also provides an opportunity for pregnancy centers to share about the work they do to bring life-affirming resources to their communities and to empower women and men to choose life for their unborn children.

**Monthly Mission opportunities
for the coming year**

- Oct.**— Backpacks & Pastor/staff Appreciation
 - November**— Carey Baptist Food closet
 - December**—Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 - Jan.**— Baby Shower Women & Children's Center
 - February**—State Hunger Fund 50/50
 - March**—Mental Health Liaison—Sarah
 - April**— Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
 - May**—Baptist Children's Home
 - June**— Sampson Strength
 - July**—School Supplies for Teachers
 - August**— ARK of Clay County
 - September**—Myers-Mallory state offering
- Information about each mission will be in the newsletter or you can call me at the office.**

Churches Seeking A Pastor

- *County Line *Millerville
- *Mellow Valley *Mt. Olive
- *Rock Springs

We currently have 5 churches searching for a pastor. Please be in prayer for our Sister Churches.

**Due Date for information in our
newsletter: 15th of each month !**

We would love to add information about your church in our newsletter. You can call, mail or email us 256-354-4441.
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