

MAURICE BELSER, JR.

MAURICE BELSER, JR., KNOWN TO MOST AS “SHUG” WAS BORN TO MAURICE, SR. OF CORDOVA & LOUISE

Williams of Jasper in November of 1973.

Shug came back to stay in Cordova during the 3rd grade where he began to play toybowl football for the Blue Devils and participated in championships on both the Junior and Senior Toybowl levels. Through middle school and junior varsity, Shug’s teams only lost one game. At Cordova High School where he played offensive and defensive lineman, the teams were a combined 48-7 with three trips to the state semifinals and he was named All-State, for both offense and defense, All-Metro Birmingham and 2 times All-County.

After receiving a full scholarship to The University of Alabama, Shug was a 4-year letter winner and 2-year

full-time starter. During his career at Bama, the teams went a combined 47-7-1 with a National Championship and 3 bowl victories. Shug was named second-team All-SEC his junior year and he was selected Team Co-Lineman of the Year his Senior season.

Shug received his Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and a Master’s in Educational Technology. He has 22 years of coaching experience, 13 of those as a head coach. He has been a coordinator of all three phases of the game; offense, defense and special teams and has coached every position at some point in his career, most recent being an assistant coach at Cordova High, his alma mater. As a head coach and assistant, Coach Belser has helped over 60 players go on to play college football, many to Division 1 schools and several to FBS Universities. Teaching Business Ed., PE and Health throughout his career, Shug notes that being huddle leader for Fellowship of Christian Athletes as one of his favorite roles.

Shug has been married to his loving and supporting wife, Kathy, for 26 years and they have a 20-year-old daughter, Hannah. Their faith is most important to he and his family. He says the life lessons of his grandmother, Mariah, and the examples of strength, perseverance and integrity given by his mother, Louise, are the sources of his accomplishments.

