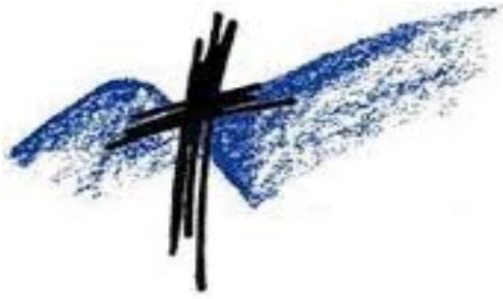


# The Cross & Steeple



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## From John

*I know nothing except the fact of my ignorance.* – Socrates

*How dumb am I?* – John Morgan

Am I dumber than a rock? A rock just sits there. It's too dumb to get in out of the rain. It lets snakes live under it. And spiders. It never learns anything. Maybe I am smarter than a rock.

Am I dumber than a potted plant? Maybe not. But any plant?

I spent the afternoon working in the yard. Mowed down a lot of plants. But I also spent a lot of time weeding. Getting Gloria's flower bed cleaned up for winter. And cleaning up the driveway.

Weeds find places to grow. In little cracks in the driveway. In between rocks. Almost anywhere. Especially somewhere like a flower garden. They can really get their roots down there. When you ignore them for a while, they can really get hard to pull up. And I ignore them a lot. I get too busy to pull them. But they never get too busy to grow.

Part of not pulling them is the futility of it. They just come back. A little rain and there they are. Depending on me to ignore them. You can't beat weeds. They always seem to win. So maybe I am dumber than a weed. Wonder what Socrates would say about that?

My mother was really good at getting weeds out of her flower bed. She could not ignore them. She would stop on her way into the house, set down whatever she had in her hands and start pulling weeds. Some of you are that way. Not me.

Barney Fife would tell me to learn to nip it in the bud. And I remember a story another preacher told about a farmer with weed problems. He said that they could choke good plants. And that sometimes your enemy might even plant weeds just to mess you up. (look in Matthew 13:7, 22, 24-28)

That preacher, Jesus, said our life is like that. Satan always wants to choke out God's Word in our life. The only solution? Be like my mother, not like me. Pull out whatever is keeping you from Jesus and His church. Your sins. Your schedule. Your money. Your worries. Pull them now. Don't let them keep you from Jesus. Don't be dumber than a weed.

### **World Hunger Relief Offering**

Banks Are Due Back  
Sunday, October 14  
World Hunger Sunday

### **Dekalb Association Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, October 15  
Liberty Baptist Church in Painter  
2:00 P.M.  
Supper at 5:30  
Evening Session at 6:30

### **Sav-A-Life Annual Banquet**

Tuesday, October 4  
6:30 P.M.  
First Methodist, Fort Payne  
Music, Speakers, Buffet  
\$15.00

### **October Is Cooperative Program Month**

#### **Congratulations**

To Mark and Glenda Morgan  
And Elijah, Isaiah and Sarah  
On the Birth of  
Hannah Caroline  
Sunday, September 16  
9lb, 13 oz; 22 inches

To Jerrie Delk  
Who Was Honored As The  
Outstanding Advocate of the Year  
By the National Alliance for Mentally Ill Alabama  
She Was Recognized for Her Tireless Work For the  
Mentally Ill Since 1987

Congratulations to Kelsey Leath, daughter of April  
Leath, who won the Albertville Idol Talent  
Competition in August. The proud grandparents are  
Rex and Cindy Leath.

#### **Sympathy and Love**

To Mamie Moore and Her Family  
On the Death of Mamie's Sister Toni  
We Are Glad You Are Back Home  
And We Are Consoled Knowing that She Is Home

#### **Many Thanks**

To All Who Served On  
The Nominating Committee and  
The Stewardship and Budget Committee

#### **Much Rejoicing**

For Trinity Perez and Allora Perkins  
Who Have Publicly Professed Jesus Christ as Lord  
and Savior  
Joining With Our Church  
Their Baptism Is Coming Soon!

### **Yellow Dot Program**

Go to City Hall  
Fill Out a Form with Your Name and Medical  
Information  
Have Your Picture Made at City Hall  
Put It in Your Car's Glove Compartment  
To Be Accessed by Police in the Case of An  
Emergency - No Charge

### **Fall in the Park**

Sunday, October 21 - Howard's Chapel

### **Chili Cookoff**

Sunday, October 28  
Mamie Moore, Phil & Vanessa Chambers House  
Bring Your Best Chili  
See If You Can Win the Title This Year

### **Quarterly Ministry Meeting & Covered Dish Dinner**

Sunday, October 14  
Immediately After the Morning Service



### **Operation Christmas Child**

October - Bring Hard Candy  
National Collection Week - Nov. 12-19

### **Blessing of Animals**

Some Members Have Requested that  
We Have This Service Again  
Sunday, October 7  
4:30 P.M.  
Front Steps of Church  
All Animals Welcome - Must Be Accompanied By  
A Human Friend

### **Daylight Savings Time Ends**

Sunday, November 4

### **Turkey Trot**

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Saturday, November 3

### **Election Day**

Tuesday, November 6  
7-7

### **Veteran's Day**

Sunday, November 11

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for  
International Missions**

Beginning Sunday, November 18

**Community Thanksgiving Service**

Sunday, November 18

6:00 P.M.

At Collinsville Baptist

Tim Barnes, Speaker

Bring Canned Goods for Food Baskets

Our Church Will Be Responsible For

Putting the Boxes Together and Delivering Them

**Community Christmas Tree Lighting**

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22  
5:00 P.M. - Across the Street From Our Church

**Advent Begins**

Sunday, December 2

Week of Prayer for International Missions  
December 2-9

**Christmas**

Tuesday, December 25

**PRAYER GOUP** For many years, our church has had a group of people who got together weekly to pray. Their desire was to pray for others. They have been instrumental in many things our church has seen happen. Need a job? Call the prayer group. Need a new teacher? Call the prayer group. Need someone who will really pray for you? Call the prayer group.

It has always been a group for lay people led by lay people. But for right now it is not meeting. The attendance had fallen and a new lay leader was needed for the group. They decided to stop meeting and do what they do best – pray for guidance. If you would like to pray with them, please do. And let them know if you have any ideas.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** would like to invite you to join us as we begin practices for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. You will receive a blessing, and be one, too!

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS** have gotten off to a great start, and we hope to be adding more children this

month. Preschool through sixth graders got to see and hear about our town's volunteer fire fighters and even got to see the uniform and fire truck they use. We thank Fire Chief, David Bowen, for making arrangements, and firemen Wes Farmer and Mark Shatzell for their presentation. They did a great job at the enrollment party. Let's help our children learn about the "greatest rescue ever" as they meet Wednesday nights 6:00 - 6:45. (They will not meet Wednesday, October 31st, Halloween.)

TO SHARE

**From Helen and Jack Whitley**

Dear Members of Collinsville Baptist Church, Helen and I deeply appreciate the invitation to be with you for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church. Our sincere congratulations on such a momentous event.

Unfortunately, I was committed to preach at the church we attend now, First Baptist of Winter Park, Florida. When we retired, we came to Winter Park to be near our children and grandchildren. Our memories of Collinsville are all wonderful. She and I increased the attendance greatly in two years and nine months by having three children. Susan, David and Stephen were born in Collinsville. When we moved to First Baptist in Piedmont, they expanded the Children's Department. We promise to try to attend the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Love in Jesus,  
Helen and Jack Whitley

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO START RECEIVING  
YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
ELECTRONICALLY, PLEASE EMAIL  
[office@collinsvillebaptist.com](mailto:office@collinsvillebaptist.com)**

Anniversary DVDs of the service and additional pictures from members are available from the church office. Contact us if you would like one. We also have a few books left if you did not get one. 256-524-2367

Miss the Article in Alabama Baptist on Our Church  
Anniversary?

Thealabamabaptist.org – Under Church News  
[http://www.thealabamabaptist.org/print-edition-  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>LORD'S SUPPER OCTOBER JR &amp;</b>	<b>1</b> BIRTHDAYS Victoria Morales ANNIVERSARY Craig & Rebecca	<b>2</b> BIRTHDAYS Allora Perkins Avery Burke	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> BIRTHDAYS Brad Barksdale
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> BIRTHDAYS Martha Barksdale Sarah Jones Karen Smith Frank Wardrup	<b>9</b> BIRTHDAYS Symphony Graves	<b>10</b> BIRTHDAYS Shawn Ross	<b>11</b> BIRTHDAYS Gloria Morgan Oliver Hall III	<b>12</b> BIRTHDAYS Carol Zulker	<b>13</b> BIRTHDAYS Jerry Delk
<b>14</b> BIRTHDAYS John Hamiter Jr. ANNIVERSARY Mark & Glenda	<b>15</b> ANNIVERSARY Justin & Allison Foster	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> BIRTHDAYS Raven Stevens	<b>18</b> BIRTHDAYS John Edwards	<b>19</b> BIRTHDAYS Lynn Beene Abernathy Kevin Siniard	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> BIRTHDAYS Cagney Buchanan	<b>23</b> BIRTHDAYS Bill Fortner Dale McKee	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> BIRTHDAYS Dean Patton
<b>28</b> BIRTHDAYS Donnie Myers	<b>29</b> BIRTHDAYS Carl Clayton Aimee Clayton Talley Jessica Nelson	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> BIRTHDAYS Mary Berry Stephens Jade Burke			

## Prayer Concerns

### Our Church Family:

Jerry Delk     Frank Wardrup     Carolynne Gese     LD McReynolds     JR Bobo  
Jimmy Pendergrass     Tonya Scott     Bill Fortner     Jack & Mary Blanton     JoAnn Burton  
Bobbie Jones     Dan & Deborah Tarrant     Jerrie Alexander & Family     Ronnie McReynolds  
Teague Family     Garoutte Family     Mathis Family     Dot Burke

### Church Family Relatives:

Brian Lopez     Sharon Gaines     Martha Morgan     Andy Jones  
Margaret Myers sister Rian Edwards     Phyllis Reagan (Cousin to Rosses)  
Redmond Baby     Ashley Teague     Zulkers great nephew     Johnny Mack Edwards  
Tim Davidson (Morgan's cousin)     Danny Estes (brother-in-law of Margaret Myers)  
Bill Kirby (Smith's brother-in-law/uncle)     Joshua Mathis and Family     Wanda Baker (Toni's  
Daughter-in-law's mother)     Kam Young (Symphony's Son's mother-in-law)

### Friends:

Martha Adams     Floyd Myer Henderson     Lois Carpenter     Dee's Friends  
Mary Jo Nelson     Michael Nelson     Tonya Scott's friend's nephew     Linda Watkin  
Ella Grace Hood     Joyce Mattox & Daughter     Sharon Fortenberry     Nell Glenn     Bernice Esser  
Elna Wright     Helen Dobbs     Julia Chesnut     Dean Walls     Don Matthews  
Marilyn Butler     Sarah Hood

### Nursing home:

Bobbie Jean Jones     Ola Mae Chandler     Lillian Stover

### And:

Those who do not know Christ as their Savior  
Peace in Israel  
Missionaries at home and around the world  
Our nation and leaders at every level  
Mental Health Advocacy  
Christians being persecuted for their faith  
Local businesses  
All those needing jobs, transportation, and places to live  
Travelers  
Our service men and women  
Children's Choir and Leaders  
175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year  
Trunk or Treat Outreach  
Turkey Trot  
Unspoken requests

### Christian Sympathy

I.I. and Donnelly Bubo and family and friends in the loss of their cousin, Lucille Bubo