# QUARTERLY REPORT

April - June 2025

## **ELDER'S REPORT**

#### **July 2025**

Over the past month, the Elders have devoted time to studying the biblical role of elders, seeking to better understand how we can lead in a way that honors God and serves our congregation well. These times of study and discussion have been both challenging and encouraging as we continue to grow in our understanding of servant leadership and spiritual oversight.

We have also spent time together in prayer, lifting up the needs of our church family. It is a privilege to pray for you, and we want you to know how much we care for each of you and how seriously we take the responsibility of spiritual leadership.

At our most recent meeting, Mike Crane shared with the Elders that, after much prayer and reflection, he has decided to step down from serving as an Elder. We are deeply grateful for Mike's faithful service, particularly during a challenging season in the life of our church. We also spent time praying for Mike and his family, asking God to bless and guide them in this new season. We trust that the Lord will continue to use Mike in meaningful ways as he serves Christ and His church in other capacities.

We are also thankful that Jim Buntin, who has been participating in our Elder meetings in an advisory role this year, is willing to step into the role of Elder in an official capacity. Jim has a deep love for Jesus and for Morningside, and he meets the biblical qualifications for this role. As our current by-laws allow, the Senior Pastor is empowered to appoint a previously ordained Elder in the event of an unexpected vacancy, and Jim has graciously agreed to serve in this way. With his addition, we are able to maintain the minimum of five active Elders.

As we continue to serve and lead, we invite your prayers. We are always seeking to listen well and to shepherd with wisdom and love. If there are specific ways we can care for you or help you grow in your walk with Christ, please don't hesitate to let us know.

In Christ,

The Elders of Morningside Baptist Church

# **CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT**

	April	Мау	June
Sunday Morning Average Attendance	188	176	146
<b>Bible Fellowship</b> Average Attendance	176	133	116

### **Additions**

Mark and Sydney Jerome

#### Removal

David and Susan Walls transfer to First Baptist Church of Hilton Head Mallory Sorrell transfer to The Church at Brook Hills, Birmingham AL