



Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020
10am Worship Service
Please use Face Masks.

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP
ALSO @ 10AM



See the information inside
for Bible Classes—all ages
SUNDAY@ 5pm and
Wednesday@ 6:30pm

INMATE BOXES:
Charles Crawford is
collecting monetary
donations to buy
approved items for indigent
Inmate Boxes. Please designate
a cash envelope or give a check
by **THIS SUNDAY December 6!**



Happy Birthday
Dec 3 Claire Carpenter
Dec 4 Cora Hendrick
Lee Hobbs
Stuart Tanksley
Dec 7 Richard Sneed
Joel Vinson
Dec 9 Whitney Cross

No Anniversaries

Weekly Offering
Weekly Budget: \$13,500.00
We Contributed: \$11,123.27



**DAILY BIBLE READING GOAL:
Read my Bible Each Day!**

Choose from three plans:

1: Daily Reading Plan by Todd Clippard
Begin reading the Bible any day of the
year. If you miss a day, simply pick up
where you left off. *This schedule has
you read the entire Old Testament one
time and the entire New Testament four
times in one year.*

Day 339—Joel, Ephesians 1-3

Day 340—Amos 1-3, Ephesians 4-6

Day 341—Amos 4-5, Philippians

Day 342—Amos 6-7, Colossians

Day 343—Amos 8-9, 1 Thessalonians

Day 344—Obadiah, 2 Thes, 1 Tim 1-3

Day 345—Jonah, 1 Timothy 4-6

Bible Reading Plan by Dan Winkler:

*A chapter each weekday
259 Chapters in New Testament.*

3 Printed on Monthly B & A Calendars

Feeding the Hundreds Christmas

Day! Pans with recipes
are ready for pickup in
the Commons Area. 
**We need your help
especially cooking.**
We will prepare & deliver Christmas
Dinner Plates Friday, December 25th!

**FOOD BOXES FOR
SOUTH ALABAMA
CHURCHES:**

**Thanks for taking a list to fill your
box! One box left!** Children's Gift
bags will be available soon.



Ministers

Phillip Hines Todd Barrier Frank Thornton

Elders

Talmage Reynolds Darrell Sims Alan Walker
Phillip Hines Lee Hobbs

Deacons

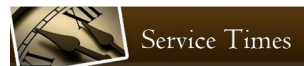
Phillip Binkley Tim Brown Charles Crawford
Tony Ford Scott Forsythe Bobby Fox
Harry Fuller Kerry Hamlett Jeff Harris
Ed Monroe Tony Parker Bradley Phillips
Jim Reeder Matt Reynolds Mark Reynolds
Mike Runager B. C. Smith Jimmy Summerford
Tim Tanksley Terry Thompson Cooper Wigginton

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CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH NEWS & NOTES

E-MAIL Dianne at dreid@hartsellechurch.org
or **CALL** Jerrie at the Church Office 256-773-6124



**We are meeting for Sunday Morning Worship
only at this time because of the spike in
COVID case numbers.**



**If you are sick (have fever or been sick in the last
48 hrs) or have been in contact with a confirmed
COVID-19 case; please stay at home & livestream
10 am Worship.**

Options: Facebook, our website: www.hartsellecoc.org; You Tube or
Roku/Apple TV. (10am Livestreaming in Old Auditorium).

**Use these Same Options or ZOOM for participating in Sunday
Bible Classes @ 5pm & Wednesday Night Bible Study @ 6:30pm
(more information inside this publication)**



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Recently I received this article on aging from a friend here in Hartselle.
I thought you would enjoy it. The author is unknown to me.

As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself.
I've become my own friend. I have seen too many dear friends leave
this world, too soon; before they understood the great freedom that
comes with aging.

Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play on the computer until
4 AM or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful
tunes of the 50, 60 & 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over
a lost love, I will.

I will walk the beach, in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body,
and will dive into the waves, with abandon if I choose to, despite the
pitying glances from the jet set. They too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as
well forgotten. And, I eventually remember the important things.

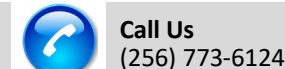
Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart
not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even
when somebody's beloved pet passes? But, broken hearts are what give
us strength, and understanding, and compassion. A heart never broken,
is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray,
and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on
my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before
their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what
other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned
the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the
person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still
here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying
about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

Phillip



prayer Requests

LONG TERM ILLNESSES

Robert & Debra Allen
1914 Manchester Ave SW
Decatur, AL 35603

Doug & Margaret Blackwood
501 Nelson St SW

Tom & Janet Brown
1018 Nance Ford Rd SW

Della Carmon
511 College St NW

Terry Easterly
162 Gum Springs Cut-Off

Billy & Maudie Engle
1012 Mason Dr. NW

Marie Harding 501 Cedar St NW

Marie Harwell 393 Cherry St. NW
(broken ribs from osteoporosis)

Reynolds & Katie Howard
221 Oak Trail

John & Betty Owens
2402 Deere Rd, Decatur 35603

Shirley Powell
3159 Huckaby Bridge Rd SW

Tim Tackley 455 E Parker Rd

Leroy Baugas (VA Rehab).
Verlin "Leroy" Baugas, 2200
Fort Roots Dr., Room 152 bed 24
IB, North Little Rock AR 72114

Remember:

Billy Walker (Alan Walker's dad)
cancer treatments

Diana Burlingame (Jane Walker's
sister-in-law) battling cancer.

Roger Marcus (Jane's uncle) is
battling leukemia

Bob Dickinson (Christi Day's dad)

Bobbie Slusher (Arel Hayes moth-
er-in law) hospice)

James Payton (Celeste's hus-
band), 1315 Autumn Lane SW.

Sandra Hall (Tim) needs a liver
transplant

Let your light so shine
Matthew 5:16



PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THEIR FAMILIES!

It's good to have the **Scotty Lee family** and **Gale Gann** able to be back with us after recovering from COVID.

Mary Nell Evans remains on oxygen and in quarantine at home for several more weeks. Pray for Mary Nell.

Jimmy Martin will have a second heart stent put in this Friday, December 4. Pray for Jimmy & Stacie and family.

Ed Monroe is expected to be in Cullman Regional Medical Center, Rm. 425 for a few more days. **Willie Monroe** remains in Rm. #215 at Summerford's. Pray for Ed & Willie during this difficult time.

Remember these:

Marty Stewart — broken arm

Jesse Owens and **Terry Easterly** — both in cancer treatment

Rowdy Holt — asked for our prayers

Austin Stewart — recent back surgery

Billie Clemons and **Della Carmon** — both need prayers for healing wounds

Glenda Thompson Update from Dawn: Mom is off the vasopressors. Her blood pressure is stable, pneumonia is better, kidney and liver numbers are good. She moved out of ICU last night (Tuesday). She is not eating or drinking and only alert at brief intervals and has possibly had a light stroke. Pray for Glenda!

Janet Lovett requests prayers for her brother, **Stevie Fischer**, who is in ICU in Huntsville after suffering a stroke. He is off sedation and the family is anxious for him to awaken. Thank you all!

CHILDHAVEN DONATIONS

Checks made to **Childhaven** or cash donations (use a designated envelope) are still being accepted for Annual Childhaven Thanksgiving Appeal.



Don't Forget These Shut-Ins

♥ **Columbia Cottage** (1109 Sparkman St NW) **Nina Thompson** #19

♥ **Summerford Nursing Home** (4087 Hwy 31SW, Falkville, 35622)
Betty Braun #104 **Darlene Williams** #22

♥ **Westminster Assisted Living** (2106 Modaus Rd SW, Decatur 35603) **Ruth Balcom** #206

♥ **Nancy Gillette** (Premier Assisted Living, 155 Butter Egg Road, Columbiana, AL 35051)

♥ **Chris Warren** (Harbor Chase, 2100 Vining Dr, 138 Dogwood Trace, Jasper, AL 35501)



OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

♦ We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Donna & Ben Hughes and Connie & Steve Holcomb (Beltline) and their family in the sudden death of our beloved brother **Don Wear**. Because of COVID quarantine, the family will have a private burial service Saturday in Trussville, AL; then a **Memorial Service** here at the building Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 11 am.

♦ And to the family of sister **Maxine Woods** (wife of our late brother David Woods). A private graveside service will be Monday.

IMPORTANT BIBLE CLASS INFORMATION



Adults: Phillip Hines will **LIVESTREAM** his **David Lessons on Sundays @ 5pm** and **Philippians Lessons Wednesdays @ 6:30pm**.

★ Also, **Harry Fuller begins a ZOOM Adult Class this Sunday @ 5pm**. To participate, please **send your email address to fuller910@bellsouth.net** so that Harry can communicate the ZOOM information to you this week.



Preschool & Sunlight Station: As announced Sunday by the Shepherds we will move back to virtual Sunday and Wednesday Bible classes for the time being. Instead of using Zoom we plan on using our **Sonlight Station YouTube channel for Bible classes**. Pre-recorded lessons will be sent out on Sunday afternoons so that your child can watch at their convenience. **Lesson Packets** are available for pick up (**Separate lesson packets for both 18 months—Pre/K and Kindergarten—5th grade**) **Sunday morning** in the Common's Area.

Sunday, December 13, 2020 is the Day to Make a Contribution Above & Beyond our General Contribution to pay on our Building Loan Principal. You may contribute in these ways:

- **Mail your donation Hartselle Church of Christ, PO Box 741, Hartselle, AL 35640**
- **Put your donation in an envelope denoting "building fund", place in a contribution basket or give to any of the Shepherds or Staff.**
- **Give securely online at www.hartsellecoc.org by selecting the Fund "Building Principal."** A big thank you *always* for your generosity!

CYC DEADLINE: We need to know if you plan to go to CYC by **THIS Sunday, Dec. 6!** Please bring your money (\$50 per person—Registration: \$30/Food: \$20) by Sunday. Linda Hamlett is going with us to cook several meals for us. The elders agreed to pay for a cabin where we can all stay together. **See Tim Brown.**



Pray for our family members
friends & neighbors suffering spiritually
physically and mentally;
all those battling Covid illness

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

- ★ Wes Parker
- ★ Sean Nowak
- ★ Mitchell Swann



Pray for our Nation!

Barrier's Blog

Have you ever thought about your dependency on prayer? Do you even include prayer as an important part of your life? Do you have trouble praying at all? Do you wonder, am I even praying right? During difficult times, like the ones our country and citizens are going through now, dependence on prayer is a must for the Christian. Communicating with God through prayer has many benefits including finding peace and comfort, just to name two. If you've ever had trouble finding the words or wondering if God even wants to hear your prayers or how to pray to Him, He answers those questions in Matthew 6:1-15. In these verses Jesus lets us know that He wants us to pray by giving us an example of how to pray and what kind of things to pray for. Here is part of that reading from v. 9-13...In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as [it is] in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

In these verses we can see the importance God places on prayer and the types of things we should focus on in our prayers. One writer I saw broke the prayer down like this: Praise, purpose, provision, pardon and protection. These are all things God can and will provide. These are all things we can feel confident about praying to our loving God when we need comfort and healing and may not be as confident about our prayers as we should be. Look to His Word and He can provide the guidance for your prayers. How is your prayer life? In Him, **Todd**



With the Elders decision to move to virtual Wed/Sun classes for now, **here is the plan for hYg:**

- 1) I encourage you to **watch the livestreams on Wed/Sun**. Phillip's lessons are great and will expand your Bible knowledge.
- 2) We will have a **weekly Bible study that will begin next Sunday**. It will be on our page, on my YouTube page and a link on Instagram/Remind. **A study sheet/guide that goes with the lesson that will be available for pickup from me or in The Fort**. This guide can be used as an individual or the whole Family can use it as a devo lesson. The lesson on YouTube/Facebook will be kind of a review of the study guide.
- 3) We will have some **Zoom meetings** to stay connected.

I hope you will all participate and be blessed by this during these unusual times. Remember God is still in control, so let's keep Him in the front of our minds!