

The Siluria Messenger

January 2024

Going forward together . . .



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A Visit with the Pastor . . .

The pathways churches use to communicate have certainly changed since the yellow pages (remember “let your fingers do the walking through the Yellow Pages”?). Today we’re told the website is the church’s “front door.” Visitors go to the Internet to get an idea of what kind of church we are before showing up. But in recent months Google Business Review has taken on more importance according to church research organizations; people will Google “churches near me” or “Baptist churches in Alabaster.”

In the past 30 days Siluria had 361 website views and 238 Google profile views.

Additionally, we have two Facebook pages. Siluria Baptist Church had 690 engagements in the last 30 days, or almost twice as many as the website.

The Siluria Baptist Family page shows 89 posts in the last month and 162 active members. This

family page is “members only,” so make a member request if you’ve not already. We use it for more general and “in house” announcements.

The finest witness we have is your invitations to family, friends, workmates and neighbors. We must cultivate a culture of invitation.

Pray Without Ceasing

Most of us have been schooled on the value of prayer, knowing that Christians must pray and churches must pray.

We had a refreshing season of prayer last fall as 13 groups met at the church and in area homes. I asked each pray-er for feedback and the response is to “keep on keeping on.”

I’m calling the church to 31 Days of Prayer in January, expecting this will more likely be a call in your individual prayer lives. We’ll publish a suggested theme for each day, using our family

Facebook page and weekly email newsletters. Then in the spring we’ll look at another way to engage in concerted prayer.

A New Year

2024 will be a political year with party primaries in the spring, conventions in the summer and the general election on Nov. 5. We’ll hear a lot of negative ads, regrettably. Through it all we continue to pray for our nation and our voters.

The new year will be filled with new challenges for many of us, including health concerns, financial issues and job changes. This is part and parcel of life. But we know we’ve built our lives on the solid rock of faith in Christ. I’m confident our congregation will grow in love so that we can strengthen one another in the challenges ahead.

Devotedly,
 Michael J. Brooks

Birthdays	
1	Chuy Rangel
3	Cindy Wingate
6	Katie Hall
8	Susan Orth
8	Alex Massey
9	Marian Thornton
12	Dana Burrow
13	Ellie Seals
15	Grady Thornton
18	Noah Douglas
18	Eric Durrett
19	Annette Massey
19	Rachel Griffin
20	Stephanie Massey
21	Jimmie Hagood
22	Patrick Bush
25	M. T. Burnett
28	Tommy Durrett
30	Amy Cox
30	Rebekah Jude

31 Days of Prayer



January 1 – 31

See the family facebook page and weekly emails during January for more information.

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<p>Dates to Remember</p> <p>7 Deacons Meeting</p> <p>15 Bldg & Property Mtg</p> <p>21 Church Council Mtg</p> <p>28 - Alabama Evangelism</p> <p>29 Conference, Pelham</p>
<p>Homebound of the Month</p> <p>Tommy Durrett & Marian Thornton</p> <p>Staff Anniversary</p> <p>Melonie Palmer Jan 18, 1998</p> <p>Student of the Month</p> <p>Wyatt Tucker</p>
<p>“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10</p> <p>“Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!” 1 Chronicles 16:11</p>