



“Where to begin?” is the question I am struggling with as I try to write my article this month. The last 19 months have been quite a journey for 12th Street Baptist Church. Our journey began on July 8, 2009 when the article appeared on the front page of the Gadsden Times announcing the closing of the Rainbow City Kmart. It was at that precise moment that God began to lead us in the process of relocation. And now, 19 months later, we are arriving in Rainbow City to begin anew the work that God has for us to do. It has been truly amazing to watch God’s hand as he has guided us through this process. It has been exciting to see His hand of provision as He has met every need along the way. I have been amazed as I have watched God keep our body of faith together as we have walked along this path. We have persevered through the days of difficulty and challenge. The reason we have been able to accomplish so much in such a short period of time is because we have kept our eyes on Jesus. Remember, we have said from day #1 that this relocation is a “God Thing.” It is not what we have done, but what God has done through us.” Please do not ever forget that. “To God be all glory, honor and praise.”

As we come to our opening day I must say “Thank You.” Let me say thanks to:

- ❖ **Our Building Committee:** Steve Parrish, Chairman, Palmer Rowe, Vice-Chairman, Sonny Taylor, Michael White and Bill Summerlin.
- ❖ **Our Trustees:** Ray Drummonds, Chairman, Jim Thompson and Richard Garmon. I must include: Jim Hicks and Nora Sue Glenn who rotated off during this process.
- ❖ **Our Deacons who were a constant support and encouragement team for the pastor.**
- ❖ **Our Staff who did whatever they were asked and helped in so many ways.**
- ❖ **Our Church Family who prayed, gave, wrote notes of encouragement and who did not falter in this journey.**
- ❖ **Our Army of Volunteers headed up by the “2 Jerrys,” Jerry Albert and Jerry Newman. And I do mean an “army” who gave of themselves tirelessly to the point of literal exhaustion emptying out 73,000 square feet of building.**

On Sunday, April 3, 2011, we will gather at our new location to celebrate all that God has done. Remember, we will have two morning worship services: **8:15 and 11:00 AM.** Our dedication service and open house will be at **3:00 PM.** I truly hope that all of you will come and be a part of this historic occasion. Let me close by saying “Thanks” one more time.

Bro. Craig

WE MADE IT! Thanks to all who made it possible.

APRIL will be a month of blessings and challenges as we move into our new space and expand our ministries. Be patient as we adjust to all the challenges.

The Greatest Blessing will be all the new people God is sending our way!

Bro. Don



One of Welcome Centers



One of Adult Sunday School rooms



One of Preschool Sunday School rooms



Easter Sunday, April 24th -

Three Worship Services: 8:15, 9:30, & 11:00 AM

One Sunday School: 9:30 AM

- 1 - Cole Bowling, Johnnie Edwards
- 2 - Darlene Dial, Rosa Smith
- 3 - Marian Haynie, Mae Stinson, Mary John Williams
- 4 - Todd Albert, Connie Cornutt
- 7 - Beverly Batemon, Jessica Clayton
- 9 - Julie Bain, Alec Cornutt, Katie Mayes, Ann Summerlin, Roger Tudor
- 10 - Chris Hall
- 11 - Jacob Bastian
- 12 - Timmy Jones, Nikki King, Gena Riley
- 13 - Betty Adkison, Jared Cornutt, Rickey Kelley
- 14 - Stacey Ingram, Bill Lancaster, Cindy Walden
- 18 - Denise Bearden, Rachel Clay, Kristi Cornutt, Harold Wells
- 20 - Christy Alford, Jason Garmany, Donette Griffith
- 21 - Jeffrey Chappell, Braden Garmon
- 22 - Dot Baker, Amy Wilson Burns, Bo Parker, Ian Jackson Shah, David Womack
- 24 - Don Young
- 25 - Ray Maxwell Jr., Bob Moman, Tubby Wills
- 26 - Leslie Clemmons, Susie Eubanks, Chris Griffith, Erica Jerry
- 27 - Nancy Albert
- 28 - Mickey Nunn, Jennifer Tucker
- 29 - Joan Eads
- 30 - Frances Morrison, Kim Willis



April



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800 West Grand Avenue
Rainbow City, AL35906

For personal visits to office, we are located at
1956 Sutton Bridge Road
(this address has no mail service)

Hopkins Chapel Mission

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The Law of Sacrifice. If any man will come after Me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. (Matthew 16:24)

Here lies the great difference between the world’s gospel and the Lord’s gospel. The world says, when it bids you goodbye, “Take care of yourself.” The Lord says, “Let yourself go and take care of others and the glory of your God.” The world says, “Have a good time, look out for number one.” But the world gets left in the end, and the last comes in first. The man that lets go - gets all, and the man or woman who holds fast loses what they have and the Lord’s words come true -- **“Whoever will save his life shall lose it; and whoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.”**

God bless all of you.

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Bro. Wallace & Staff

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:



ON PROFESSION OF FAITH & BAPTISM:

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Austin Clay 1207 ALCOTT ROAD, GADSDEN, 35901

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BY LETTER:

Mr. Chris Garmon

Mrs. Chris (April) Garmon

Matthew Garmon

Andrew Garmon

Jordan Garmon

BY LETTER:

Mr. Jeff Summerlin

Mrs. Jeff (Kelly) Summerlin

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Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 13th, 7:00 PM

Deacons Monthly Meeting, Sunday, April 17th, 4:00 PM



Just a word of thanks and appreciation to all who have stepped up to help in every way possible with our church moving. You are truly servants of Christ. Our church is so blessed by all you've done and continue to do. May each of you be richly blessed!