

# ALBERTA BAPTIST CHURCH

## Portrait

Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ

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### Be Part of a Life Group Meeting in Homes Begins Week of February 12

“And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25

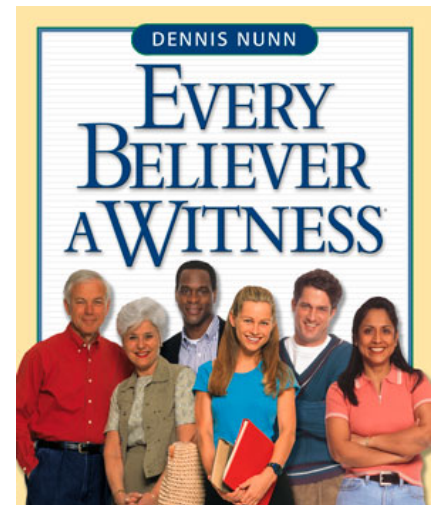
Look for detailed information from Colby in next week's *Portrait*.

To participate contact Colby Mouchette at the church office at 553-6520 or text him at 454-1230.

## Evangelism Training Revival March 4-7

Daryel O'Barr, Evangelist

Learn everything you need to know to help your friends find purpose in life and a home in heaven.



No visits to make! No books to read! No videos to watch!  
No tapes to listen to! No scripture to memorize!

**EASY! INTERESTING! FUN!**

Mark your calendar and look for more information in the coming weeks.



## From the Pastor's Heart

On January 22, 1973 the Supreme Court struck down the laws prohibiting abortion in all 50 United States. They decided that a woman's right to privacy gave her the right to abort her unborn baby for almost any reason, even up to the day of birth. According

to the Court's opinion, a baby in the womb is not really a person as defined by the Constitution. Therefore, the baby is property of the mother and is not guaranteed the right to life.

As a result our nation continues to abort a baby every 20 seconds. This is 3 babies a minute, 180 per hour, and 4,000 per day (more than were killed by terrorists who flew airplanes into the World Trade Center). In 39 years over 51 million babies have been aborted—more than the population of California and Georgia combined. Protestants (43%) and Catholics (27%) obtain the majority of abortion (70%).

Our culture has chosen to ignore the value God places on a human life. God's Word teaches that life is created by God (Psalm 139:13-14). Man is created in God's image (Genesis 1:26), and he is created a little lower than God (Psalm 8:3-6). Man is known by God from the womb (Jer. 1:4-5; Isa. 49:1; Isa. 64:8 and Isa. 44:24).

It is not difficult to comprehend the truth that life begins at conception. A baby's heart begins to beat at 21 days. At 7 weeks he can suck his thumb. At 9-10 weeks the unborn child squints, swallows and makes sounds. Fingerprints are complete at 16 weeks. At the moment of conception, every piece of the genetic puzzle is in place. Ultrasound machines provide a window into the womb. After seeing an ultrasound of their baby, 90% of mothers choose life.

Not only is life created by God, but life is protected by God (Exodus 20:13). The Endangered Species Act protects the snail, darter fish, and the spotted owl. In California it is a crime to disturb a seagull's nest because the unhatched eggs represent the potential for life. Some turtle eggs have more legal rights than a healthy, full-term baby the moment

before he is born. How ironic is the fact that in 1972, one year prior to Roe vs. Wade, an amendment was made to the Bald Eagle Protection Act of 1940, authorizing fines up to \$500,000 plus a jail term for destroying an unborn eagle in its egg. The sanctity of human life has been replaced by the sanctity of the environment.

As followers of Jesus Christ we must not abdicate our responsibility to protect human life. Approximately 25% of pregnancies end in abortion, and 22% of abortions are performed on teenagers. Women age 20-24 have 33% of all abortions. Forty-five percent of women who have abortions have already had one or more abortions. Married women have 26% of all abortions, and 18% claim to be an evangelical or a born-again Christian. Ninety-six percent of women who have abortions conclude later that abortion is taking a human life. Surveys show that 95% of abortions are done for convenience and not because of incest, rape, or to save the mother's life. Former Surgeon General C. Everette Coop said that in his 35 years of practice, he never came across a case where abortion was necessary to save a mother's life.

Finally, the Bible teaches us that human life is pursued by God. God the Father left heaven and came to earth as God the Son. Jesus came to give his life a ransom for many (Matt. 20:28). In Matthew 11:28-29, Jesus said: "Come unto Me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me for I am gentle and humble of heart; and you shall find rest for your souls."

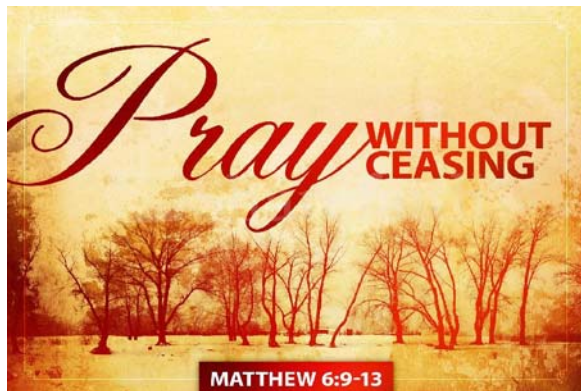
Anyone who has had an abortion can receive God's mercy and forgiveness through repentance and confession of sin. If God can forgive a person for killing His Son, He can surely forgive a person for killing her baby. Practice genuine repentance and confession of sin and commit yourself to sexual purity before marriage and after marriage. Remember this: human life is created by God; human life is protected by God; and human life is pursued by God. *Pastor Larry*

*Rejoice &  
Welcome as a  
New Member*

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*Church Council Meeting*

*Sunday, January 29*

*5:00 p.m.*

*Open Door Baptist Church  
Conference Room*

Church leaders on the council  
received a letter.

*Called Church Business Meeting*

*Thursday, February 2– 6:00 p.m.*

The deacons unanimously agreed to pass along to the church the Insurance Committee's recommendation to settle our storm damage claim.

The church will vote at this meeting to accept the insurance settlement.

*Please continue to pray as we proceed toward rebuilding our church facilities.*

**East Tuscaloosa**

**Soup Bowl**

**Ministry Opportunity**

**Friday, February 3**

**9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**Ways to Serve:**

- 1. Cook, serve, clean up, and fellowship with the clients**
- 2. Prepare and donate cornbread muffins**

Contact person: Patti Webber  
553-8698 or 310-3491 or  
patti4bc@charter.net

*"In as much as you did it to the least of these...you have done it to Me."*

**One Year  
Chronological Bible**

*"I know that my  
Redeemer lives,  
and at the last He will take  
His stand on the earth."  
Job 19:25 NASB*

**Week 4—January 22-29**

Day 1 Job 1-5  
Day 2 Job 6-9  
Day 3 Job 10-13  
Day 4 Job 14-17  
Day 5 Job 18-21  
Day 6 Job 22-24

**Week 5—January 30-February 4**

Day 1 Job 25-28  
Day 2 Job 29-32  
Day 3 Job 33-36  
Day 4 Job 37:1- 40:5; Ps. 19  
Day 5 Job 40:6 - 42:17; Ps. 29  
Day 6 Exodus 1- 4

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## Financial Record January 22, 2012

<b>Budget Needs</b>	<b>11,906.73</b>
Budget Offerings	7,152.75
HCOL Fund	2,182.71
Helping Hands Ministry	25.00
Alberta Disaster Relief	130.00
Refunds	305.00
Lottie Moon	5.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>9,800.46</b>
2012 Budget	619,129.00
Budget Goal YTD	45,235.01
Budget Gifts YTD	39,004.31
Budget Expenditure to Date	17,023.29
ADRF Received	294,858.41
ADRF Expended	123,811.03
Lottie Moon Received	6,237.77

**Sunday School**  
**January 22—182**

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*Love and Christian sympathy are extended  
to Nell Wood and Ann & Mack Boatwright  
in the death of Nell & Ann's sister, Kay Young,  
and to the family of Gayland & Joann Barger  
in the death of Gayland's father, L.V. Barger.*

*"Be not afraid,  
for I am with you."*



## Student Transportation Needed

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays**

**After school - 3:00 p.m.**

**Eastwood Middle School to Arts & Autism**

**Downtown Tuscaloosa**

**Pickup at 5:30 p.m. for return home**

**Please call Lisa Smalley—205.534.0915**