

# The Siluria Messenger

June 2023

Going forward together . . .



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### A Visit with the Pastor . . .

Florida pastor and writer Sam Rainer noted his church has “no fewer than 20 pathways of communication” and that “overcommunication becomes the norm.” This made me think about our Siluria pathways.

First, we engage the back page of “The Alabama Baptist.” TAB sends 50 issues each year, and 12 include our monthly newsletter. The group rate means we pay \$1.35 each month per subscription which is less than postage used to cost us for weekly newsletters in the day.

The weekly worship bulletin is another venue with upcoming announcements and contact information.

A third pathway is the Sunday morning and Wednesday night announcement/prayer list. We give this to each attendee on Wednesday night and to each Sunday School teacher on Sunday to share with the classes.

During the pandemic we began an email newsletter currently going to 151 addresses each

week. A member asked lately if she could get this newsletter by text since she didn’t have email, so I learned how to do this manually!

Facebook has become a primary outreach for most churches. “Siluria Baptist Church” is our public page with 696 followers and 650 “engagements” in the last month. “Siluria Baptist Family” is our private page for more “in-house” information with 239 members. Please request membership in this group if you’ve not already. Our weekly worship is available on both pages.

The website is another path: siluriabaptist.com. Websites are the “front door” for churches now when people are looking for one. Last year a nice couple from Illinois stopped by for worship en route to Florida having found us on the web while driving! The website has the latest financial statement, a copy of the TAB newsletter, weekly broadcast and a weekly devotion. We had 253 “visits” in the last 30 days. The website also has a giving option with more than \$6000 contributed to the church budget in April.

Another pathway is the occasional mailing. We

mail postcards about events and time changes, and letters including major decisions such as the annual proposed church budget.

I’ve written a devotional column for more than 25 years and submit it weekly to as many outlets as possible. The “Shelby County Reporter” publishes every week, and occasionally there are surprises, such as “Kentucky Today” using a column last week. Each column has a tagline identifying Siluria Baptist Church.

So, not 20 pathways here, but 10 by my count. We try hard to keep everyone apprised of events and needs. If there’s another pathway needed, let’s talk about it.

Remember the weekly budget needs of our church as you travel this summer. The online giving option is available or electronic checking through your local bank. And faithful members mail checks every month.

Siluria is a great fellowship with a bright future.

Devotedly,  
 Michael J. Brooks

Happy Birthday!	
1	Clif Culpepper
7	Fred Wingate
11	Julia Roy
11	Sherrie Doebler
14	Kaia McClain
15	Courtnie Lowery
17	Michelle Griffin
20	Mary Awbrey
20	Molly McAfee
22	Lydia Mosely
23	Susan Boyd
24	Steven Lint
27	Kali McKay
28	Steve Brandenburg
30	James Culberson
30	Mike Lumpkin
<b>And many more!</b>	

# I ♥ VBS

It’s time for VBS 2023! All kids entering kindergarten through 6th grade in the Fall are invited to join us at VBS 2023 as we learn how to be a keeper of the kingdom! See the schedule below.

Kickoff Party Sunday, June 11 from 3:00 until 5:00 with a bouncy house, games, crafts, food truck, and VBS pre-registration!

Vacation Bible School June 12 - 16 from 5:00 until 8:00. Each night will start with dinner and registration / nametags.

At Friday’s Family Night, parents/guardians will get to see what their kids have been working on and then we have a chance to get to know each other at dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

See our website for more information and to pre-register.

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Dates to Remember	
4	Deacons Meeting
11	VBS Kickoff Party
14	Flag Day
12-16	Vacation Bible School
18	Father’s Day
Homebound of the Month	
Mary Awbrey	
Congratulations, Grads!	
Rosie Davidson	
Alex Massey	
Chloe Johnson	
Claire Johnson	
Staff Anniversaries	
Katie Abney	
June 4, 2007	
16 years	
Michael J. Brooks	
June 30, 2014	
9 years	