



THE CLARION

301 E. Church Street,
Headland, AL 36345



Welcome to a New Year. Welcome to new opportunities. Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are so glad you chose to be present this morning. A key element in God's redeeming us is His placing us in fellowship with other Christians. He made us for Himself and He made us for the Church. God adopts us into His forever family through faith in Christ. And the Church is the practical and personal expression of God's family. You and I need the Church family and the Church family needs you and me. If you believe God is drawing you to further explore our church and its ministries, please scan the QR code for more information and direction. You may also inquire at the Information Desk in the foyer or reach out to one of our pastors. May 2026 be our best year yet as our relationships with Christ and with one another grow and deepen for God's glory.



New D-Groups begin January 25th

D-Groups are disciple-making groups designed to help you mature as a follower of Jesus Christ. Think of a D-Group as a spiritual gym—an intentional environment where growth happens through consistent spiritual disciplines, biblical truth, and a loving community. In a D-Group, you will experience supportive relationships, genuine encouragement, gracious accountability, and practical spiritual insight.

As you look ahead to 2026, consider this question: What is your spiritual training plan? A D-Group provides both a plan and a trainer to guide you in pursuing Christ and living the life He calls and commands us to live. Take the next step in your discipleship journey—join a D-Group by clicking the link or scanning the QR code.



G.R.O.W. Orientation

*Reaching Our
Jerusalem in 2026*



Making Disciples begins where we live, work and play right here in Headland. Our G.R.O.W. ministry is a monthly outreach to people new to our community and church. Team members choose to either write, phone, or visit people who need enfolded into the body of Christ.

The Outreach Committee is offering an information session for those interested in learning more and/or participating in G.R.O.W. during 2026. This one-hour meeting will occur Sunday, January 18 at 3:30 PM in the Ministry Center. Refreshments will be served. We ask G.R.O.W. team members for a commitment of one night per month (first Mondays) for the next 12 months. Will you commit to being on this winning team of outreach in our community?

Please watch for more details on how YOU can join this team!



PERSPECTIVES 2026

Perspectives is a 15-week journey of discovery about global missions, which will begin on January 13th and conclude on April 21st. The class will be held at Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Dothan and led by a different instructor each week, giving a full spectrum of thought and ideas concerning missions around the world. For more information, contact David Hall at 334-405-1375. You may also [CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR code.





A New Year...A New Way of Living

It's likely you received something new recently. No matter your age, you might have received a new toy. Perhaps you have a new article of clothing or a new piece of jewelry – bling!

It may be some new technology, a new gadget, the book you've wanted to read, or a new furry friend. Regardless, we all like things 'new' – don't we?

It's time for a new year – 2026. The 'new' before us as the calendar turns is appealing. Lord willing, a fresh set of twelve months lies ahead. Or as some word it, a new 'trip around the sun' awaits. A new year inspires hope in our souls – especially for those whose 2025 was less than desirable.

Spiritually speaking, you and I are new people. When we trust Jesus Christ to apply His saving merits to us, we are born again. We undergo a new birth. Our sins are forgiven and we are given eternal life. The Apostle Paul describes this as a new creation - *Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come* (2 Corinthians 5:17). I sincerely hope you've been made new through personal faith in Jesus. Please make contact with one of our pastors or members if you're interested in becoming new through Jesus.

The new birth, however, is only the beginning. There's a new life to live! Jesus bids us to 'follow' Him as His disciples. We become His students seeking to learn how Jesus lived and follow suit. 'The Jesus Life' is a life opposite of the world. The life of a Jesus-follower is new, refreshing, and inspiring. We love God, one another, and our neighbors. We demonstrate love through sacrificing, serving, and reaching. We pray for one another and for the lost. We worship Jesus together and we forgive one another. We give generously that others might come to know Jesus through our church's ministry and through our missionaries. The new way of living is only possible as we depend upon the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

Are you looking forward to living this new way of life as you embark on a new year? Will you be intentional in your following of Jesus in 2026? What is your prayer for your discipleship journey this new year? Will you commit to spiritual habits which will foster the new life within you? And will you rely on God's Holy Spirit to empower you to follow Jesus well in newness of life?

Let's pray for one another in this holy pursuit,

Cecil Sanders



Newborn Announcement & Micah Olivia Ferguson

We celebrate the birth of Micah Olivia Ferguson. Parents are Graham & Danielle Ferguson. Micah was born on December 11, 2025. She weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. She was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Dewayne & Kathy Barr.



We will have a Parent and Child Dedication Service on Sunday, January 18. If you are a FBCH member and would like to participate in this service, make plans to attend an orientation class on Sunday, January 11, at 11:00 AM in the Choir Room. Please bring a photo of your child that you would like in The Clarion to the class or you may email it to chope@fbcheadland.com. Call Melea in the church office at 693-3220 to register. Deadline to register is January 6.



**JOY Ministry Outing
to McLin's Restaurant in Daleville
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
Meet at the Church to ride the bus at 5:00 PM.
The meal is Dutch Treat.
Please scan the QR to register!
Deadline to register is Jan. 7!**

**All participants
must sign up.**





Happy Anniversary, Mike Motta!

Please join us in saying “Happy Anniversary” to our Pastor of Students, Mike Motta. Mike celebrates his third anniversary with us on January 2nd. Please take time to let him know how much you appreciate all he does for our church family and our Lord.

Save-the-Date
SEND RELIEF

SERVE TOUR

**There will be an Info Meeting
on 1/11 after the Worship Service.
Registration will begin on 1/11.**

Birmingham
March 20-21, 2026

**Financial Administrative
Assistant**

The Church is seeking to fill the part-time Financial Administrative Assistant position. The Financial Assistant will focus on maintaining accounting records and providing specific administrative support. Experience in QuickBooks and Microsoft Office is a plus. The position is part-time at 29-hours per week. Resumes will be accepted through January 15, 2026. They can be dropped off by the Church Office, mailed to 301 East Church Street, Headland, AL 36345, or emailed to: cdampier@fbcheadland.com.

G.R.O.W.
GOD REWARDS OUR WORK

Our G.R.O.W. team will meet on
Monday, January 5
at 6:00 PM in the
Church Office Conference Room.

M-FUGE '26
June 8th-12th
Open to all students 6th-8th grades
Ridgecrest Retreat Center, NC
Cost: \$400
Register by Sun, Jan 11th
with a \$50 Deposit



High School Summer Mission Trip
Philadelphia, PA – June 20th-28th
Open to students 9th-12th grade
Cost: \$650




Register by Sun. Jan 11th \$50 Deposit

Sunday Night
Discipleship Class
Begins Jan 25th, 2026

What do they believe?
What does the Bible say?
How do we have informed
conversations?


**Other
Religions**

open to anyone 6th grade through adults!




Sunday Night Discipleship Class
Begins on January 25, 2026

Paul, Ambassador in
Chains for Christ - His
Final Race on the Road to
Rome (Acts 21-28)
Led by Larry Dunagan



2025 End-of-Year Giving



Thank you for your faithful giving throughout the year. Any cash gift credited to the 2025 tax year must be turned in to the Church Office no later than Wednesday, December 31, 2025. Any stock donations must be received either at the church or transferred and posted to our brokerage account by December 31, 2025. Online giving must be posted to our bank account by December 31, 2025, in order for it to be counted in your 2025 giving. Please note that online giving takes several days to post to our bank after you have made the donation online.

Hey First Kids!

I do hope you all enjoyed Christmas and that you felt the love of Christ as you celebrated the birth of our Savior! I pray that 2026 is a year filled with Blessings, Love, and all the Goodness from Jesus! I love you all and look forward to seeing you all when we resume our Wednesday night schedule, with Kids Praise and other ministries!

Mrs. Wendy



Lottie Moon Offering-to-Date: \$47,690.80

Bible Reading Plan The Week of December 29

Monday - Galatians 1
Tuesday - Galatians 2
Wednesday - Galatians 3
Thursday - Galatians 4
Friday - Galatians 5

Memorize: Colossians 1:11

Weekly Prayer Focus

**Missionaries:
Dave & Jan Santos**



Adults New City Catechism Class

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM | Room C102

This spring, adults—especially parents—are invited to participate in a new Wednesday night class focused on the New City Catechism. Designed to strengthen biblical understanding and equip parents to disciple their children, this class will thoughtfully unpack one catechism question each week, providing clear explanation and practical application.

The class will be taught by Brad Lane and will run from January 28 through May 20. Sessions will meet in Room C102, and a book will be provided for all participants. Join us as we grow in our understanding of core Christian beliefs and learn how to pass them on with clarity and confidence to our children.



Sunday Ministries

8:45 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM D-Groups will resume on January 4, 2026

New Discipleship Classes begin on January 25

Wednesday Night Ministries (6:00 PM)

Starting back on January 7th

Preschool, Children, Students, Adult Prayer, Worship Choir

Sunday Worship Livestream

www.fbcheadland.com or FBC Headland
(YouTube/Facebook/Roku)

Bible Reading Plan The Week of January 5

Monday - Galatians 6
Tuesday - Ephesians 1
Wednesday - Ephesians 2
Thursday - Ephesians 3
Friday - Ephesians 4

Memorize: Colossians 1:12

Weekly Prayer Focus

**Local Mission:
Overflowing Ministries**

Bridge to Tomorrow Fund

Giving 12-21-2025	\$210.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$16,416.30

Our People Gave - December

Monthly Need	\$118,731.92
Monthly Received	\$129,355.00
Over (Under) Budget	\$10,623.08
Worship 12-21-2025	442

2025 Year-To-Date

Budget Required	\$1,513,831.98
Budget Received	\$1,456,785.58
Over (Under)	(\$57,046.40)



*Copies of Our Daily Bread
are available in the
Worship Center Foyer.*