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==== *Pastor's Pen* =====

Philippians 1:3 "I thank my God upon my every remembrance of you."

Although as of January 1 I am no longer your pastor, I've taken the liberty to use this "Pastor's Pen" article to share with you all how much I appreciate all you have done for me and Carole. Your love, support, encouragement and friendships over the past 9+ years is deeply appreciated.

While I am no longer your pastor, I still have you all in my heart.

Many of you have walked this road of transition from one pastor to the next before. For some, this may be the first time you have had to say goodbye to a pastor and his wife. I understand the anxiety and uncertainty you may feel.

Let me leave you with several thoughts:

1. All pastorates are a temporary trust. All who serve in that position know that they keep the position warm for the next pastor.
2. All churches belong to the Christ. He is the Great Shepherd of the flock of God. Look to Him for guidance.
3. Jesus loves the church more than any pastor could. Jesus shed His sacred blood to create the church. He loves Elm Grove Baptist Church more fully and purely than any human pastor could.
4. God is still sovereign. He guides the affairs of all people and churches. Trust His sovereign plan.
5. While pastors change, God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Pray for those who lead and guide you through this transitional phase. Pray for your church staff. Pray for your deacons. Pray for Bro. James

Snyder as he fills the pulpit. Pray for your pastor search committee.

And pray for me and Carole. While pastors may retire from active pastoral ministry, we never lose our calling to serve and proclaim God's grace. Pray that God will open doors to help people encounter His grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
Brian

Brothers and sisters,

I am both honored and excited to fill in as interim pastor during the time Elm Grove Baptist Church transitions between pastors. Bro. Brian has been one of the best pastors to my family and me, as well as a great mentor to serve under. I hope to preach sermons as helpful as his messages have been to me. If you have any questions, feel free to ask. I love you all and look forward to serving in this position.

James Snyder

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sherry Hudson	3rd
Beth Rice	8th
Lawson Womack	12th
Kevin Lott	13th
Sheila Rushing	14th
Karen Lee	16th
Tim Murrell	16th
Beverly Lee	20th
Jackson Franklin	21st
Ruby Barnes	29th
Betty Durland	30th
Lynda Flowers	31st

ANNIVERSARIES

David & Darlene Hay	14th
Jonathan & Beverly Lee	25th



FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, January 12

from 12 to 2 p.m.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

AFTER MORNING WORSHIP

**CHURCH
ONLINE**



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CHARLIE'S CHATS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in the Praise Choir in 2018. Your commitment and support are such a blessing to me.

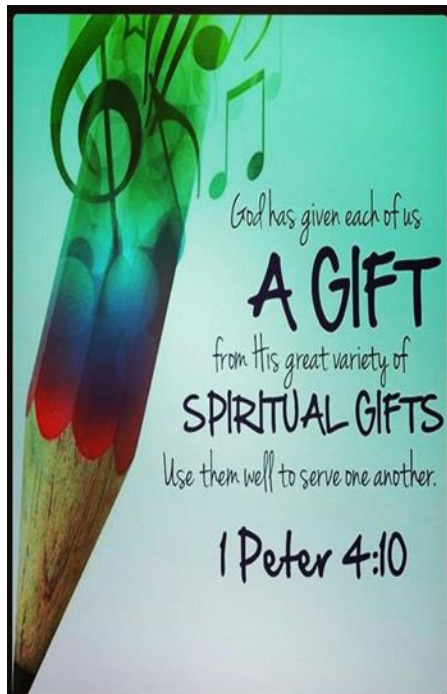
I would also like to thank Nancy, Ricky, Elaine, John, the Fox boys and Jere for their faithfulness in playing the instruments, working the computer and running the sound each week. We couldn't do it without you!!

We hope you were blessed by the Christmas Eve Service. Thanks to all of you who attended.



**FOR NURSERY,
TODDLERS &
CHILDREN'S CHURCH
DURING
SUNDAY WORSHIP**

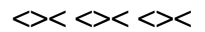
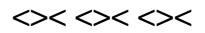
See Peggy Grice
if you would like to help



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

Make the Connection

at 9:30 a.m.



**Wednesday
Night
Worship
6:30 p.m.**

*Bible Study &
Praise Choir Practice*

Church Council

January 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Monthly Business Meeting

January 20th after Morning
Worship

**MAY GOD BLESS YOUR
EVERY ADVENTURE
IN THE COMING YEAR!**

JEREMIAH 29:11

