

**University of Alabama
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East Tennessee Chapter**

**Minutes for Thursday, August 18, 2016 Dinner Meeting
Cherokee Country Club**

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Members met at 6:30 PM and President Bob Bland called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM with 36 people attending. Bill Morrow gave the invocation.

Evening Speaker: Siran Stacy

- Tony Johnson introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Siran Stacy. Siran gave an extremely emotional and moving talk which described his journey which began as a young Alabama high school star who was deemed as “non-college material” and ultimately culminated in his current vocation as a renowned motivation speaker. Regarded as one of the greatest running backs to have ever attended the University of Alabama, Siran’s journey began as a stuttering, reserved youth who paid for a one-way bus ticket to a small junior college in Kansas in hopes of someday playing football at the University of Alabama. During this time, Siran often went hungry on Sundays when there were no meals provided to football players. After two years in Kansas, he was recruited by every major college program in the country. Siran chose BAMA after being told by the Bear as a teenager that he “could someday make it” as a college football player. Subsequently after his star studded years at BAMA and professional football, Siran described how his life changed forever with the tragic death of his wife and four children. Thereafter, Siran told how he was inspired to pursue the work of God by speaking out to the broken hearted and downtrodden. Needless to say, it was a very profound evening for all who attended the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM with a ROLL TIDE!!!!

The next meeting will be held on September 15th at 6:30 PM at the Cherokee Country Club.