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MR. & MRS. J. WAYNE PATTERSON, JR.  
REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE  
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

*Anna Kate Patterson*  
AND  
*Lane Alexander Vickery*

SON OF MR. & MRS. VINCE VICKERY

ON SATURDAY, THE FOURTH OF AUGUST  
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN  
AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

RECEPTION

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CEREMONY DOTHAN CULTURAL ARTS CENTER  
909 S. SAINT ANDREWS STREET, DOTHAN, AL 36301

## Ministerial Staff

Vince Vickery, Deacon Chairman

798-0075

Bobby Jackson, Trustee Chairman

797-2736

Lynn Seymour, Choir Director

797-4133

Stephen Messer, Minister of Music

798-3659

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday

8:00 am—1:30 pm

## Opportunities to Worship

### SUNDAY

Celebration Choir Rehearsal 9:10 am

Life Groups 9:30 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Children's Church ages 3—5th grade

Celebration Choir Rehearsal 4:30 pm

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY

Supper 5:30 pm

Bible Study Classes 6:00 pm



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*Our hearts can't adequately express our thanks for your love, prayers and words of encouragement during our search for a pastor. We will always be grateful for your support and are confident in God's leadership in directing the Alderman's to our church family. Please continue to ask God for His blessings on their ministry as we work together to make First Free Will Baptist a Great Commission Church.*

Sincerely,

Your Pulpit Committee

*July was a very busy month. As most of you know by now, we have a new pastor, Bro. Josh Alderman.*

*Bro. Josh came and preached for us July 1<sup>st</sup> and we voted 100% to hire him as our pastor on July 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*We are now looking forward to August and this transition in our church family. Bro. Josh, his wife Tasha, and their children Blake, Cole, and Hadley will be making this big move in their lives in the next few weeks. Please continue to pray for them and our church family as well. We are really excited about what God has done and is going to do as we move forward.*

*Let's all not only pray, but give God the thanks, praise, and glory that he so much deserves for this journey in leading us to the Alderman family. God has been with us every step of the way throughout this whole process.*

*A huge thanks to the pulpit committee and the church body for praying and listening to God's leading, and obeying God's will in the months without a pastor, and in the search for our new pastor.*

*Now let's all continue to work and pray together.*

*Thank God for His many blessings!*

Deacons and Advisory Board

# MEMBERhighlight *Mary Yance*

We were married on December 18, 1976, in Colquitt, GA.

Ronnie was born on September 8, 1947. He was born in Dothan and has lived in Haleburg, AL almost all of his life. Upon graduation from Headland High School, he attended Wallace College for two years to become a certified electrician. He married young and was drafted into the army in August, 1967. He was sent to Vietnam on January 1, 1968, and returned on January 1, 1969. After six months, he had finished his time with the army and returned home. He opened Yance Plumbing and Electric and kept it for several years. During this time, he and his wife had two daughters, Kris and Heather. However when the youngest one was born, he lost his wife.

We met through a mutual friend, and we married when Heather was seven months old.

Ronnie has had several jobs and most were related to his field of expertise. He is now officially retired, but has helped our son Murray in the Headland Plumbing Company for a year. Murray took over for Ronnie several years ago.

I was born September 22, 1946, in Henderson, Texas.

My father was a Free Will Baptist pioneer minister in East Texas. He pastored a church and preached on Sunday afternoons at several small, older churches. He also worked as a butcher. My mother worked very hard at home (neat freak!) and church. She planned, organized, cooked, taught, and did everything that someone thought she should do!

A younger sister was born and then there were five girls!

After graduating from Carthage High School, I left Texas and went to Eldridge, AL, to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home and worked for eighteen months. I then went to Free Will Baptist Bible College (now Welch College) in Nashville, TN. After three years I transferred to Belmont University in Nashville, to get a certified teaching degree. I loved to Dothan and worked six months at Emmanuel Christian School. I then went to Webb School and taught first grade until retirement.



Dr. Robert Morgan will be speaking at  
**Ridgecrest Baptist Church**

**Monday, August 6, from 6:30—8:00**

Robert J. Morgan is the teaching pastor of The Donelson Fellowship in Nashville, Tennessee, where he has served for 38 years. He is a best-selling, gold-Illuminations, and gold-medallion winning writer with **more than 35 books in print and more than 4.5 million copies in circulation in multiple languages.** He is a collaborative writer for Dr. David Jeremiah and Turning Points Magazine. He is also a contributor to the Huffington Post. Rob has appeared on numerous television and radio shows. He speaks widely at churches, conferences, schools, and corporate events.

He is a homemaker and a caregiver for his wife, Katrina, who battles multiple sclerosis. He and Katrina have three daughters and fourteen grandchildren. They are co-owners of Roan Mountain Bed and Breakfast in Roan Mountain, Tennessee. In 2014, Rob was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from his alma mater, Columbia International University.

South Alabama's  
**Acts 1:8**  
Missions Cookout

**Saturday, August 18, 2018**

Meet & Greet: 5:30 P.M.

Dinner: 6:00 P.M.

Hosted by

**First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan**



Guest Speaker: Bro. Joel Franks  
Athens, Alabama

*A love offering will be received*

**ALFWB**  
**10TH ANNUAL**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**AUGUST 25**  
**DORA, ALABAMA**



## ELEVEN SPECIFIC WAYS TO PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR

We all need prayer. We all need to pray. These prayers can begin, even before Bro. Josh comes!

Pastors specifically need prayer. The Enemy will do whatever he can to destroy the ministry of your pastors. Will you consider praying for your pastors in these specific areas?

1. **Pray for wisdom for your pastor.** These leaders are often confronted with incredibly challenging situations and decisions. They need God's wisdom to continue to be the leader of the church God has called them to be.
2. **Pray for your pastor's protection.** Your pastor will be attacked in so many different ways. Your pastor will be tempted again and again. The Enemy seeks to destroy. The Enemy wants your pastor's ministry destroyed.
3. **Pray for your pastor's family.** They too are attacked, criticized, and sometimes bullied. They often feel isolated and alone. They need encouragement. They need prayer.
4. **Pray for your pastor to withstand the critics and bullies.** Some of the critics and bullies are overt and aggressive. Others are passive aggressive. All are painful. And every pastor has them.
5. **Pray against discouragement from comparison.** Before this week is over, a church member will likely tell your pastor to listen to a podcast by another pastor "to learn how to really preach" (actual words spoken to a pastor). Other pastors will hear numerous comments about the other great church in the community. The message is real and painful: You don't measure up, pastor.
6. **Pray against discouragement from members leaving.** It's hard for your pastor not to take it personally. It's really hard when the departing member tells your pastor to take it personally.
7. **Pray against discouragement from decline.** Two out of three congregations in North America are declining. That is a painful reality for your pastor. That is a discouraging reality for your pastor.
8. **Pray against discouragement from disunity.** "I wish I had every minute back I had to spend refereeing church members." Those are the actual words of one of the Church Answers' pastors I serve. The Enemy loves it when church members fight one another.
9. **Pray for discernment for "yes" and "no."** Pastors are pulled in a multitude of directions. They are expected to be in so many meetings, so many social events, and so many pastoral situations. They are really expected to be omnipresent. Pray they will be able to say "no" more often. Pray for their families who often get the scanty leftovers of the pastor's time.
10. **Pray for financial pressures.** Many pastors are underpaid. They struggle day by day with financial challenges. Actual quote from a deacon: "I like for our pastor to be underpaid. It keeps him humble and dependent on God." That deacon is enjoying a life of leisure from inherited wealth.
11. **Pray for gospel opportunities.** Pastors are energized when they have the opportunity to share the gospel. Unfortunately, many of them are too busy to take time to do so. The demands of the church are just too great. These pastors live lives of inverted priorities and frustrating days.

Do we really want healthy churches? Do we really want to defeat the Enemy in these battles?

Pray for your pastor. Start today. Take five minutes of each day to pray for your pastor. It may be the greatest contribution you can make to your church. -Thom Rainer

## MEMBERhighlight Cont.

We have a large family. We lost our little girl Heather when she was four to a congenital brain aneurysm. We took custody of nieces / nephew when our son Murray was only two, so we had a family of eight: Robyn, Kris, Gayla, Kenny, Emily, and Murray. We are blessed to have them and love them dearly. They all went to college, have good jobs, and attend church. What more could we ask? We have very sweet in-law children, but the best part is our eight grandchildren ranging in age from 23—4½. We don't have the room to tell you how smart, talented, wonderful, handsome, beautiful, and cute they are.

We enjoy our family, and we love to travel. Ronnie loves hunting, golfing, and fishing. I love to read, enjoys sewing, and doing crafts.

We cannot tell you how thankful we are to belong to this church. We both have been active in several areas for almost twenty years. It has been sad to see some of our older members pass away, but we have great hope for the future. We are excited about our new pastor and what he will help us accomplish for the Lord.

We live in Haleburg. If you can find it, come for a visit!



## August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Supper 5:30 pm Classes 6:00 pm	2 Game Night 5:30 pm	3	4 Anna Kate Patterson & Zane Vickery's
5	6 Rob Morgan at Ridgecrest Baptist Church 6:30 pm	7	8 Supper 5:30 pm Classes 6:00 pm	9	10	11
12	13	14 WAC/MM 6:30 pm	15 Supper 5:30 pm Classes 6:00 pm	16	17	18 ACTS 1:8 Missions Cookout 5:30 pm
19	20	21	22 Supper 5:30 pm Classes 6:00 pm	23 Golden Agers 10:30 am	24	25 ALFWB Golf Tournament Dora, AL
26	27	28	29 Supper 5:30 pm Classes 6:00 pm	30	31	

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

2: LueVerna Dykes, Larry & Sylvia Stokes	15: Hilson Adkins
3: Patsy Howell, Max Metcalf	18: Charles Johnson
4: Ambrea Mixon	29: Bill Marshall
5: Allen Messer, Sue Parker, Nell Spurlock	30: Josh Smith, Tessa Trawick
6: James Pickett, McKenzie Sasser	
7: Sue Comer	
14: Belinda Stone, Vince Vickery	Please submit corrections to church office



## SERVING IN AUGUST

*Sound: Bobby Jackson ~ Multi-Media: Kim Zellner*  
*Ushers AM: Bobby Clemmons, Mack Glass, David Parrish, Ronald Parrish, Johnny Waters*

### WEEK OF AUGUST 5

*Deacon of the Week: Ronnie Brown Trustee of the Week: Carl Floyd*  
*1st Impression Parking Lot Team: Ronnie Brown, Mack Glass*  
*Nursery AM: Linda Roberds Wednesday Nursery: Merle Jordan*  
*Elements Kids Worship: Mary Glazier, Belinda Stone*

### WEEK OF AUGUST 12

*Deacon of the Week: Vince Vickery Trustee of the Week: Robert Barefield*  
*PM: Carl Floyd, Mack Glass*  
*Nursery AM: Alice Morris Wednesday Nursery: Alice Morris*  
*Elements Kids Worship: Haley Harrison, Becky Parrish*

### WEEK OF AUGUST 19

*Deacon of the Week: Ronnie Vance Trustee of the Week: Johnny Waters*  
*PM: Carl Floyd, Mack Glass*  
*1st Impression Parking Lot Team: Carl Floyd, Johnny Waters*  
*Nursery AM: Emily Green Wednesday Nursery: Merle Jordan*  
*Elements Kids Worship: Patty Cox, David Parrish*

### WEEK OF AUGUST 26

*Deacon of the Week: Ronnie Brown Trustee of the Week: Bobby Jackson*  
*PM: Carl Floyd, Mack Glass*  
*1st Impression Parking Lot Team: Bobby Clemmons, Charles Granger*  
*Nursery AM: Alice Morris Wednesday Nursery: Alice Morris*  
*Elements Kids Worship: Family Worship Weekend*