

Worth The Wait!

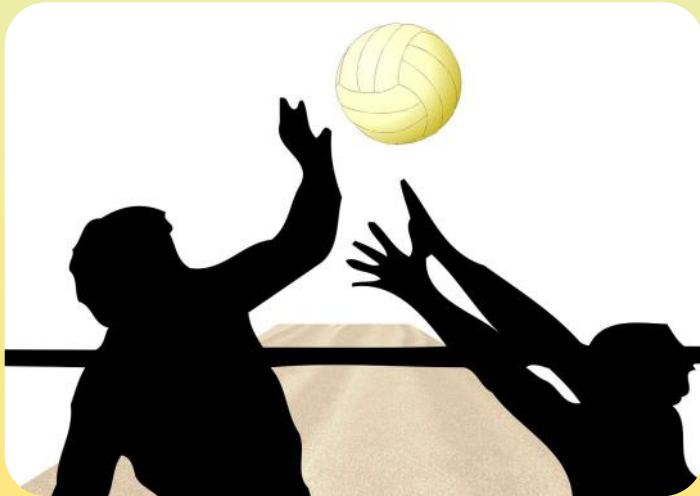
Eleven years, by anyone's measuring of time, is a long time. When you add in leap years, that comes to 4,018 days. That is a big number when you are waiting on something that really means something to you personally.

I was recently informed by our Volleyball coach at GSCS that our volleyball team had not won a game since she was a student here in the 5th grade. That was a few days ago; 4,018 days ago. A long time! In speaking with Coach Katie, she told me that her goal was simple as the coach: To break that streak and win at least one game before she had to move to Auburn to finish her degree. In most games this year they have been competitive but just could not get over the hump. It would be totally understandable if the team became discouraged and just went through the motions to get the season over with. Maybe some of them had that mindset, but not the coach! She has kept on coaching, encouraging, and investing into the team.

PERSEVERE



A WORD
From The Pastor



There was a date scheduled on the calendar for an away game in Pensacola. For the team this would mean a fun road trip regardless of the results. What they could not see was that this would become a day to see the payoff for all their work. This would be a day where they would see the payoff for enduring so many losses and continuing to practice and keep pursuing the victory. This would be a day that reset the calendar. This team went to Pensacola and came away with a VICTORY! "We WON!" Words they had never been able to share until now!

in Christ Jesus!" Keep believing that God will fulfill the yet to be fulfilled promises. Keep serving though you haven't seen the prayer answered yet. Stay diligent in your spiritual disciplines. Victory is in sight GSBC! Keep fighting the good fight! Keep going forward! Keep preparing for our Savior's return. God's timing is perfect, and He is always worth the wait!

Pastor Scotty

Things we should **FEAR**
Sermon series begins October 8th





MINISTRY MINUTE

Government Street Christian School

School is under way at Government Street Christian for school year 2023/24. Our enrollment is up by about twenty percent, and several new faculty members have joined an already outstanding faculty. Most of our classrooms have been equipped with new media granted to us by the Alabama Department of Education and the Governor's office. We have an outstanding Athletic program in development due to the efforts of great coaches and volunteers. Also, the morale of our faculty is the highest that it's ever been during my tenure due the leadership and ministry of members of Government Street Baptist Church! Thank You! In each and every instructional program, whether it be academic, athletic, extracurricular, or service, our ultimate objective is to fulfill the Great Commandments of Matthew 22:37-39 and, lead by the Holy Spirit, help our students become resilient disciples of Christ, interpreting and evaluating life from a Biblical worldview and habitually acting and living for Christ.



-Bryan Townsend

Church Administration

Ah, October! Ah, Autumn! Ah, Change! Originally on the Roman calendar October was celebrated as the eighth month. When Julius Caesar was emperor he added two months to the Roman calendar, thus making October the tenth month. What did not change was the meaning in the title of October. Originally the name meant the "eighth" month.

We all experience changes of some type each month. They may be changes in physical strength, financial status, or emotional stability. Through His Word, God speaks about the importance of changing spiritually.

And he (Jesus) said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3

We cannot alter our changing physical experiences. We cannot add anything to our life, but only through Jesus we have the opportunity to change our eternal destination!

-Bro. Charles Matthews

Child Development Center

One of my favorite things to do in the Fall with the cooler weather is watch the squirrels scampering around collecting acorns. It is obvious that squirrels love acorns, as it is their food. There are many things that our boys and girls here love this much, too, such as toys and snacks, but our goal is to teach them that Jesus loves them even more than the squirrel loves its acorns. We want them to know that "We love Him, because He first Loved us." 1 John 4:19. Not only is the acorn a source of food, but if left behind it can sprout and grow into a tree. When Jesus is planted in the hearts of our little ones, His love grows, and these same little ones will then share Jesus' love with other people, even their families. We covet your prayers for our staff as every word and every gesture in every minute of the day is a teachable moment for these little ones, and we want to be sure that what we are teaching is Jesus centered.



- In Christ's Love, Deborah

Women's Ministry

As the summer has come to a close and we look forward to fall, there is much to accomplish in the coming days. Thank you everyone for your donations to the rummage sale and the fish fry.



In November, the Women's Ministry will be making Thanksgiving baskets for our homebound members. In December, we will be sponsoring Four Weeks of Sharing. We also will be working on our Homeless Blessing Bags.



THANK YOU:

To my church family,

Thank you all for the food, cards, and prayers. I love you all.

—Karen (Morgan), Joseph & Brittany :)

SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Robert Luther & family in the loss of his wife, Mrs. Lisa Luther

Mrs. Margaret Turner & family in the loss of her son, Mr. Blake Turner

Mrs. Sandra Morrison & family in the loss of her aunt, Mrs. Ann Tidwell

Mrs. Karen Morgan, Mr. Joseph Morgan*, & family in the loss of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Melda Dorgan

The family of Mrs. Faye Murphy

Mrs. Sarah Collier* & family in the loss of her brother, Mr. Ted Herrington



Church-Wide RUMMAGE SALE

OCTOBER 5, 6, & 7

Visit anytime between 8AM to 3 PM

In the GSBC Gymnasium

CLOTHING | JEWELRY | APPLIANCES | GADGETS
FURNITURE | HOME GOODS | AND MANY MORE!

Proceeds will go toward the restoration of Camp Christian.

Nursery

- 10/01 Eunice Hill & Marcie McDonald
- 10/08 Susan Stringfellow & Jane Ziplies
- 10/15 Cathy Alexander & Jean Lawrence
- 10/22 Dana Pope & Deborah Eddie
- 10/29 Eunice Hill & Marcie McDonald

Church Officers

- 10/01 Greg Parker & Scott Province
- 10/08 Jay Denbow & Buddy Nabors
- 10/15 Steve Simms & Lorenzo French, Jr.
- 10/22 Brandon Oliver & James Paravicini
- 10/29 Ronnie Boulter & Ed Walters

Sunday Outreach by Deacons

- 10/01 David Eddie
- 10/08 David Burcham & James Paravicini
- 10/15 Gary Raulerson & Jack Morrison
- 10/22 Ralph Shine
- 10/29 David Eddie



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Among the many projects undertaken by our Rags-to-Blessings sewing ministry, they recently were able to fill a request from the USA Health Mitchell Cancer Center Institute. Through coordination with Sheila McElhaney of Patient Supportive Care Services at USA Health, the Rags-to-Blessings team delivered rectangular pillows meant to aid in providing comfort for breast cancer patients recovering from surgery after the removal of malignant tumors. The following week they were also able to deliver smaller pillows meant to protect the port sites of chemo patients from seat belts. Due to the success of this mission, our team was provided with a schedule of anticipated needs in the future. Rags-to-Blessings meets once a month for a dedicated sewing day and also bi-weekly for a shorter meeting. Besides sewing, participants stuff and label pillows, cut material, and prepare projects for delivery. Sewing skills are not a requirement to help with this ministry. If you are interested in volunteering your time, check the church calendar for meeting times and dates.







Renata Jones & Jane Ziplies (center) deliver pillows to the Mitchell Cancer Center Institute

Mark your calendars!



NOV. 1st

October Events

- 3 9:30 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise
10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch
11:30 am Rags-to-Blessings Sewing Meeting-Rm.207
6:00 pm GSCS JV Volleyball Game @ ECA
- 5 CDC Lifetouch Pictures 
End of First Quarter
8:00 am Church Rummage Sale-Gym
11:30 am Sr. Adult Lunch @ Walk Ons
- 6 CDC Lifetouch Pictures
Teacher Work Day
8:00 am Church Rummage Sale-Gym
- 7 8:00 am Church Rummage Sale-Gym
- 9 Columbus Day / Fall Break
4:00 pm GSCS JV/MS Volleyball Games (Lighthouse)-Gym
- 10 2nd Quarter Begins 
8:30 am Honors Day
- 11 11:30 am Men's Lunch-Youth Rm.
- 12 9:00 am Sr. Adult Dominoes-Hosp.Rm.
5:00 pm GSCS JV Volleyball Game (Full Life)-Gym
- 15 11:30 am Grace Circle Meeting-Hosp.Rm.
- 17 K5 & Senior Pictures
9:30 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise
10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch
11:30 am Rags-to-Blessings Sewing Meeting-Rm.207
- 19 4:30 pm GSCS JV Volleyball Game @ Knollwood Christian
- 21 9:00 am Rags-to-Blessings Sewing Day-Rm.207 
- 23 GSCS Red Ribbon Week
- 24 GSCS Red Ribbon Week
- 25 GSCS Red Ribbon Week
- 26 GSCS Red Ribbon Week
- 27 GSCS Red Ribbon Week
- 31 CDC Harvest Parties 
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10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch
11:30 am Rags-to-Blessings Sewing Meeting-Rm.207

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MEET OUR STAFF WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Scotty Jernigan

Senior Pastor

Charles Matthews

Interim Church Administrator

Lee Anna Martin

Interim Worship Leader

Bryan Townsend

School Principal

Deborah Eddie

CDC Director

Sunday

- 9:00 AM - Sunday School
- 10:15 AM - Morning Worship
- 5:00 PM - Man Church-Youth Rm.

Monday

- 5:30 PM - Ladies Bible Study- Hosp. Rm.

Wednesday

- 4:45 PM - Fellowship Supper
- 5:00 PM - Ignite Students
- 6:00 PM - Children's Bible Study
- 6:00 PM - Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Thursday

- 4:30 PM - Connect at the Altar

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday

- 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday—Sunday

- Closed