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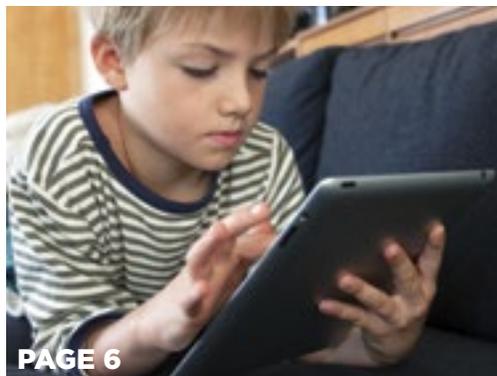


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Sunday Morning Life Groups:
8:25 a.m. & 9:40 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship:
8:25 a.m., 9:40 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship - Chapel

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From Pastor David

Dr. David Eldridge Senior Pastor

Can you believe it? The school year is quickly coming to an end. In the coming weeks many of our students, administrators, and teachers are looking forward to sleeping late with the arrival of the first days of summer break. Many parents and grandparents are busy getting the calendars coordinated with camps, vacations, and of course—baseball games!

This season is an exciting one for Gospel ministry at Dawson. In this edition of the *Together at Dawson* magazine, you will be able to look back and celebrate God's hand at work in our church and community. While there is much to celebrate as we look back and see what He is doing in our midst, we are also excited to preview and prayerfully anticipate what is coming in the weeks ahead. Here are some highlights:

- During the summer months, Dawson's Preschool Ministry will continue Sunday morning Bible teaching through hands-on activities in Sunday School classes, praise time for young preschoolers, and preschool worship for older preschoolers and kindergarteners. We will have additional time for learning and fellowship through KidLife, Dawson Day School Camp, and Family Pool Party.
- Summer at Dawson is an exciting time for our Children's Ministry. Our children's Gospel-centered, hands-on approach is even more relational as our team has more face time with kids. Through Kidlife Week, various camps, Sunday mornings, and special events, we will strive to build Christ-centered relationships that will impact the whole year.
- For Student Ministry, summer is a highlight. Throughout these months, the mission of our Student Ministry is to cultivate an environment where students understand the Gospel, are engaged in purposeful relationships, and are equipped to meet the needs of the world. Some of the key events will be Mission 205, Summer Nights, and Breakaway.
- Dawson mission volunteers will be serving across the world and in our own backyard this summer. Teams from Dawson will serve on four different continents. We have the great privilege of helping with Bible school in Europe, leading a camp for university students in Asia, leading worship in South America, and strengthening churches in Maine. Right in our own backyard, mission volunteers from Dawson are helping to start a new church plant in Fultondale, while also clothing children and educating adults in Birmingham.

We are excited and prayerful for the great opportunities ahead this summer. May God find us faithful!

Blessings,

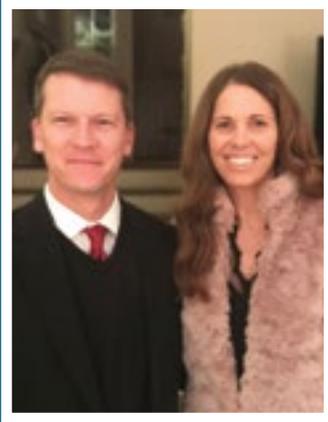
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Life Groups Stories

By Joseph Reese



Joseph and Amy Reese have been married for 19 years. They have two boys, Joseph (17) and Davis (14). A former middle school teacher, Amy enjoys Bible study and tutoring at M-Power, as well as volunteering at Kings Home and Kids Connection. Joseph is a graduate of the University of Alabama and received his law degree from Alabama School of Law. He has been a litigation attorney with Starnes Davis Florie since 1997. Both Joseph and Amy enjoy spending time with their family and friends and their golden retriever named Cooper.

I have a confession to make: I was once a skeptic. No, not that type of skeptic. A skeptic of adult Bible study groups. What we call “Life Groups” here at Dawson. Don’t get me wrong. I’m not opposed to groups in general and certainly not opposed to studying the Bible. I never have been. I just didn’t think joining one would enhance my faith or bring any real value to my Christian life.

Before my wife Amy and I moved back to this side of town and joined Dawson, we were members of another church in the Birmingham area. With her, I attended the weekly services there. I was not, however, a member of its Life Group equivalent. But I was not a completely passive churchgoer either. I regularly studied the Bible, and read various books about the Bible. Like Dawson, our former church emphasized the importance of these smaller, intimate groups, but I just didn’t buy it. My study of God’s Word outside the weekly sermon was done on my own, and I felt this was entirely sufficient and all I really needed.

I am here to tell you I was wrong. Really wrong. When Amy and I visited Dawson for the first time, it just so happened to be Pastor David’s very first sermon here. We immediately knew this was the place for us. We were greeted and welcomed that day, and that warm inviting atmosphere continued throughout our subsequent visits. But at Amy’s encouragement, I decided to test the waters of these “Life Groups.” As she usually is, Amy was right. This decision was not only the correct one, but an important one in “getting connected.” I took the plunge and am ever so thankful I did.

Dawson has so much to offer. It is a vibrant community of believers committed to growing in their faith and helping (and supporting) one another in their faith. If you are new to Dawson, or even if you’ve been visiting Dawson for months or years, and have been reluctant to join a Life Group for whatever reason, please don’t hold out any longer. I encourage you to take that first step and visit one. Believe me, you’ll be thankful you did.

Find out how to get involved in a Life Groups at dawsonchurch.org/lifegroups.

Grab Your Gear, KidLife Is Almost Here!

KidLife Week, our version of VBS, is Dawson's largest outreach event of the year. Each year, Dawson's Preschool Ministry and dawson kids Ministry partner together to create a fun, relevant, exciting week of Bible teaching, worship, and activities. This year's theme is KidLife Campout: Camping Out On God's Promises. Preschoolers and children will share this theme, daily mottos, and a key Bible verse:

The Lord is faithful to all His promises and loving toward everything He has made. - Psalm 145:13

Bible lessons and activities are specifically designed for each age group. Preschoolers will explore the different emotions we all experience, learn from Jesus' example of how to best express those feelings, and be assured that no matter how we feel, the Bible offers a promise from God to guide us. School-age children will explore different biblical promises and how we have a God whose promises are never broken. This is a wonderful and important week for our church, and it is not too late for you to be a part of the mission! Here are three ways you can be involved:



1. Pray with us.

- Pray for the children who will hear about God's love.
- Pray for the families with children who will attend.
- Pray for the hundreds of volunteers who will faithfully share God's love & Word with more than 1,000 children.
- Pray that God will be at work in each life touched by KidLife 2019.

2. Invite your friends & neighbors.

Dawson's KidLife is for children who are age 4 by September 1, 2019 through 5th grade completed. Online registration is now open at dawsonkidlife.org.

3. Serve with us.

Additional volunteers are still needed for classrooms and special areas for the nursery, preschool, and children. Volunteer registration ends at noon on May 31.



For Details On How You Can Get Involved At KidLife, Please Contact

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A close-up photograph of a person wearing VR goggles, with a strong red color overlay across the entire image. The person's face is partially visible, showing their nose and mouth. The VR headset is prominent, with a strap and a sensor visible.

SMART WORLD

TIPS ON BEING WISE, SAFE, AND SECURE WHEN IT COMES
TO YOUR KIDS AND TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

By David Powell



As a parent, hearing about all this new technology probably scares you for your kids. What is appropriate usage? What about privacy, exposure to graphic content or not posting things they will regret? The list is endless. You may even think, “We didn’t have to deal with this stuff growing up!”

First, people our age have really poor memories. The hard truth is that we actually grew up in the era of Jeffrey Dahmer and Adam Walsh’s kidnapping. Our parents wanted to x-ray our Halloween candy for razor blades or poisoned Tylenol, and a myriad of other things we have forgotten about our youth. We even joyfully sing the lyrics to “867-5309” and turn it up today when it comes on the 80s channel in the car. We tend to forget that the song is about a young girl, Jenny, who has made some really poor moral choices and now her number is on the bathroom wall. So, out of the gate, let’s dispense with the notion that things are “worse” today than they were when we were growing up. The truth is that there is not a single measurable statistic that says things are worse for our kids. None. Zero. There has never been a safer time to be a child in America. So, let’s all take a deep breath and stop talking about how “bad” things are today.

All that being said, we do need to employ some reasonable strategies to help our children negotiate this technology landscape. The one part that is harder for us than for our parents is this—no one has ever parented kids with smart phones before. We are the first ones. For so many topics, we can call our parents or older parents we respect and ask them how they handled a particular issue. We are the first ones to parent children with these devices, and that is challenging.

I have worked in technology for 20+ years and have a son in college and a daughter in high school. They didn’t grow up with technology as toddlers, but they both have had devices since middle school. I can identify with the uncertainty around how best to parent our children in a way that honors the Lord, allows our children to use technology appropriately, and puts up some reasonable guardrails. Here are my top seven tips for parents for their children and their use of technology.

NO CLOSED DOORS

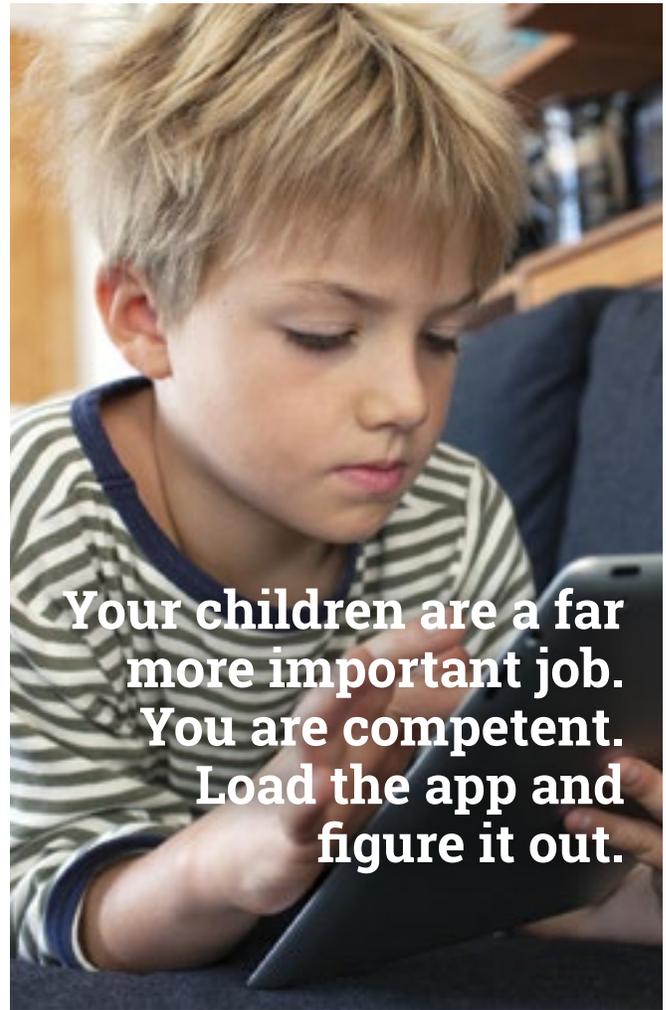
Tools are great, lack of privacy is better. There are a lot of software tools you can use to restrict their usage. Things like parental controls should always be turned on. The new software on phones will allow you to throttle and regulate usage. Tools like Circle will limit access to questionable content. All these things are fine, but the most effective tool is lack of privacy. We had, and still have, a hard and fast rule—nothing connected to the internet is allowed in your bedrooms. You have to use it in a public space in our home. Quite frankly, if your child tries hard enough, they can find content they shouldn't view, irrespective of what tools you are using. Making them use their devices in a public room of your home really limits what they are willing to browse.

JOIN 'EM

If your child is on a social media platform, you must be on it too and be their friend. When your child inevitably asks if they can be on Instagram, Snapchat, VSCO, or whatever other social site is in vogue at the time, if you grant them access, you must be ready to get on that service as well. And you must use it to regularly monitor what your children are posting and interacting with on that site. Dads, you cannot ignore your responsibility here. I've been around too many dads that want to throw their hands in the air and say "I'm not learning how to use Instagram!" However, if your boss came to you and said your job was dependent on learning how to use Instagram, you would commit to learn. Your children are a far more important job. You are competent. Load the app and figure it out.

ONLINE ISN'T REAL LIFE

Your kids are watching you to see what kind of value you put on technology. A pastor friend of mine used to say, "they will listen to what you say, but they will watch what you do." If you worry that your daughter will focus too much on her appearance and the curated life she posts on social media, you can't be the mom who anguishes over what photo is just right for Instagram. You must help your kids have an important view of what's real and what's not. Social media is NOT real life. In my opinion, one of the worst aspects of social media is that it creates a false impression of what real life actually looks like. Those perfectly posed group



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friend shots are not real life. That kale and quinoa salad is not real life. That avocado toast someone posted may be what they ate today for breakfast, but they didn't post the picture of the Strawberry Frosted Pop Tarts they grabbed from a gas station in a hurry yesterday. If your child is measuring their life against the curated online lives of others, they are using the wrong measuring stick. Our value and worth comes from our Creator, not from how many likes the photo we posted received online. There is a massive amount of research that shows that the more time people spend online, the less satisfied they are with their normal life.

WHAT IS YOURS ISN'T THEIRS

The device is not theirs. It is yours. I'll be honest, this is one of my pet peeves. Parents will gripe about their kids using their device, but won't take it away from them. Your 10-year-old did not save money, drive themselves to the Apple Store, and buy that iPad. The iPad belongs to you. Take it

away from them at any time and for any reason. They have no right, as children, to use that \$1000 device that you bought and are letting them use.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

When age appropriate, have them sign an Acceptable Use Policy. If you have expectations for how they should use the device, write them down and make your child sign the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) before you let them use the device. Something to put in the AUP is that they should have no expectation of privacy on the device. They should expect, and welcome the accountability, that comes from you taking their device and reading their texts, Group Me messages, DMs in Instagram, all of it. Check their search history. Check their browsing history.

GAINING TRUST

Maturity should answer the “when” question. The Bible tells us that those that can be faithful with little can be trusted with more. A lot of people ask me “when should I get my child a cell phone?” Would you trust them to walk around with \$1000 in cash? If not, it isn’t time. Do they reliably do their chores? Do they remember that Monday is trash

day and Tuesday is recycling day? If they aren’t doing those things in an age-appropriate way, why would you give them a thousand-dollar device connected to the entire world? (I’m talking about letting them independently use a smartphone.) If your child doesn’t demonstrate a lot of maturity and responsibility, which many children do not, letting them use an iPhone is not going to make them more mature and more responsible.

FOREVER MEANS FOREVER

Technology can very quickly and efficiently distribute your bad choices. While our friend Jenny hoped that people didn’t go into that particular bathroom to see her number on the wall, 867-5309, in modern times, Jenny’s bad choices would be quickly and efficiently delivered to all manner of people. Kids are going to make some bad choices and do some dumb things. Technology just makes it easier to efficiently deliver evidence of those dumb things via text, DM, Snap, whatever. Let your child know that their online presence is forever. It never goes away. Before I interview any candidate for a job, I Google them to see what I can find. Every company does this.

I want to end on a note of encouragement. The really, really bad stuff that kids do and have done, all those statistics are in enormous decline and are at historically low levels. We don’t have to worry about some of the life altering things we used to really worry about constantly. Now, overuse of technology can create some problems with engagement, attention spans, and other things, but the benefits greatly outweigh the challenges. I used to leave the house in high school on a Friday night and my parents had no idea where I was or what I was doing until I came home. Now, with the Life360 app, I can tell where my kids are, how fast they are driving, how long they have been somewhere, etc. There are some really good things about technology if we simply employ some reasonable guidelines and are proactive in our approach to it with our kids.



Your 10-year-old did not save money, drive themselves to the Apple Store, and buy that iPad.



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DAWSON SALUTES OUR *Seniors*



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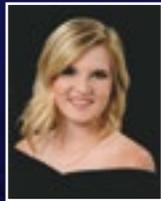
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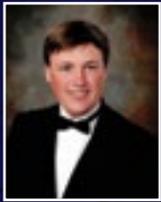
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WADE



JOSH
WALLACE

Not Pictured: Kennedy Kuria and Ren Riley

DSM Senior Leaders

Dawson's Student Leadership Team provides an opportunity for high school students to know God more and make Him known through a variety of ministry responsibilities. The Student Leadership team has three primary purposes: Discipleship, Learning Leadership Principles, and Gaining Leadership Experience. Below are comments shared by some senior members of Dawson's Student Leadership Team:



PHOEBE COOPER

I am incredibly blessed by my time at Dawson. I've spent my childhood at this church and grew up here. I've also experienced deep spiritual growth. The most valuable lesson I've learned is how to trust God. I've faced many trials in life but having this trust in God has helped me prevail, and I know that God will always be with me as I open the next chapter of my life. Next year I will attend the United States Naval Academy where I will study political science and graduate as an officer in the Navy. I'm incredibly grateful for where God has taken me so far and I'm very excited to see what He has in store for me.

COLLIN DORRILL

Dawson has always been a big part of my life. I've made many great friends here and have lots of good memories over the years. I'm very thankful to have been able to grow up in this church.



CHLOE ENGLE

I have loved growing up alongside some of my best friends at Dawson! I have an amazing group of supporters, mentors, and leaders who show me so much love and encourage me daily thanks to Dawson. I will be attending Auburn University in the Fall and plan to study Spanish and Public Relations.

RACHEL KAISER

Dawson has influenced my spiritual life in significant ways. My sophomore year, I was diagnosed with Ulcerative Colitis. I became extremely isolated and lonely while I was sick. The doctors were trying to balance my medicine so that I could lead a successful, healthy life, but all this took a while. Dawson became a safe haven for me and provided spiritual guidance during this difficult time. I learned how to depend on Jesus during hard times. Through opportunities at Dawson, I learned to share my testimony confidently on how the Lord changed my life.



EVAN KNIGHT

I've spent my whole life at Dawson. What I've loved about my time growing up here is the people around me... not only the students, but the staff as well. They always talk about the legacy of faith being built inside the Church, and looking back on my time, I can see that this principle is evident. I plan on attending the University of Alabama next year.

CLOSE TO THE WELL

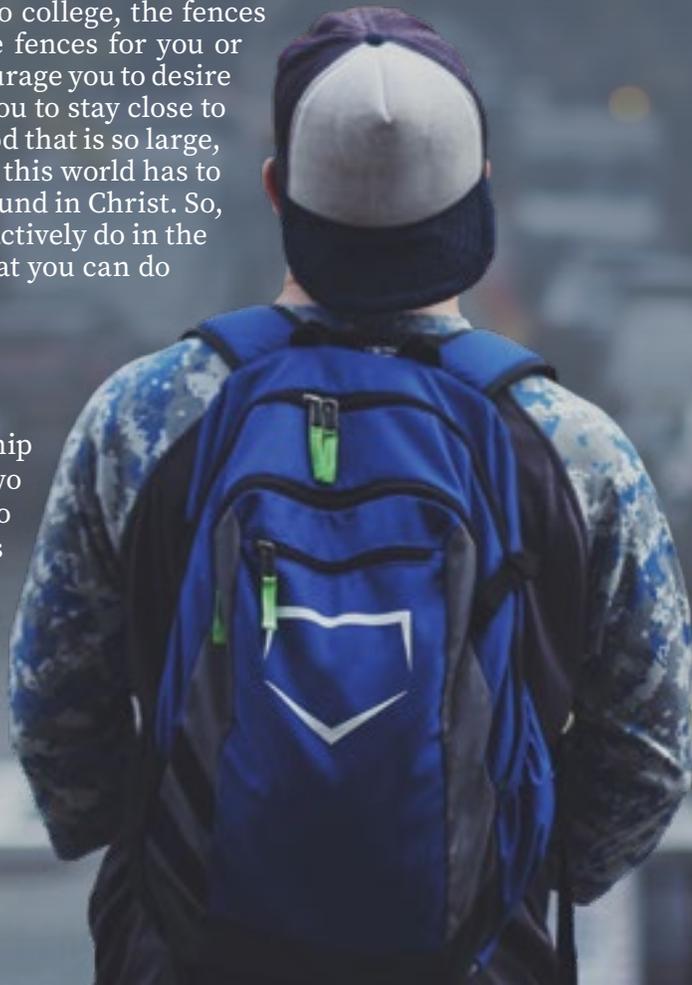
By Blake Jenkins | Minister to College Students

How familiar are you with the Australian outback? Not the bloomin' onion place, but the large tracks of land on the continent of Australia? It's absolutely massive and there are a number of cattle ranchers that raise cows in this region. But with the land being so large, they run into some problems. Naturally, they want to keep their cows from wandering off. Typically, you'd build a fence, right? Makes sense. "We want to keep them in, so let's build something to keep them from going out." But that would be a huge undertaking for these ranchers since their lands are so vast. Aside from the cost and time to construct the fences, a large amount of time would be used in maintaining the fence. So, instead of building fences, the ranchers decided to just dig wells. They would find sources of water below the surface and then would bring that which sustains life up to the surface. And what did the ranchers find? There was no need for a fence because the cattle were motivated to stay within the range of water, the most important source of life. Their desire for life, sustaining and sweet life, was greater than their desire to venture out where they would surely die. It was a no-brainer for the bovine!

If you are about to graduate from high school and go off to college, the fences are about to come down. Rather than try and build some fences for you or maintain them while you are away at school, I want to encourage you to desire strongly a sustaining and sweet life. I want to encourage you to stay close to the well, to the living water. I want you to get a vision for God that is so large, and so beautiful, and so satisfying that when you see what this world has to offer, it's a no-brainer because there is so much more joy found in Christ. So, in order to help you do that, here are some things you can actively do in the coming months as you prepare to go to school. Here is what you can do to remain close to and abide in Christ:

ABIDE IN THE WORD

The primary way that we know and continue in a relationship with Jesus is through the Word by his Holy Spirit. The two dance together in perfect synchronicity. If you want to chase hard after the Lord, then abide, or remain, in His Word. How do you do that? Here are just three handles for you to hold onto in the coming days—to buttress what you may already know to be true.



PICK A BIBLE (AND A TRANSLATION)

A student asked one of my seminary professors which translation was the best. Do you know what he said? “The one you will read.” Pick a translation and read through it. Not because it’s what you are supposed to do, but because you will find tremendous joy and nourishment from it. It’s just as if I were to tell you: “You need to eat everyday.” That’s not being legalistic. Eating is a necessity! And eating is often a point of joy and happiness in our day, right? Give your life to the study of the Bible for it points to the greatness of our God. Pick a Bible and pick a translation.

PICK A PLAN

If you don’t have a plan, it is highly unlikely that you will stick to it. It’s similar to when we work out. If we just go into the gym without a plan, we’re likely not to get any results. If you just open up to random passages everyday, you won’t see the beauty of the consistent story. There are a ton of plans out there. Pick a plan.

PICK A TIME

Pick a time where you want to build this into your daily rhythm. For some people, that is mornings, and for others, it is evenings or even at lunch. I prefer the mornings so that I can think on it throughout the day, but any time is a good time. When it becomes a part of your normal routine and a fixture in your schedule, it is easier to stay consistent. Pick a time.

ABIDE IN THE BODY

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (*1 Corinthians 12:12 ESV*) So how do you abide in the body? Here are just a few ways to do this.

PICK A CHURCH

Go ahead and get rid of some false expectations. This church won’t be just like your home church and don’t think that you’ll “just know” the instant you walk in the door. Here are a few questions to ask as you are visiting churches in your college town. Are they true to Scripture, the Gospel, and Jesus? Can you connect with God and other Christians in a significant way there? Can you serve in some capacity? Before you get there, ask around about different churches and check out websites and social media feeds. Do your homework and find four or five that you think you could try out.

During the first few weeks of school, visit a different church each week. You might go to the first one and think, “This is it! I’ve found my church.” Or you might get through all of them and decide you need to make another round—great, do it. But in the first 60 days, find a place to plug in and invest wholeheartedly. Pick a church.

PICK A GROUP

Hopefully the church that you land at has some form of small group life. Community will be absolutely key for you while you are in school. Don’t be content with just being a nameless face in the crowd of a worship service. Choose to know others and to be known yourself. Pick a group.

PICK A PLACE TO SERVE

When you get plugged in, find a place to use those passions and gifts. A lot of college students end up serving in youth groups. You know what it’s like to go through high school. You know the pressures and difficulties. How great would it be for a high school student to have someone close in age encouraging him or her in their walk with the Lord? Or maybe you will want to serve in another area of the church. Pick a place to serve.

PICK A TIME TO GO ON MISSION

You will never have more freedom or flexibility than you will when you are in college. Pick a time and use that time for sharing the Gospel among the nations. Your college years are a great time to share God’s love with others around the world. Pick a time to go on mission.

By doing these things I’ve mentioned while in a relationship with Jesus, you will find that you don’t need fences to keep you in—you have living water that you don’t want to leave! You won’t forsake the Lord. You won’t chase after the runoff water of the world. You will be drinking deeply from the Living Water Himself. To sum it up, don’t fall prey to lesser desires. You will find your greatest satisfaction in the One who will completely satisfy. Throughout your college years and every year after, ditch the fences and stay close to the well.



BLAKE JENKINS serves as Dawson’s Minister to College Students. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama and Beeson Divinity School. Blake is married to Rebecca and has a 2-year-old son named Thomas. You can usually find the Jenkins spending time with college students or walking their golden retriever, Leeroy, around Homewood.

**STAY CONNECTED WITH US ON INSTAGRAM
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The background is a solid teal color. On the left side, there are several palm fronds extending from the top left towards the bottom right, partially overlapping the text.

ON MISSION TOGETHER

ONE FAMILY'S PERSPECTIVE SERVING IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

By Tim Bembry

What it means to have your children *want* to spend Spring Break together as a family, and serve others in another country, is hard to put into words. Our 17-year-old son, Holden, had previously been to the Dominican Republic with Dawson's Student Ministry two years ago and served with other students alongside Mission Emmanuel. Holden had loved it so much that he not only begged us to let him go back, but he also asked his school superintendent if he could do a semester exchange program through the mission school there.

Even though that idea didn't work out through the school, there would be another chance to go back and serve again with Mission Emmanuel over Spring Break through Dawson's Student Ministry. It was definitely a no-brainer for Holden. However, this trip would be different. God has a way of tugging at your heart if you simply take the time to listen. This time, he would take his little sister, Maddie, and his mom and dad along with him. We would be able to see firsthand what Holden had shared with us so many times before about how much the experience had meant to him. There was not even a question or second thought for the four of us to go, so we made our plans for Spring Break, along with 11 students and 8 adults from Dawson's Student Ministry.

Being able to see more of God's creation in another culture from a new perspective with your family serving right next to you is also hard to put into words. It penetrates your heart and makes a lasting impact that makes you so grateful as a believer and a parent.

One of the joys we were able to experience was working right alongside the family that we were helping to build the foundation and the walls of their house everyday. Their 8-year-old grandson, David, was right next to me and Holden the entire time. David used his two hands to continuously fill up a bucket with dirt from the dirt pile. We were using shovels and we still couldn't keep up with his pace. On one occasion,

the family's adult daughter, David's aunt, came out of their shelter and invited us into her humble home while the rain poured down on us. When the rain finally stopped, she was right there with us carrying buckets of heavy wet dirt and unloading each one over and over in her bare feet.

As we worked together filling the foundation of their future home, I couldn't help but think about how this was life-changing for their family. Months from now no one will even know or see what we did underneath the house to make it a firm foundation, but what we did made a difference to their family and to ours. Much like our faith as Christians, doing the little things, day after day, may not ever be noticeable to others, but deep down, underneath it all, we know we are part of God's plan. We played a small part in sharing love, God's love, with this family and in building relationships in the community of Ceolo. Even though we were there for only a week, the people know that God is there and present every day.

While there, we were able to see evidence of the work God is doing in the people of this community who are coming together with love and compassion. Just one example is that one of the mothers saw a need to start a school for the many street children in their village, so she began one in her home with 23 students. That school now educates more than 336 beautiful children of God.



The Bemby Family in the Dominican Republic (Left to Right): Maddie, Cindy, Tim, and Holden

I am a very grateful father to have had this experience with my children, as I am sure the other three dads and moms who joined us feel as well. Watching your own son and daughter walk down the streets in this little village without any hesitation and seeing the many children come running out of their homes to see the “Americanos” and to play with them was truly amazing to witness. All of our Dawson Students on this mission trip were unashamed, bold, and brave in sharing God’s

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story, telling their own story and in showing Jesus’ love and grace to all the children of Celeo. Holden was able to pull up a picture on his phone from two years earlier, and he showed the same boy the picture he had taken. Seeing both of their faces light up as they looked at the picture was priceless. I will always remember this time we all spent together and the people that we met. It was truly a blessing, not only for me but for our entire family.



Project Participants: (In alphabetical order) Cindy Bemby, Holden Bemby, Maddie Bemby, Tim Bemby, Ann Royal Goodson, Brandon Goodson, Abbie Johnson, Amy McDaniel, Kara Myers, Lilli Myers, Jordan Poe, Randy Poe, Ashley Robinett, Claire Robinett, Ryan Robinett, William Robinett, Julia Stuckey, Lillie Young and Stella Young

As a child, anytime I heard a missionary was coming to our church to speak, I would be filled with anticipation. I loved the adventurous stories and recognized their total and complete devotion to Christ. Even at this early age, I knew I wanted missions to be a part of my life. Getting to participate in missions as a family allows us to connect with each other on a deeper level through our faith and our actions. Missions gives us an opportunity to see all the other threads of this amazing creation that God has woven together. We are greatly blessed to be a part of a church family that has an intentional focus on missions and offers so many opportunities to serve locally, domestically, and abroad. I believe that as we serve as the hands and feet of Christ, we become more compassionate, more open, and more generous to others, not only to those who are like us, but to others who are different. Missions is foundational for us to see beyond ourselves and become more like Christ.

Cindy



The Dominican Republic was an incredible experience that I would recommend to anyone interested in serving the community of God internationally. As the one who usually does the yard work at our house, it was great to have my parents and sister working alongside me. Even though it was not easy work, working together with family and friends was considerably more fun than imagined (most would even say enjoyable). I cannot wait to see how Dawson continues to do God's work in the community of Celeo.

Holden

Going on a mission trip with your family is exciting and fun, but also eye-opening. Sometimes I get so caught up in life that I forget what my family does for me and other people. Going on mission trips helps me see that. When I'm serving with my family I get to see firsthand that they are hardworking and devoted to sharing God's word. A lot of times I want to be a typical teenager and get upset when things get hard, but going on these mission trips makes me see why our family wants to help others and tell people about God.

Maddie



S P E A K U P

By Melinda Decker

Mi casa es su casa... That's what I have always thought when I hear the word CASA. I had never even heard of a CASA volunteer until just a few months ago. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA volunteers work as court-appointed advocates for abused or neglected children. My first introduction to the CASA program was when a close friend who is a foster mom had a scheduled court appearance with her foster children whom she had cared for and loved for more than 18 months. Despite less than desirable conditions that left many unanswered questions, the children would most likely be placed back with family. That, of course, is the ultimate goal for DHR. The reunification of the children with their families if at all possible is priority. For my friend, it was a process. There

were highs, and there were lows. These foster children deserve so much better than the circumstances into which they were born.

It was heartbreaking. It still is. As with most foster cases, the circumstances are pretty unimaginable, and let's just be real, extremely sad. After all, this wasn't just a story in a book or a newspaper article that catches your attention. When you personally know the children involved, and the foster mom involved, you can't help but feel involved too. These are kids after all.

Kids just like yours and mine.

Kids that are wanting to laugh and play and eat yummy snacks and

play with Legos and who want to grow up to be superheros and just live normal lives. Yet, these are the real life circumstances of foster children and foster parents and birth parents and their families every single day. It is real. It is difficult. It is their life.

I'm a fixer by nature, so I kept asking myself the same questions. Can I really just sit by and watch this happen? But, I'm too busy. I already have so many things I MUST DO now...

- my kids' practices
- check kids' homework
- work part time job
- spend time with husband
- wash laundry
- go to meetings
- make dinner
- church activities
- my hobbies
- clean my house
- dry laundry
- be a good neighbor
- just living life

But then I kept thinking about another list. Drug abuse, neglect, domestic violence, child abuse, no family, abandonment, living situations so very different from our everyday life. The precious faces of the two little boys that I've seen grow so much and heal so much kept coming to mind. Not only had they been loved so well by their foster parent, but they had also been loved by the foster mom's friends, extended family and church family. These are uncomfortable topics. These are heavy conversations. There are most definitely tears involved.

As I grow older, each and every year, it has come to my attention that these circumstances, these difficult situations, are truly where God enriches me in some way. My relationship with Him grows deeper. My relationship with others, as they are going through the hard and difficult times, mean more to me deep down than the ones with light and easy conversation. God does not remove trouble and suffering from our lives. This is repeated over and over again in the Bible. But He uses it to equip us for ministry. 2 Corinthians 1:4 states that God “comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

Comfort defined:

(1) ‘a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint.’

(2) ‘to ease or lessen another’s sadness, sorrow or pain.’

One is a noun, the other a verb, an action taken. That day in the middle of a half-empty parking lot, I watched my friend exhibit amazing love and strength not only for her foster children, but also for the extended family members who took them from her that day. That extended family thanked my friend for loving their children so well for such a long time. She continues to be a resource for them to contact, all the while grieving the loss and separation of those children she loved and continues to love. Now that is a strength that only my God can provide.

If I am honest, in my deep down heart of hearts, I am not sure I am that strong. So I wondered what I could do to be a tiny part in this process. This was the exact moment when I learned that these children had been appointed a CASA by the court to follow up on their case. Their CASA volunteer will make sure that the family is following all of their court orders and that the children are being cared for appropriately.

A CASA is an unbiased third-party individual volunteer that advocates for the child directly to the judge of the court. Volunteers are assigned a case and will conduct independent investigations, have regular monthly contact with the child and all parties involved, make recommendations to the court, monitor court orders, and advocate for necessary services for dependent children involved in neglect or abuse cases. I inquired through the Jefferson County CASA website about becoming a volunteer. The training was over a 2-3 week period where we learned the actual role of a CASA, reviewed cases, investigation training and report writing for the

court. Three hours each night over 3 evenings per week for a couple of weeks. A visitation and family court observation is required prior to being sworn in, too. I recently completed my classes, observed court proceedings, and was then sworn in by a judge within a week. After being sworn in, I received my first case.

I was very excited to get started and as I have been reviewing this first case, the reality of our broken world was made real to me once again. But my case isn’t just a file folder full of information. She is a precious baby girl, and she has a name. I am so excited to meet her for the first time, along with her foster parents and her birth family. Please pray that I will love and serve them well. Please pray for this baby’s safety and for the healing of her parents that only God can provide.

During this process, the conversations that have come up with my own children have been so interesting. Conversations that probably would never have happened. Some of them have been hard questions. What is abuse? What is neglect? How could someone act that way to another person? How could someone hurt a child? Why don’t they love their children and take care of them? As

terrible as these questions are, they have, over and over again, provided a wonderful opportunity to point my kids right back to the Gospel. That is the real reason I chose to become involved. I knew that God gave me the ability to “Speak up for a Child” and to love them, investigate for them, and to fight for them when they cannot speak for themselves.

If you would be willing to “Speak Up for a Child,” please consider contacting Nancy Bush, CASA Coordinator for Jefferson County, at (205) 325-5019 or visit alabamacasa.org. I would encourage you to spend some time in prayer on how you might become involved in serving the children and families in the foster community.



Ceremony for new CASA volunteers



MELINDA DECKER has been married to Jeff Decker for 21 years and has two boys, Joshua (16) & Matthew (11). She is an Occupational Therapist and works part-time in both hospital and out-patient settings. She loves being a Centri-Kid summer camp counselor with dawson kids and serving every year in crafts for KidLife. As a hobby, she loves antiques & design.



Shine LIKE STARS

By Sally Smith

On February 8, 2019, I, along with 15 volunteers and 20 Special Adults from Dawson, participated for the first in “A Night to Shine” sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. If you've never heard of it before, “A Night to Shine” is an unforgettable Prom Night experience centered on God's love for people with special needs.

This year's event for our area was held at Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church in Shelby County. With nearly 200 participants and more than 400 volunteers on site, it was a bit overwhelming, yet so heartwarming, to see the incredible efforts of the many caring people with just one goal in mind—providing an extraordinary evening for some very special people.

While this was only a one-night event, preparations began many months before. Volunteers were recruited, transportation secured, and planning and training dates were set on calendars. It was a go!

I am not exactly sure if any of us volunteers or participants knew what to expect, but our collective excitement grew as the date drew closer. You may have seen Debbie Moss, Dawson's Health and Wellness Minister, scurrying around Dawson's campus with prom dresses in hand or white dress shirts and bow ties. Off campus, there were many volunteers in preparation, as well. Photographers, musicians, salon professionals, medical personnel, food vendors, and many other miscellaneous assistants were needed to make the night run smoothly. Everything at the event was donated and run entirely by volunteers. It was a God thing!

For that evening, I was assigned as a "buddy" to Kelly, one of Dawson's Happy Class members. As Kelly's buddy, my role was to be her sidekick, assistant, and friend. What a privilege it was to be by her side and to get to experience this amazing night with her. The evening began with all of the ladies getting their hair styled and makeup applied by volunteer professionals. Then the ladies got into their gorgeous gowns and each one was given a beautiful corsage. Kelly's face simply lit up when she saw herself in the mirror! The guys weren't forgotten either. They had their shoes shined and their bow ties perfectly placed on their white dress shirts. They were each given a boutonniere to

complete the look. The beaming faces said it all! When everyone was ready for the big event, we loaded everyone onto either a special trolley or one of the long white limousines that were being used and headed to the red carpet entrance. As

"Even though we have disabilities, we can still dance!"

each person stepped onto the red carpet, they were greeted by a long line of UAB cheerleaders and numerous wellwishers. The entire evening was packed with fun activities, picture mementos, wonderful food, and fabulous music.

The highlight of the night was of course, the dance. The ballroom floor was packed. Everyone was dancing and laughing, singing and clapping, and jumping all around. Whatever expression of joy that could be had was certainly displayed on that dance floor that night. Michelle, one of our Dawson members, commented, "Even though we have disabilities, we can still dance!" She was right. Oh my goodness, the scene in that room was like a wild 1960's sock hop. Just WOW!





Dawson's Anthony DeRicco, Michael Driver, and Calvin Morris getting their shoes shined for the event.

Just when you thought it couldn't get any better, out came the crowns. Every Special Needs participant was crowned King or Queen for the night. What a magical moment! In Michelle's words, "I feel like a real queen."

What do I remember most about "A Night to Shine"? I remember the smiles, the laughter, the dancing, jumping, clapping, and singing. Most of all, I remember the sheer joy on all the faces in that room. And that glow was not just on the faces of the Adults with Special Needs, it was also on the faces of every volunteer. As Kelly, my buddy, said to me, "I feel like Cinderella!"

Our Adult Special Education Ministry is one of the many ministries here at Dawson. You may know some of the members from the Happy Singers, or maybe you have watched them play softball in the Miracle League. Every member loves serving others, too. The class helps with Operation Christmas Child each year and has recently connected with Dawson's Homebound Ministry. God gives all of us gifts and talents to use for His honor and glory no matter what our limitations may be.

I highly encourage you to prayerfully consider volunteering with Dawson's Adult Special Education Ministry. There are no special skills required, just a loving and willing heart to serve. And maybe a few special dance moves tucked away for the next Prom Night.



Michelle Banks looking gorgeous and feeling like a queen.



SALLY SMITH has been a Dawson member since 1986. She is married to Doug and they have three children and five grandchildren. She serves in the nursery, the homebound ministry, and with the Special Adult Ministry.

NEVER BEFORE...

By Ben Hale | Evangelism & Mission Pastor

The note from Dawson's Go Love Tell ministry partner read something like this: "Thank you for your willingness to be used by the Father to join us in the work of His kingdom." This note was in response to Dawson's request in seeking out a partner that could help our family of faith do something that had never been done before: produce, print, and distribute a translation of the New Testament among a people who had never seen the Scriptures in their language.

The effort for this particular translation started long before Dawson entered the picture. It took 10 full years to complete. Two men who were working with a rural, unreached people group high in the mountains of The Horn of Africa finally finished the first ever translation of the New Testament in the heart language of this unreached group—the Riqet. Many of the Riqet people spoke and understood their national language, but they preferred to speak their heart language. Once the translation into the Riqet language was finalized at the end of 2015, and with the help of our ministry partners, the translators began working with a printing agency (located in another country) to make sure the typesetting was correct.

Once that was done and approved, the project was put on hold due to a lack of funding for printing and distribution. More than two years passed as the men waited for God to provide a way for the Scripture to be printed and delivered across the border to their people. While they waited, the translators kept working and were able to record an audio version of the entire Riqet New Testament and stored on a micro-sd card using an app for smart phones. The app was preloaded with the New Testament so that when it was opened, it displayed the text of the New Testament and 20 Biblical stories. However, just like with the printing issue, there was no funding for production and distribution.

When Dawson became aware of this situation, we viewed the circumstances as an opportunity to accomplish what God had called us to do through our Go Love Tell missions emphasis. In fact, it was not only an opportunity to distribute the Scripture on paper, but also digitally. In January of 2017, Dawson committed through Go Love Tell to help make both of these projects become a reality. Distribution of the Scripture digitally happened quickly, and Riqet believers began distributing the audio New Testaments on devices provided by Dawson.

In April of 2019, the printed Riqet New Testament also became a reality. So far, a total of 10,000 copies have been printed and are now being distributed. From those copies, 5,000 of them are in the hands of our Go Love Tell partners.

There are currently fewer than 100 known Riqet believers, and many of them do not live in the Riqet region any longer. Those that do, perhaps 10 or so, are persecuted and discouraged. Please pray for the Riqet believers who are scattered around the globe and for the groups of Riqet believers that are currently meeting on a weekly basis. under threat of persecution.

There are two things will last for all eternity, the Word of God and the souls of men. Thank you for you faithful giving to Go Love Tell.



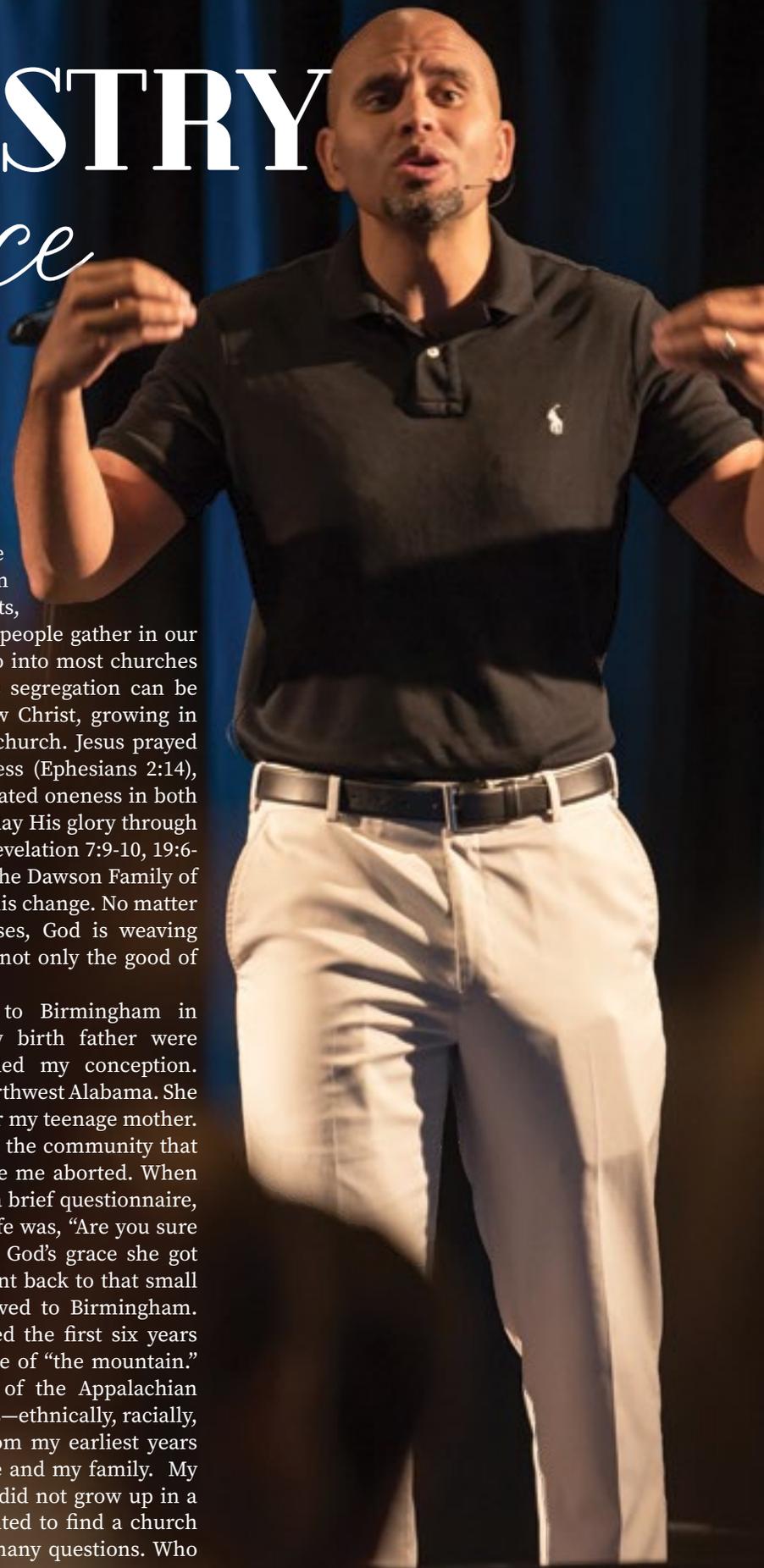
A TAPESTRY of Grace

By Dr. Deric Thomas

When I see children on the playgrounds, ball fields, or in the lunch rooms of schools all over Birmingham, I see integrated diversity. When I go to the mall, restaurants, local businesses—almost every single place where people gather in our city, I see integrated diversity. But sadly, when I go into most churches I see just the opposite, segregation. The church's segregation can be an unnecessary barrier to people coming to know Christ, growing in Christ, and becoming a welcomed part of a local church. Jesus prayed for our oneness (John. 17:21), died for our oneness (Ephesians 2:14), and is moving all human history toward our integrated oneness in both worship and community. The Eternal City will display His glory through unity amidst diversity that flows from who He is (Revelation 7:9-10, 19:6-10). So, something has to change. With the help of the Dawson Family of Faith, Tapestry Church was started to be a part of this change. No matter a person's history, heritage, mistakes, or successes, God is weaving together a Tapestry of grace for His glory and for not only the good of Birmingham, but for the entire world!

My name is Deric Thomas. I first came to Birmingham in the 1970's in my mother's womb. She and my birth father were fleeing the hatred and violence that surrounded my conception. I was conceived in a small, rural country town in Northwest Alabama. She was white, he was black. Things were so difficult for my teenage mother. She was under so much pressure from friends and the community that she was pushed to go into a clinic in order to have me aborted. When the doctor called her back and he led her through a brief questionnaire, his final question right before he was to take my life was, "Are you sure you want to go through with this procedure?" By God's grace she got up from the table, walked out of the office and went back to that small town in Northwest Alabama. Soon after, she moved to Birmingham.

I was born in downtown Birmingham and lived the first six years of my life on what many would call the wrong side of "the mountain." "The mountain," is a reference to the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains that divide Birmingham in so many ways—ethnically, racially, economically, and even environmentally. Even from my earliest years I can remember the problems that surrounded me and my family. My birth father left us when I was about a year old. I did not grow up in a church-going home. We were lost. Even if we wanted to find a church home, did a welcoming one even exist? I had so many questions. Who



would accept me? Who would love me?

We eventually moved “over the mountain” into Homewood where I found the initial answers to some of these questions through athletics. I loved football, baseball, basketball, and soccer. I actually loved them too much. I played year round and found my identity in sports. Even a good thing like athletics became an idol for me. But when my success in sports was no longer satisfying, I eventually gave them up.

While living in Homewood, our home was in an apartment complex on Valley Avenue within walking distance of Dawson. I attended Edgewood Elementary, Homewood Middle School, and Homewood High School. Although we never went to church, at times I would walk to Dawson to go to Sunday School, Wednesday night activities, VBS, and other church-related activities. Because of my love for sports, I spent hours and hours in the Dawson Recreation Center!

Through Dawson’s influence on me spiritually and in God’s great mercy and kindness, I began reading the Bible for the first time while in college at The University of Alabama. As I was reading the Gospel of Matthew, God opened my

eyes to the glory, beauty, and majesty of Jesus Christ! Many of the Gospel truths that had been invested into my heart through the ministries of Dawson came to fruition that night. It was at that time that I turned from my sin and put my faith in Christ with a sincere heart. Looking back, I am so thankful for the many people of Dawson who sowed the seeds of the Gospel and of Christ’s love into my life. These people knew me as a neighborhood kid who would show up at times at their church, but I was always welcomed, loved, and taught about Jesus. I am so thankful for their faithfulness!

As you know, the world is rapidly diversifying, and it is no longer acceptable for the church to be years, decades, and in some cases, centuries behind. The demographics of the Birmingham area are rapidly changing, especially in the Over the Mountain community. A core team of people joined me, Heather, my wife of 17 years, and our five children (and one on the way) in launching Tapestry Church on September 9, 2018. We started Tapestry Church in order to make Jesus known, make disciples, and grow and multiply churches all over Birmingham and

the world. We want to be a church that knows, loves, and honors God, and a church that knows, loves, and honors people. A place where the people of the world are all welcomed no matter their color, how much money they have or where they come from—a true tapestry of God’s grace. On our first Sunday morning of worship, nearly 375 people gathered at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Hoover to launch Tapestry Church!

I am amazed that God has brought the Dawson Family of Faith back into my life as Tapestry’s supporting church. Thank you for coming alongside our church over these next three years with your prayers, personal service and encouragement, and generous financial support. I see so clearly how our great God has woven Dawson’s story, my own story, and Tapestry Church’s story into His great story of grace!



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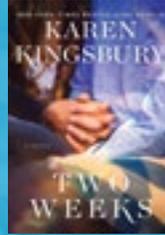
[SUMMER READING]

Looking for a good book this summer? The Dawson Library recommends some of the newest titles for both young and old. Browse our collection Sundays 8:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., and Wednesdays 5:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

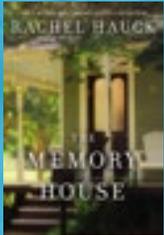
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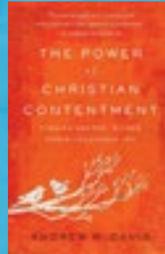
Mountain Brook author Patti Callahan Henry has published a fascinating look into the relationship between author and theologian C.S. Lewis and the American Joy Davidman. Written as historical fiction, the story is told mainly from Davidman's view as her Christian faith begins and deepens.



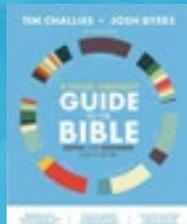
From bestselling author Karen Kingsbury comes a heart-wrenching and redemptive new story in the Baxter Family series about a couple desperately waiting to bring their adopted child home, and a young mother about to make the biggest decision of her life. Two Weeks is a story about love, faith, and what it really means to be a family.



When Beck Holiday lost her father in the North Tower on 9/11, she also lost her memories of him. Eighteen years later, she's a tough New York City cop burdened with a damaging secret, suspended for misconduct, and struggling to get her life in order. Meanwhile a mysterious letter arrives informing her she's inherited a house along Florida's northern coast, and what she discovers there will change her life forever.

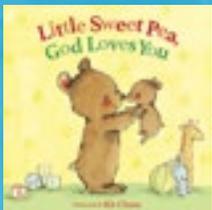


While the world, including many Christians, chases the siren song of happiness and fulfillment in culture, Andrew M. Davis reminds us what the apostle Paul taught: true contentment can only be found in Christ. With an accessible and biblical approach, pastor and Gospel Coalition leader Andrew M. Davis reimagines a classic Puritan work to help readers discover the joy of Christian contentment.



Tim Challies and Josh Byers have teamed up to produce this unique book. A Visual Theology Guide to the Bible uses immersive graphics and charts to show how the Bible fits together, why the authors wrote each book, and what all of it means for your life today.

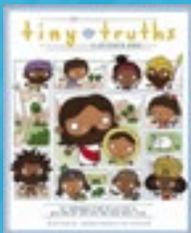
CHILDREN



Little Sweet Pea, God loves you! From button nose to gentle coo. Squishy cheeks and sparkly eyes, pure delight and perfect size. With read-aloud rhymes and adorable illustrations, this is a heartwarming picture book that reminds children just how special and loved they are!



Meet 14 revolutionary young women who, through their persistence and determination, sparked change in the world and paved the way for the next generation of female trailblazers and activists. Mary Anning was only 13 when she unearthed a prehistoric fossil. Ruby Bridges was a brave 6-year-old who helped end segregation in the South.



This Bible connects each individual story to the next, clearly showing how all the stories fit together to tell the One Big Story of God's great love for His children. The stories of the life, lessons, and love of Jesus will show readers how to live as God's bigger story continues to unfold.



Raymond "Beamer" Boxby is a city kid who prefers air conditioning and video games to the great outdoors. When his parents break the news that he'll spend summer vacation at a farm, it feels like one of those "game over" moments. But if he would just give it a try, this guy might realize his zany adventures could take the game of life to the next level!



Meet Freeda the Cheetah of Mozambique, who was the world's best player of hide-and-go-seek! No one knows where she hides, but they know where she doesn't. Because the places they looked were the places she wasn't!

2019 SUMMER CALENDAR

CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS

June 5	KidLife Family Night
June 12, 19, 26	Mid-Day/Night Activities (Lunch Only)
June 12	Summer Bible Studies Begin
June 23	Chapel Choir Home Concert
July 10, 17, 24, 31	Mid-Day Activities Only (With Lunch)
August 11	Kick-Off Sunday

PRESCHOOL

June 3–7	KidLife Week (age 4 by Sept. 1 through K)*
June 24–27	Dawson Day School Summer Camp
July 15–18	Summer Music Camp (age 4 by Sept. 1)*
July 29–August 2	Ballet Camp (K4–K5)*

CHILDREN (GRADES 1-5)

May 28–31	Basketball Camp 1 (Grades 1–5)*
June 3–7	KidLife Week (Grades 1–5)*
June 10–14	Adventure Camp 1 (Grades 1–5)*
June 17–20	BIG Art Camp 1 (Grades 1–5)*
June 24–28	Adventure Camp 2 (Grades 1–5)*
July 8–11	Basketball Camp 2 (Grades 1–5)*
July 8–11	BIG Art Camp 2 (Grades 1–5)*
July 15–19	Summer Music Camp (Grades K–5)*
July 22–25	Hispanic VBS
July 22–26	CentriKid Camp (Grades 3–5)*
July 29–August 2	Ballet Camp (Grade 1)*
August 9	Mission smasH (Rising 5th Graders)

STUDENTS (GRADES 6-12)

May 29–June 1	Mission 205 (Grades 6–8)*
June 14–23	Chapel Choir Mission Tour–Ecuador (Grades 9–12)*
June 23	Chapel Choir Home Concert
July 10–14	Breakaway

ADULT, YOUNG ADULT, & FAMILY MISSION PROJECTS

June 14–24	Eurasia — Missionary Support
June 26–July 3	Southeast Asia — English Language Center
June 29–July 7	Northern Europe — VBS
August (TBD)	Coy Family Mission Project

REGISTRATION FOR KIDLIFE & DAWSON SUMMER CAMPS

Registration for KidLife begins on May 1 at dawsonchurch.org/KidLife. Register for summer camps (recreation and music) at dawsonchurch.org/Summer. *All grades denoted are the school grades completed by this summer.

BREAK AWAY

JULY 10 - 14

dawsonchurch.org/students



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JULY 15-19
AGE 4 - 5TH GRADE

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Chapel Choir Home Concert

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