

**MAY 2017**

## New Counseling Minister



Andy Wisner  
Pastor of Biblical Counseling

Andy Wisner was born in Denver, CO and grew up in Madison, AL. He earned his Doctor of Ministry in Theology in 1996 from Louisiana Baptist University and is presently working on his doctorate in Biblical Counseling from Birmingham Theological Seminary.

Andy began serving at West Huntsville Baptist Church in 1977 as a teacher, in 1978 as an outreach leader, as well as in 1982 when he also began serving as deacon. In 1996 he planted a church and remained there as Senior Pastor until 2017 when he joined with First Bible Church to serve as the Pastor of Bib-

lical Counseling. He has a passion to show others how to apply God's word to their life problems and to teach them to serve other believers in the same way. He and his wife, Vicki, were married in 1984 and have two children, Roxi Brown and Lauren Haynes, and two grandsons.

Vicki Wisner was born in Bryan, Texas and raised in Huntsville, AL. She earned her BA in Psychology from UAH and is currently pursuing her Masters in Biblical Counseling at Faith Bible Seminary in Lafayette, IN. She has attended many additional training courses since 2000 and in 2012 was certified as a biblical counselor through the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC). Having been counseling formally for several years, she has a heart to lead other women into the peace and joy that is found in a vibrant fellowship with God and Christ, and to help them find the freedom God offers to each of us by sorting out struggles according to His life-giving truths.



Vicki Wisner  
Women's Biblical Counseling Director

### FBC Mission Statement

Our mission is to glorify God by helping people know, love, obey, and exalt Jesus Christ

### FBC Vision Statement

Our vision is to present Christ to Decatur, Madison and the world in a contemporary and creative way through equipped and mobilized believers who make disciples.

**Mother's Day  
May 14**

*Introducing...*  
*New Members*



Jacob and Christy Stalnaker  
Madison Campus



Nick Carter  
Madison Campus



John Stafford and Tanya de la Vergne  
Decatur Campus





**Steve Bateman**

# Looking Ahead

.....▶ *with Steve*

I am delighted to announce that last month, in a specially called congregational meeting, our church family overwhelmingly voted to add Andy Wisner to our staff to serve as the Biblical Counseling Pastor of First Bible Church. Andy has over forty years of ministry experience, including 20 years as a pastor. In recent years, Andy sensed his season as a senior pastor had come to an end and that it was time to focus specifically on a ministry of Biblical counseling. Fortunately for us, Andy and his wife Vicki work as an effective team in counseling ministry, and so I am also very happy to announce that we have added Vicki Wisner to our staff as the Women's Biblical Counseling Director. Between them, they have many years of training and experience helping people to skillfully apply God's Word to some of the most complicated and difficult circumstances of life.

As our church has grown, and more people grapple with the truths of God's Word, the need for strong, clear Biblical counseling has grown in our church family. Biblical counseling is a ministry of the word of God that requires teaching sound doctrine and then skillfully applying that doctrine to each individual life and circumstance. In a sense, when I am preaching a sermon on Sunday morning, I am doing mass Biblical counseling. However, a sermon might help people understand what they need to do, but leave them with the question of how to do it in their particular situation. These issues frequently come up in our relationships with our spouses, children, and parents.

At that point, someone might follow up after the sermon by calling me and setting up an appointment to discuss the details of how to apply the sermon in their situation. I'm glad to do that and that is one of my happy duties as a pastor—a shepherd of the flock of God. But effective counseling often requires insight, training, wisdom, and giftedness that I do not have. I liken myself to an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician). I can be first on the scene to stop the bleeding and then get them to the right people who have the specific training and calling to get them better.

By adding Andy and Vicki to our team, we are confident that we will be in a better position to help our church family not only build their own marriages and families, but also to equip our members to help others build their own marriages and families for the glory of God.

**You can make appointments with either Andy or Vicki by simply contacting them through their email addresses: [andy@fbc.org](mailto:andy@fbc.org) or [vicki@fbc.org](mailto:vicki@fbc.org).**



Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Center is a Christian, pro-life ministry proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and providing practical, emotional and spiritual assistance to women, men, and children who face pregnancy related issues, who are threatened by abortion or who suffer harm from abortion.

It's that time of year to show our support for this life saving ministry. The Baby Bottle Boomerang begins on Mother's Day, May 14 through Father's Day, June 18. Baby bottles will be placed in the foyer and be distributed to the ABFs. Please fill these bottles with coins, bills, or checks and place in the designated box located in the foyer. You can also elect to give through the "Baby Blessings" program. With "Baby Blessings" you put your check or cash in an envelope with your information on it and you will receive a giving statement for tax purposes. If you have any questions or would like more information about how you can help this ministry, please contact Paula Burleson at 256-520-4282 or [kpburleson@charter.net](mailto:kpburleson@charter.net).

Our current needs are: baby wipes, 2t boys and girl's clothes, 24 month clothes boys and girls, diapers size 4, diaper rash ointment, lotion, body wash, burp cloths

# SPIRIT NIGHT

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for refuge of grace

May 4, 2017 • 5:00 – 8:00PM

Come out and support Refuge of Grace in Spirit Night as they raise funds to continue applying biblical truths in women's lives. Be sure to let our Teen Member know you are there to support and we will donate a percentage back!



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# ***Discover FBC***

**Sign up now for our next session!**

**Discover FBC** is the next step for anyone interested in learning more about First Bible Church. This four-week class will help you better understand the beliefs, philosophy, and direction of our church, as well as meeting others in the same process.

**For more information or to register, contact  
Earlene Baker at [earl@fbc.org](mailto:earl@fbc.org)**

**Benefit for  
Neighborhood Christian  
Center**

**RUN THE 10th ANNUAL**

**STEEPLE CHASE 8K**  
D E C A T U R A L

**SATURDAY - MAY 6th - 7 AM**

[www.steeplechase8krun.org](http://www.steeplechase8krun.org)

# FIRST BIBLE *student ministry*

MAY 2017  
*Decatur Campus*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

*Sundays*  
9:15-10:30AM  
*community groups*  
5:15-6:30 PM  
*middle school*

*Wednesdays*  
6:00-6:45 PM  
*ms worship*  
6:45-7:15 PM  
*dinner*  
7:15-8:00PM  
*hs worship*

## MAY EVENTS

3,10  
*Wednesday Nights*  
7,14,21,28  
*Sunday Mornings*

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### DIRECTORS OF STUDENT MINISTRY



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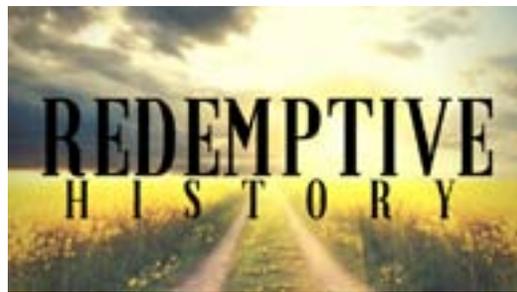


JEREMY GILBERT



ABBI CAMBRON

### DISCIPLESHIP COORDINATOR



Join us Sunday mornings during first hour for community groups. We are finishing up our Redemptive History series in which we will go through the entire Bible this year!



Join us on Wednesday nights as we wrap up our Commissioned series. These lessons are designed to equip our students to make disciples.



Sign up for camp! The cost of Snowbird is \$375 until May 22nd, when the price increases to \$400. The cost of Crossings is \$275 until May 15th, when the price increases to \$300.



We will be mailing our summer schedules at the end of May. If you did not receive a spring postcard and would like to receive one for the summer, email [abbi@fbc.org](mailto:abbi@fbc.org) to be added.

# Student Ministry

FBC Madison Campus

May '17



Jared & Rachel  
Pittman  
Student Ministry  
Directors at the  
Madison campus.

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Reach Jared at  
Jared@fbc.org  
or Rachel at  
Rachel@fbc.org  
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Regularly  
Scheduled Events  
- Sundays -  
9:30-10:30am  
Landing of James  
Clemens  
High School  
- Wednesdays -  
6:30-8:00pm  
Madison office.  
20 Main Street

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Join us!  
More info at  
fbc.org.

## Upcoming Events

### Summer Kick-Off!

We will getting together for some  
fellowship before the summer rolls around.

We will meet on the  
13th of May from 5pm-8pm.  
More details to come!

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### Summer Camp!

Registrations are now open!

HS Camp:

Print your registration form off today!

MS Camp:

Sign up before the 14th of May for the  
early-bird discount!

(<http://www.fbc.org/news-events/happenings/>)

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### #realwalk

We have had very good discussions in our  
#realwalk topic study. If you have not been able  
to join us, please stop by on Wednesday nights  
as we continue to grow together!

May



WOMEN  
WALKING  
WORTHY

## Madison Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

The women of Madison are invited to the Ladies Fellowship Luncheon which will be held on Saturday, May 13th at 10:30 am at the home of Sara Parker. Her address is 26 Maple Grove Blvd SW; Huntsville, AL 35824-4005. Come enjoy a relaxing time of food, fun, and fellowship!

To sign up, contact Sara by email or call/text...  
willsaraparker@gmail.com / 256-542-7450

## Heritage Assisted Living Outreach

Madison Event Saturday, May 20th from 10-12 noon.

Address is 11682 County Line Rd, Madison, AL 35756.

What a rewarding opportunity to minister to the elderly in our community!

Scheduled activities will be in place.

Families and children are welcome to come!

## Teacher Appreciation Lunch for Nungester Elementary

Next Week is Teacher appreciation week for Nungester Elementary School. FBC would like to show our support and appreciation by taking food for lunch on

**Wednesday, May 3.**

If you would like to serve the Teachers at Nungester, please signup at the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44a5af2ea2fd0-nungester>

Food should be dropped off at Nungester Elementary Office before 10:00 am.

## Sympathy

Pray for the following families:

**Steve Lanphere**  
(his brother,  
Tim Lanphere)

**Lisa Barnett**  
(her father,  
James Russell Box)

**Martha Mundy**  
(her mother,  
Helen Conner)

**Bobby Johnson**  
(his wife,  
Hazel Johnson)

**Chery Vinton**  
(her mother,  
Marilyn Thomas)

**Sherri Collins**  
(her father,  
Wendell Ray Crouch, Sr)

**Danyelle Whitlock**  
(her father,  
Dan E. Bates)

**Patrick Armstrong**  
(his father,  
Horace Thomas Armstrong, Jr.)

*For the family of  
Jim Newman*



# MAY

- May 4 National Day of Prayer
- May 7 Discover FBC3 Madison 9:15 am
- May 7 Discover FBC3 Decatur 10:45 am
- May 7 Church wide Ice Cream Social after Service
- May 9 Elders Meet 5:30 pm
- May 11 Mission Committee Mtg 5:30 pm
- May 14 MOTHER'S DAY
- May 20 Armed Forces Day
- May 29 Memorial Day

May 2017						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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## New Arrivals

**Chris and Tiffany Gross**  
daughter, Raleigh Ann  
born on March 25, 2017

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**Chase and Jessica Marsh**  
daughter, Eliza Renae  
born on April 10, 2017

## May Deacons of the Month



**Scott Anderson**  
Decatur Campus



**C. J. Jacobs**  
Madison Campus

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

Decatur Campus 6:30 am  
at the church

Madison Campus 6:30 am  
at FBC Office, 20 Main St.  
Madison

## Outside Volunteer Workday – June 3

7:00 am until noon.

We will have more details by mid May.

We will again utilize “Sign up Genius” software to give individuals the option to sign up in advance for the task they prefer or feel most comfortable with.