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Camellia Baptist Church

HEARTBEAT

THURSDAYS

6:00pm Pickleball

SEPTEMBER 1

6:00pm Women's Ministry Planning Meeting

SEPTEMBER 2

Disciple Life Classes Resume [CLC]

SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

SEPTEMBER 8

9:00am Sewing for Missions: Lunch Provided

SEPTEMBER 11

5:30pm Young at Heart Potluck [CSFH]

SEPTEMBER 13

8:45am Discover Camellia Class

**5:00pm Adventure Club Resumes &
New Connect Groups Begin**

SEPTEMBER 18-20

Atlanta Mission Trip

SEPTEMBER 20

8:45am Discover Camellia Class

SEPTEMBER 27

8:45am Discover Camellia Class

3:00pm OCC Prep Day

3:30pm Deacon's Meeting

SEPTEMBER 28

8:45am Discover Camellia Class

3:30pm Deacon's Meeting

SEPTEMBER 30

11:30am Brotherhood Lunch at Captain D's

Church Family,

In the last few years I have preached through a few different books of the Bible. But my mind has been on two of them: 1 Timothy and Jude. I find it significant how they both begin by warning us about teachers who have swerved from the truth. Sometimes, this is intentional deception on behalf of these teachers, and sometimes, it is from certain people unintentionally drifting from the truth. In light of this, Paul tells us to devote ourselves "to the stewardship from God that is by faith." Jude tells us in verse 3, "I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints." As a church, we are commanded to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

These two commands should be our goal as a church: being faithful stewards of the faith and contending for it to protect our church. As Jude says, we do not want false teaching creeping into our church. We do not want our teachers teaching anything that doesn't issue from a pure heart, a good conscience, a sincere faith, and sound doctrine, as Paul says. Here at Camellia, I believe that we are on the right path. We will never be a perfect church, but I am grateful we have a church built upon "the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints." I am grateful for a church staff (Peyton, Blake, Hilary, Jess, & Tiffany) who love the Lord and are united.

I hope our church understands how special a staff we are blessed with. I am grateful that, from babies to our senior adults, we have godly, biblical training. I am grateful for a Children's Ministry and a Student Ministry that are not merely teaching Bible stories but are ministries that teach our youngest generation to build their lives on the foundation of obedience to God's Word. I am grateful for the Young at Heart ministry, which continues to serve and support the church. I am grateful for a Music Ministry whose goal is not merely to deliver good music and a worshipful experience, but to please God and to teach the wonderful truths of God's Word through music.

Church family, let us not waver in this commitment but grow stronger by the day. I am grateful for the church's longstanding commitment to God's Word, which has been present long before I arrived. But as your pastor, I pray that that commitment grows stronger and deeper by the day.

May Camellia be known as a church built on the rock of obedience to God's Word, and may we reap those blessings. May God bless each of you. - Bro. James

Women's Ministry
Planning Meeting

September 1
6:00pm [CLC]

DISCIPLE LIFE CLASS
Proverbs

Led by Pastor Peyton Kelly

Beginning September 2
Wednesdays at 6:00pm



DISCIPLE LIFE CLASS

Gospel Treason

Led by Pastor James Taylor

Beginning September 2
Wednesdays at 6:00pm



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**SEWING
FOR MISSIONS**

CLAYTON SHAW FELLOWSHIP HALL
9:00AM-2:00PM

LUNCH PROVIDED

**CONNECT GROUPS**

Sundays at 5:00pm

New Groups Beginning September 13

Scan the QR code to Sign Up!



Young at Heart

(60 years of age and older)

POTLUCK

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th
5:30 pm
CLAYTON SHAW
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Fried Chicken will be furnished.
Please bring a side dish and/or dessert.

We will also have Show & Tell!

Please bring something that you enjoy showing and telling others about (ex: picture, object, etc.).

Please sign up in your SS class, text Andy, (334) 324-4883, or respond to the remind text if you plan to attend.



Week of Prayer September 13-20



Operation Christmas Child

PREP DAY

SEPTEMBER 27 | 3-5:00 PM

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Autrey!

"The Merciful Patience of God"

My daily Bible reading throughout the month of September has been in the second epistle of Peter. I wanted to share with you some encouraging thoughts from my devotional regarding 2 Peter 3:9 which says, "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

In a world full of brokenness and sin, we echo the words of the psalmist David, "How long, O LORD?". When will Christ return and end the suffering and turmoil of this world? Why doesn't the Lord return today? Let these words be of comfort to you as we wait:

"This is a breathtaking display of divine commitment. The delay that frustrates us is, in fact, the patience that saves us. Some who will believe tomorrow have not yet believed today. Some who will repent next year are still running from God this year. The continued turning of the earth is evidence not of a broken promise but of a relentless mercy. Every day that the Lord tarries is a day of mercy for someone who has not yet believed. Rather than growing impatient with the wait, let us marvel at the grace that has kept the door open long enough for us to enter."

This seeming delay is not a sign of God's indifference or inability but a demonstration of His mercy. Praise God He kept the door open for us and is keeping the door open for those yet to believe!

In Christ,



BROTHERHOOD LUNCH

SEPT. 30  11:30AM

**BEGINS SUNDAY EVENING
SEPTEMBER 13TH!**



**ADVENTURE
CLUB**

SUNDAY

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**WOMEN'S
SMALL GROUPS**

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

BIBLE STUDY

**FALL
2026**

CBSM

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

September 12
Alabama Adventure &
Splash Adventure Water Park

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**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS**

RSVP BY 12:00PM TUESDAYS

Adults - \$5
Children - \$3
cbcprattville.org


September 2

Chicken Sandwich, Chips, Baked Beans, & Dessert

September 9

Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Dessert

September 16

Chicken Tenders, Mac n' Cheese, Salad, & Dessert

September 23

Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Hashbrown Casserole, & Dessert

September 30

Ham & Turkey Subs, Fries, & Dessert