

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

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## Patriotism and Prayer

Many of us, when asked about patriotism, will think of the American flag, fireworks, parades and the American soldier. Often, the idea of prayer is not linked to patriotism at all. But, I believe that the more patriotic that we become, individually and as a nation, the more we will want to pray for our country.

*Our nation was birthed out of prayer.* The Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776 was first preempted with our Founding Fathers praying during the first Continental Congress meeting on September 7th, 1774. For nearly two years, delegates prayed for a nation under God.

George Washington wrote in his diary at the time, *"Went to church and fasted all day."* John Adams wrote in his diary, *"God grant us wisdom and fortitude."* Tom Cushing, also moved by prayer, asked the Continental Congress to be opened up in prayer and his motion was passed. A nation under God was born.

Since then, we have elected both Republicans and Democrats into office, some have believed in prayer and some have not. But I believe that there is one thing that has not changed since that first Independence day, our nation needs men and women who lead our country to depend upon God. Not only that, God is depending upon you and me to not just be patriotic, but to also pray for our leaders and our country.

We are living in terroristic, troubling, and dividing times. Often times, the one thing that stands in the way of God blessing a nation is our prayers. Or I should say, the lack of our prayers...

It doesn't really matter how we feel about the man or woman in office, what matters is whether or not we are willing to stand in the gap for our country?

I am proud to be an American and I hope you are too. Today, I hope you value your right to be patriotic in a land that is free and I hope that you will exercise your freedom to pray to God that He will bless the USA.

Patriotism and prayer; a Believer in Christ cannot have one without the other.



Elaine Brooks 9

Arzetta Mimbs 13

Stella Mimbs 27

Jean Blair 28





Lenore, Bob, Sara, Randy Reed, Sue, Susan, Elaine, Alonda, Helen Reed, Linda, & Nick



This museum was unique because it had about 95% of the original furnishings!







Look at the size of this tree trunk! It had to be taken down to keep it from falling down during a storm, and causing major damage to the Wheeler home.

Gen'l Joe Wheeler was originally buried at his home cemetery, but later moved to Arlington Nat'l.



Some of us stopped at Wheeler dam for a photo opp!



Dot's Soul Food in Hillsboro was so good!

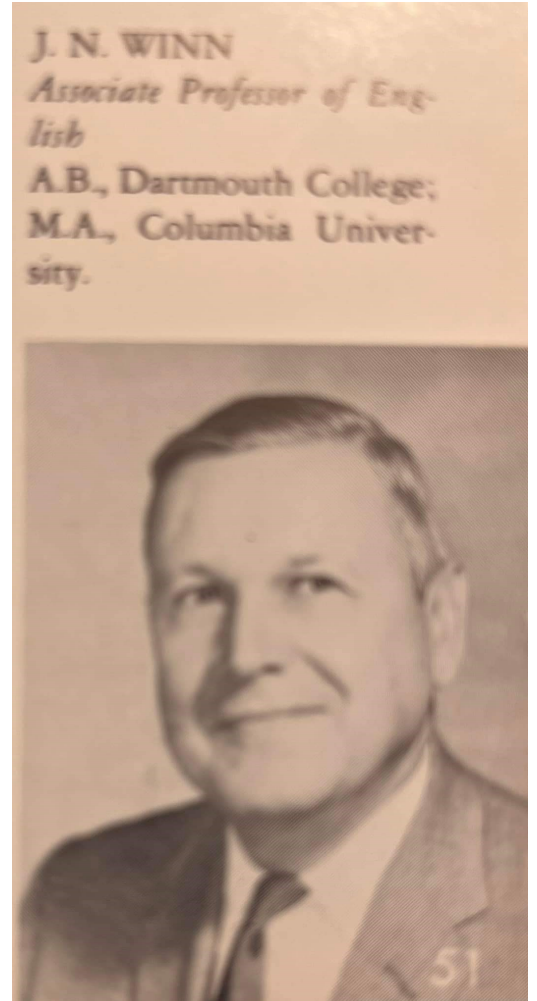




# Happy Father's Day



**Bella, Melissa, Sue & Nick Winn**



**Nick's father. He taught 22 yrs in high schools, & 26 yrs at UNA.**



**Alonda Crosslin with her dad**



**Kyndall & Tanner Crosslin with dad, Phillip**





**Bob Moody with David, Brad, Mack, Justine & Miller**



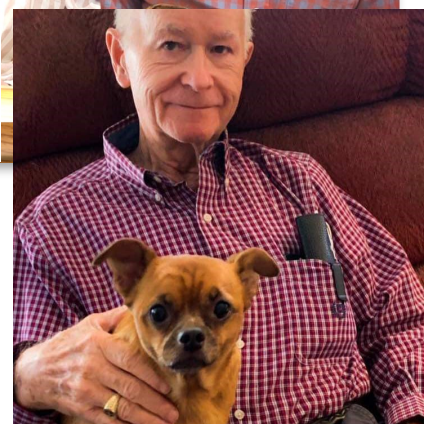
**Happy Father's Day to Lawrence Perry from Andrea, Blair & families!**



**Weston, Korah Grace & Ayla Heinitz with dad, Robbie**



**Cale, Kim & Bob Howard with Bug**





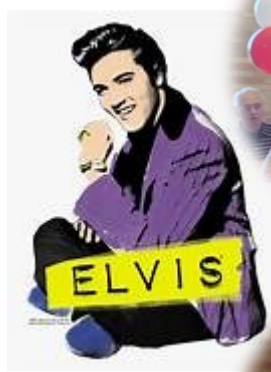
ANNUAL  
CHURCH  
DINNER



Elvis and Sinatra



JACOB & BLAKE  
ADAMS







**FUN NIGHT**





Our sanctuary flowers are in loving memory of the late Bradley White given by his children, Bailey White and Braden White, in honor of this Father's Day.







**Congratulations to Keaton Anderson on his recent marriage to Sydney Perreault. Keaton is the grandson of Charles & the late Hilda Anderson**







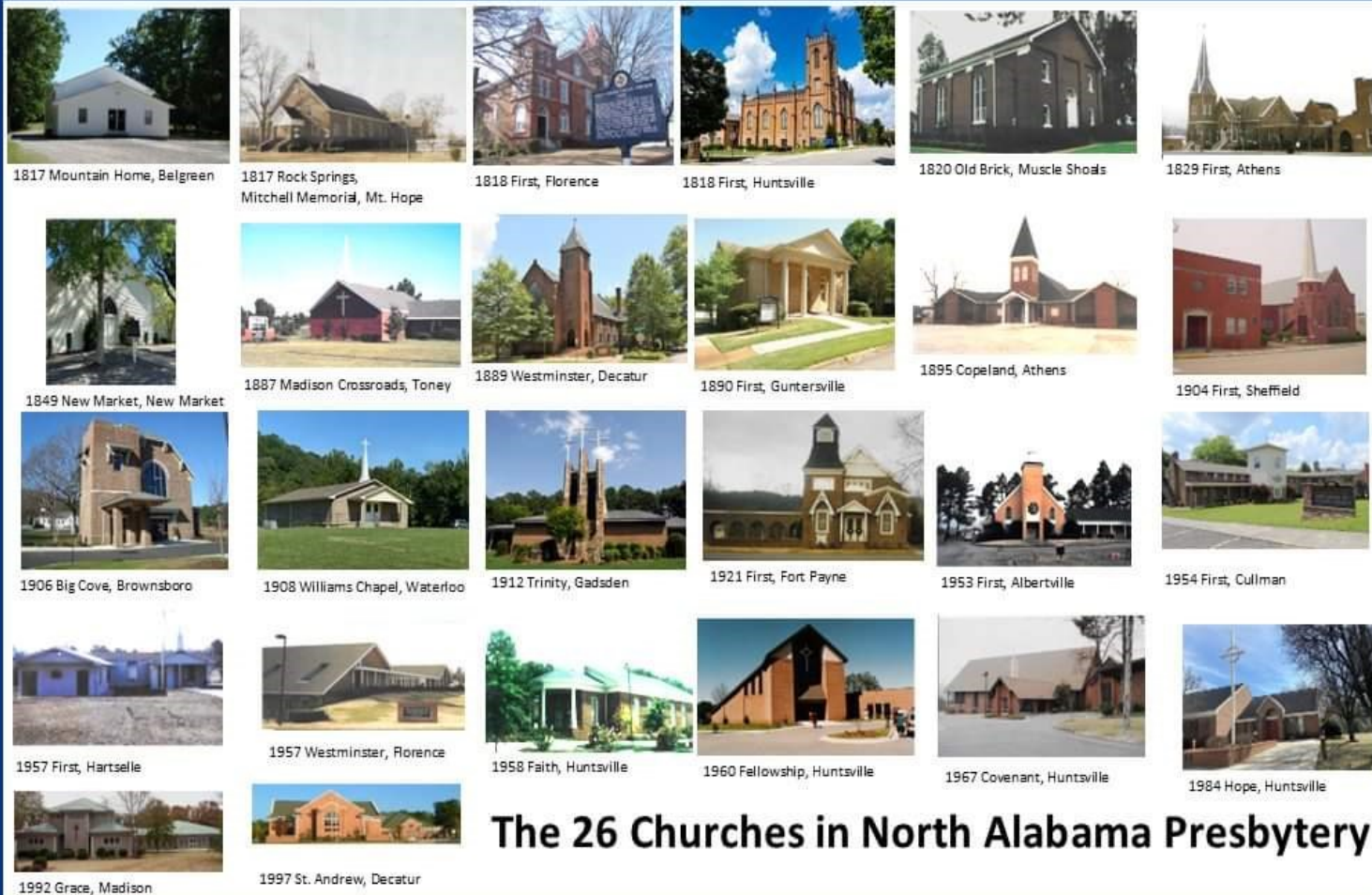
**Ayla Heinitz**



Daisy didn't want to stop hugging Bob Moody on his recent trip to Disney! He & Brad honored Frances by wearing her name on their hats every-day!







Daughter Fabiola Windham, mother Lucila Valcarcel, Bessie Salter, and granddaughter Ariana Windham.





# SO WE CAN KNOW AND SHOW WE CARE

Immediate: Florence Duncan, John Horton,  
Lawrence Perry, Jeremy Sylvester &  
unnamed prayer requests

At Home: Jean Blair

Green Oaks: Lynda Hicks

TN Assisted Living: Dot Solomon



Deborah Seale Braswell would like to thank WPC for all of their prayers. Her latest scans showed that she was clear from cancer! She said she has felt her mom, Susan, with her on this entire journey, especially on the day she got the good news!

On June 19, we received the news we have been praying for. There was no cancer! Who could ask for more? We have been so blessed by our church family during this time. Your prayers, love, and care have carried us through. We cannot thank you enough.

Love, MQ and Sally Parker



## June Fellowship Lunch Group

There won't be a luncheon during July. Look for a sign-up for Claunches in August!



Wil Susan Linda Sue Nick Bob Sara Elaine

Thurs, July 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30: Meet in church parking lot  
\$24.53 Seniors Ages



**The Shoals Music Tour:** You will be riding the Movin'/Groovin' Van, which takes you back to the golden era of Muscle Shoals with the stories of renowned musicians and the artists who made the magic for decades after! You'll hear stories and sights unique to this tour which include the Original FAME Recording Studio site as well as the current site of FAME Recording Studios, Sam Phillips childhood home, Muscle Shoals Sound Studios (both sites!), and many more! See where hits like "When A Man Loves a Woman" (Percy Sledge), "Patches" (Clarence Carter), "Old Time Rock 'N' Roll" (Bob Seger), and "Family Tradition" (Hank Williams, Jr.) were recorded! Studios used by such artists as Mac Davis, The Staple Singers, Jimmy Buffett, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Aretha Franklin, Rolling Stones, Rod Stewart, Dr. Hook, Bob Dylan, and James Brown to name just a few! **Lunch** TBA afterwards! Sign up in Narthex **(The van only holds 10-12, so hurry & sign up!)**

Fri, Aug 4<sup>th</sup> **Tour of Wilson Dam-** Time TBA

TVA is celebrating 90 yrs! 20 people at a time will be able to tour the dam, but only the people selected randomly. You must sign up in the Narthex that you are available to go at 9 or at 1 on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Alonda will receive notification of who is selected to go by the July 28<sup>th</sup>. There are no guarantees that we will get to go, but it would be an interesting tour if you are available to go.

Thurs, Sept 21, **Jack Daniel Distillery:** Leave from parking lot by 8:30.

THE FLIGHT OF JACK DANIEL'S

Along with a behind-the-scenes look at how we make Jack Daniel's, this experience includes a memorable stop at the historic George Green Barrel House, where you'll sip a flight of five Jack products. \$30 1.5 hr tour. We will eat at **Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House** following the tour! She is known for her legendary southern cooking! \$28 + 18% Alonda will have to pay in advance when making the reservations.

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