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**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY**

REGULAR SUNDAY
MORNING SERVICES
NO SERVICES SUNDAY EVENING

OFFICES CLOSED
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST

DEACON'S MEETING
September 7th at 4PM

**WORSHIP PASTOR
SEARCH COMMITTEE**
September 7th at 5PM

BROTHERHOOD
September 8th at 6PM

CHURCH COUNCIL
September 9th at 6PM

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING**
September 14th at 5PM

**SEPTEMBER
2025**

RETIREMENT
Reception

to celebrate 45 years of service for

Rev. Mike Dannel

14
SEPTEMBER

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
EABC Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend!



Dr. Brian Trapp
Senior Pastor

July 27, 2025, marked four years of service as the Senior Pastor of East Athens Baptist Church. I am so humbled and thankful for all that God has done at EABC and especially the gospel impact on the city of Athens. I have been in the full-time Christian ministry for 20 years and have worked with some amazing pastors in various churches. As I look back over the years, I can truly say, I have enjoyed working with Rev. Mike Dannel the most!!!

Mike's love for Jesus, the church, and music is clear to see through his 45-year ministry at EABC. God gifted him in many ways, and he has used those gifts well for the glory of God. My one regret in serving with Mike is that it was not longer. Thank you, my friend, for your faithful service to EABC and to Jesus!!! You will be missed!!! I want to encourage current and past members of EABC and those touched by the ministry of Pastor Mike to come and celebrate his retirement with us on Sunday, September 14th in worship at 10:45am and at a reception to be held the same day in the Family Life Center from 2p-4p. All are welcome and encouraged to come. Blessings,
Pastor Brian C. Trapp

EABC MINISTRIES-IMPORTANT DATES

**Weekly
Church
Activities**

SUNDAY

Library Open.....9-9:30 A
Sunday School 9:30 A
Morning Worship10:45 A

WEDNESDAY

Children's Ministry 6:30 P
Youth Group 6:30 P
Bible Study / Prayer 7 P
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ... 7:50 P

**CHURCH OFFICE
HOURS**

MONDAY - THURSDAY:

9 AM - 3 PM

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION:**

[https://eastathens.org/
livestream](https://eastathens.org/livestream)

(Livestream of the Sunday
Morning Service and Previous
Services)

<https://eastathens.org/calendar>

(Happenings at the Church)

<https://eastathens.org/contact>

(Guest Information)

[https://www.youtube.com/
channel/
UC3nVw1a3wrtc8ZKG7dqV4Xw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3nVw1a3wrtc8ZKG7dqV4Xw)

(YouTube Channel)

SEPTEMBER

- 1—Labor Day Offices Closed
- 7—Deacon's Meeting
Worship Pastor Search
Committee Meeting
- 8—Brotherhood
- 9—Game Day
Church Council
- 14—Reception Mike & Michelle
Finance Committee
- 15—Women's Bible study
- 16—Game Day
- 17—L.I.G.H.T/WMU
Business Meeting
- 21—Missions
- 29—Women's Bible Study



REV. MIKE DANDEL
Executive/Worship Pastor

To my beloved church family,

My heart is overflowing with gratitude after 45 wonderful years of serving through music and youth ministry. Psalm 107:1 says: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" Amen!

From my first day at East Athens Baptist Church (September 14, 1980), the church welcomed me with love of Christ and for one another. Generations have grown within the church, sharing baptisms, weddings, and funerals, and witnessing the Holy Spirit at work.

Not only did you welcome me then, but you also welcomed my wife and helped raise my children. What a blessing to be a part of this wonderful family of believers.

Music is a precious and powerful tool for lifting hearts and drawing closer to the Creator, and it has been a central part of the ministry here. Hymns, praise songs, and instrumental pieces have brought comfort, inspiration, and a deeper connection to God for all of us. I believe that each choir, instrumentalist, soloist, media crew, and everyone who had a part in the ministry of praise gave their best each time we met for worship. I recently came across a quote from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: "A spirit of thankfulness is always the mark of a joyous Christian." These 45 years have been filled with joy, yes, there have been hard times, difficult moments, and sad times, but God has filled us with the joy of Christian living. Memories that will last a lifetime.

During this time, I also had the privilege of working with the youth here at East Athens as their youth minister and youth choir director, and it has been equally rewarding. Watching young people grow in their faith, grapple with life's complexities, share their love of God through music, and find their place within the body of Christ has been a profound privilege. The opportunities to mentor, guide, and learn from them have been cherished. The memories are ever with me.

The Bible reminds us, "To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). As the new season of retirement begins for me, it is filled with both reflection and hope for the future. Although retiring as your Executive/Worship Pastor, the love for this church and this congregation remains unwavering. The lessons, experiences, and love that I have received here, as well as the love my family has shared, will continue to be in my heart. We are family and will always be family.

The first part of the song: "Give Thanks to God" says: "Give thanks to God, for He is good. His love endures forever." (Ken Bible and Thomas Ken)

Numbers 6:24-26 says: The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

I Love You All
Mike

Music News

Sanctuary Choir :

Thank you for 45 years of faithful ministry of praise.

To God Be the Glory!

In September, we will have two regular rehearsals, focusing on songs for the 7th and 14th.

The following Wednesday, Sept 17th, Pam will begin working with you on Christmas music. Please support her in continuing to be faithful to the ministry of praise.

More details coming soon.



RICHARD HARRILL
Youth Director

Student Ministry!

YOUTH LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP
*MORE DETAILS TO COME

YOUTH FALL RETREAT
SNOWBIRD WILDERNESS OUTFITTERS
OCTOBER 3RD-5TH
*MORE DETAILS COMING

- 1- Jessica Wilson
2- Sandy Mazanek
4- Teresa Bradford
5- Angie Whaley
7- Rachel Hurst
8- Judy Wilson
9- Bea Gardner
- 10- David Stoika
12- Willene Mason
12- Hazel Johnson
13- Karen Willis
17- Evelyn Brown
- 19- JoAnn Grubb
20- Sue McDonald
23- Bug Cooley
23- Alene Odom
23- Angie Ricks
27- Christina Gilman
28- Eddie Hester

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

- 1- HOBY/JEANANN TOOMEY
5- DON/DOROTHY COWART
15- COLTEN/RACHEL BROWN
16- CHARLES/BEA GARDNER
18- BUTCH/NANCY MARTIN
21- STEVE/BETTY CASTEEL
28- PANKEY/DENISE PATTERSON

Deacons of the Week and Hospitality Team

September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
TJ Wilson	Donny Anderson	Barry Toomey	Jamie McConkey
Donny Anderson (Front Entrance)	Phil Hadorn (Front Entrance)	Sue McDonald (Front Entrance)	Rodney Ammons (Front Entrance)
*Need Volunteer (Nursery)	Nathan Odom (Nursery)	*Need Volunteer (Nursery)	*Need Volunteer (Nursery)
Debo Toomey (Family Life Center)	Jamie McConkey (Family Life Center)	Steve Bridges (Family Life Center)	Darrell McCormick (Family Life Center)