

A vibrant field of sunflowers stretches towards a glowing sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden light across the scene. The sunflowers are in various stages of bloom, with their bright yellow petals and dark brown centers clearly visible. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and uplifting.

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Camellia Baptist Church

HEARTBEAT

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

6:00pm Pickleball

AUGUST 2

Widows & Widower's Banquet

AUGUST 4

6:00pm Women's Ministry Meeting

AUGUST 8

Women's Small Group Bible Studies Resume

AUGUST 13

9:00am Sewing for Missions: Lunch Provided

AUGUST 23

3:30pm Deacon's Meeting

AUGUST 26

11:30am Brotherhood Lunch at Captain D's

AUGUST 28

5:30pm Family Movie Night [CLC]

AUGUST 29

**10:00am Women's Grace Gathering - Brunch
& a Movie at Barbara Deaver's Home**

AUGUST 31

2027 Budget Requests Due

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Dear Church Family,

August is here, and with it comes, in many ways, a changing of the seasons.

As the summer wraps up, a new season awaits us. School is starting back. Football season awaits. Even for those of us who may not have any children in school, this time of year tends to mark a return to normalcy, routine, and structure.

I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:1 — “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.” August is a transitional month. It’s a bridge between the restful pace of summer and the renewed activity of fall. But regardless of the season, God is at work.

God was very much at work in the life of Camellia over the Summer. We had 108 children at VBS this year as we moved to a morning VBS. Our children went to Centri-Kid Camp. Our students went to Crossings Camp. We served overseas in Panama for a 5th straight year. We have had our highest attendance throughout the summer since I have been here. Wow! What an exciting and blessed summer!

But as we finish up summer and head into fall, I want to encourage you to stay faithful. Yes, the fall tends to be busy, but it also tends to bring more structure. Let’s ensure that our worship of the Lord and involvement in the church are integral to that structure. As members at Camellia, we want to be members who:

1. Worship (gathered together with the church)
2. Serve (one another)
3. Share (the gospel with others)
4. Grow (in our faith)
5. Give (our money to the Lord and the church)

I am deeply grateful to serve as a pastor at Camellia Baptist Church. I am thankful for these five years that the Lord has given me to be a part of this church and to pastor each of you. I am excited about the future and thankful for what the Lord will do during this upcoming season.

-Bro. James

Alabama Baptist Children’s Homes Foster Parent Training



Hello! My name is Collin Clardy and I’m on the team at Alabama Baptist Children’s Homes. God is doing something powerful in our area. In the Montgomery/Auburn offices alone, we have trained more than 30 new foster families in less than a year. These are unheard-of numbers. We’ve never trained that many families in this area in such a short span of time.

These are exciting days!!

Our next class in the Montgomery area begins August 20th at Taylor Road Baptist Church. We are thankful for them allowing us to use their space. We want to fill the room with new families.

If you would like more information about ways to jump on board with what God is doing in the lives of His children, I’d love to talk with you!

May God Bless You!

Collin Clardy | 251-589-0934
Alabama Baptist Children’s Homes

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS BANQUET

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MORNING SERVICE

RSVP: DAVID MIDDLEBROOKS (334)872-1971



"Pray Like Paul"

In Colossians 1:9-11 we see the apostle Paul tell the church in Colossae, whom he hasn't met or seen in person, that he is praying for them. But notice what he prays for them about:

"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;"

What is apparent in this letter to the Colossians is the burden to pray for spiritual matters should be greater than our burden to pray for physical matters. Hard times come to us all. Who can withstand difficult times better? Those who are strong in the faith or weak in the faith? As is evident by Job, those who are strong in their faith are better equipped to handle trials of all kinds when they come.

So when we pray, let's be burdened not only for the physical well-being of others, but for the spiritual vitality of God's people. Let's pray like Paul!

In Christ,



Email 2027
Budget Requests
to office@cbcprattville.org



before
August 31

CAMELLIA
BAPTIST CHURCH

MOVIE *night*

Families with children birth through high school!
We have the HUGE movie screen! Just bring whatever you need to lounge comfortably: chairs, pillows, air mattresses, etc.

AUGUST 28 | 5:30 PM | CLC GYM

More information coming soon!

POPCORN & CANDY

POP CORN

PIZZA!

WOMEN'S
SMALL GROUPS

BIBLE STUDY

1 & 2 Peter
led by
Barbara Deavers
10:00am | 2nd & 4th Saturday
Aug. 8 - Nov. 14
at Barbara Deaver's Home

Esther
led by
Mary Warren
10:00am | Thursdays
Aug. 20 - Oct. 8
CLC Main Floor

He Speaks to Me
led by
Leslie Morgan &
Letitia Henson
6:00pm | 2nd & 4th Tuesday
Sept. 8 - Dec. 18
at Lisa Turner's Home

FALL 2026

CBSM

Fall Teaching Focus:
Rejoicing in God's Good Design: A Study on Biblical Manhood & Womanhood

Young Adults

Fall Bible Study Focus:
Marks of a Healthy Church

Bible Study:
1st & 3rd Monday each month
at Lisa Turner's Home

CAMELLIA BAPTIST CHURCH
CBSM
STUDENT MINISTRY

CAMELLIA
BAPTIST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

RSVP BY 12:00PM TUESDAYS

Adults - \$5
Children - \$3
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August 5: Poppyseed Chicken & Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, & Dessert

August 12: Hamburger Steak, Field Peas, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cornbread, & Dessert

August 19: Taco Salad, Chili Beans, & Dessert

August 26: Breakfast for Supper