



**Sunday, Nov 29, 2020**  
**10am Worship Service**  
Please use Face Masks.

**LIVESTREAM WORSHIP**  
**ALSO @ 10AM**



**Bible Classes for all ages**  
**SUNDAY@ 5pm Adult**



**Thanksgiving**  
**Prayer Service**  
**TONIGHT!**

**November 25 — 6:30pm**

**REGULAR WEDNESDAY**  
**BIBLE NIGHT CLASSES**  
**DEC 2 @ 6:30PM**

**Sunday & Wednesday**  
**Adult Class**  
**Livestreaming available**

*Let your light so shine*  
Matthew 5:16

#### Happy Anniversary

Nov 26 Willie & Ed Monroe  
Nov 27 Sandra & Paul Sapp  
Nov 28 Dawn & Mike Runager



Serving  
from the  
**Heart**

**Weekly Budget: \$13,500.00**  
**We Contributed: \$9,952.00**

#### 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 332 – Daniel 7-8, 1 Corinthians 12-14**

**Day 333 – Daniel 9-10, 1 Corinthians 15-16**

**Day 334 – Daniel 11-12, 2 Corinthians 1-5**

**Day 335 – Hosea 1-2, 2 Corinthians 6-10**

**Day 336 – Hosea 3-6, 2 Corinthians 11-13**

**Day 337 – Hosea 7-10, Galatians 1-3**

**Day 338 – Hosea 11-14, Galatians 4-6**

**Bible Reading Plan by Dan Winkler:**

*A chapter each weekday*

**259 Chapters in New Testament.**

**#3 Printed on Monthly B & A Calendars**

#### Happy Birthday

Nov 26 Sophia Bishop  
Cole McGee  
Trey Thompson  
Nov 27 Beth Fuller  
Nicolette Thompson  
Nov 29 Charleston Parker  
Nov 30 Jamie Sullivan  
Dec 2 Mary Nell Evans  
Gary Owens

staff + elders  
deacons

#### 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 Don Wear  
Cooper Wigginton

#### Office

Dianne Thompson Jerrie Swann



*Have A*  
*Safe and Happy*  
*Thanksgiving!*

**The Church Office will be closed**  
**Thursday and Friday.**

**We look forward to seeing You Sunday!**



**Remember this Sunday is our Annual**  
**Childhaven Thanksgiving Appeal**  
**Please make checks to CHILDHAVEN!**

*(Hines' Sight Continued)*

Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. (Psalm 97) Be careful this Thanksgiving. Do not get caught up in the "Thanksgiving Trap". By this I mean, do not get trapped into thinking only of things. It is alright to be thankful for the things you do have, but what happens if you do not have these things anymore? What do you do if your money runs low? You thank God for your job. What do you do if you get fired? You thank God for your health. But what do you do if you lose that? Folks, we need to stop just being thankful for the gifts, and start being thankful for the giver!

**Phillip**



**Hartselle**  
**Merald**

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#### Thanksgiving and Covid-19

The apostle Paul wrote on one occasion, "giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," (Ephesians 5:20). This is strong! "Always?" "Always?" "For all things?" How about most things? As you first read these words, you want to proclaim, "This is easy for you to say, Paul." However, it really was not easy for Paul to say this. When Paul wrote these words, he was in prison. He knew that the chances were good that he would never get out of that prison. Yet he said, "giving thanks always for all things".

This Thanksgiving you may be wondering, "How can I have the attitude of gratitude in my heart with all that is going on around me in this country?" You have taken every precaution that you can to avoid contracting covid-19. Yet, it seems to be getting worse and more people are dying from it. The virus has taken a tremendous toll on your finances. Because of the precautions you must take, it is difficult to go anywhere and do anything. This could just be the year where you are hard pressed to find one blessing for which to be thankful.

The question is, "How do you maintain gratitude in your heart no matter what is going on in your life?" The answer can be found in Psalm 97. I do not know who wrote this Psalm. Whoever wrote it was carried away with God. He was awed by who God was. The Psalmist wants us to know that no matter what else is going on in our lives, we can always be thankful for who God is, and because of what He does. He writes, "The LORD reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad! Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. A fire goes before Him, And burns up His enemies round about. His lightnings light the world; The earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory. Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods. Zion hears and is glad, And the daughters of Judah rejoice Because of Your judgments, O LORD. For You, LORD, are most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods. You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked." *(continued on back page)*



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# 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

### Reynolds & Katie Howard

221 Oak Trail

### John & Betty Owens

2402 Deere Rd, Decatur 35603

### Shirley Powell

3159 Huckaby Bridge Rd SW

### Tim Tanksley

455 E Parker Rd

### Maxine Woods

1405 Edgewood Dr NW

### 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 and treatment.

**Bob Dickinson** (Christi Day's dad)

**Bobbie Slusher** (Arel Hayes mother-in law) hospice)

**James Payton** (Celeste's husband), 1315 Autumn Lane SW.

**Sandra Hall** (Tim) needs a liver transplant—has had more tests.



## PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THEIR FAMILIES!

It's good to have **Phillip Hines** back after sinus surgery and **Frank Gurney** back after pacemaker surgery.

The **Scotty Lee** family is doing better recovering from COVID.

**Mary Nell Evans** is at home on oxygen.

She will be quarantined for several weeks. Pray for Mary Nell.

**Jimmy Martin** is scheduled to have a second heart stent put in December 4.

Pray for Jimmy & Stacie and family.

Remember **Marty Stewart** recovering from a broken arm and bruising.

Pray for **Jesse Owens** in cancer treatment.

**Rowdy Holt** asks for our prayers. Pray for Rowdy & Marla.

**Austin Stewart** is recovering from back surgery. Pray for a speedy recovery.

**Glenda Thompson**, Dawn Runager's mother, is in ICU at Decatur Morgan Hospital. Pray for this family.

**Kasey Brown's dad** had a heart cath Monday. Prayers are requested.

Please pray for **Ed & Willie Monroe**.

They are having a difficult time in Rm. #215 at Summerford's.

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

**Tim Harwell**, son of Marie Harwell, is very critically ill in Huntsville Hospital on a ventilator battling COVID.

**Diane Lewter** is waiting for test results.

Ann Cole's sister, **Louise Howse**, tested negative for Covid. Thanks for prayers!



## REQUESTED PRAYERS

**Lisa Parker** responded Sunday morning requesting

our prayers. Continue to pray for and encourage Lisa.

## 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, AL 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)



## WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

♥ To Tim & Reatha Tanksley, Jarrod, Stuart and their entire family in the death of Tim's mother,

sister, **Hazel Tanksley**. Her graveside service was yesterday at Roselawn Cemetery in Decatur.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Harland Tanksley Scholarship Fund at Heritage Christian University are requested.

♥ Again, to Beverly & Bob Wilson and family in the death of sister, **Delores Gilchrist**. Her funeral was here yesterday. We will certainly miss sister Delores.



## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, food, and most importantly prayers over the past several months. We are beyond blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church family. In Christian Love, Wes, Amy, Samuel & Madeline Taylor



## A BUSY DECEMBER

**FOOD BOXES:** We will prepare food boxes and gift bags for the South

Alabama churches. Boxes are in the Commons Area. Gift bags with lists & instructions will be available soon.



**INMATE BOXES:** Charles Crawford is collecting monetary donations to buy approved items for Inmate Boxes. Please designate an envelope or give to the elders or staff.

## Sunday, December 13—Two Events

1) Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have our **annual contribution to reduce the principal** owed on our building loan. This gift is *meant to be in addition to your regular contribution*.

2) **The Shepherds will Report on 2020 and our Possibilities**

**in 2021.** Adult and Jr. & Sr. High and college classes will assemble in the new auditorium for this report. (Report will be Livestreamed).



## Feeding the Hundreds Christmas Day!

Pans with recipes will be ready for pickup in the Commons Area. We need your help cooking, preparing plates and delivering Christmas Dinner Plates Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>! Gloves & masks required.



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



## Barrier's Blog

### A Thanksgiving Poem

By Paul Laurence Dunbar - 1872-1906

The sun hath shed its kindly light,  
Our harvesting is gladly o'er  
Our fields have felt no killing blight,  
Our bins are filled with goodly store.

From pestilence, fire, flood, and sword  
We have been spared by thy decree,  
And now with humble hearts, O Lord,  
We come to pay our thanks to thee.

We feel that had our merits been  
The measure of thy gifts to us,  
We erring children, born of sin,  
Might not now be rejoicing thus.

No deed of our hath brought us grace;  
When thou were nigh our sight was dull,  
We hid in trembling from thy face,  
But thou, O God, wert merciful.

Thy mighty hand o'er all the land  
Hath still been open to bestow  
Those blessings which our wants demand  
From heaven, whence all blessings flow.

Thou hast, with ever watchful eye,  
Looked down on us with holy care,  
And from thy storehouse in the sky  
Hast scattered plenty everywhere.

Then lift we up our songs of praise  
To thee, O Father, good and kind;  
To thee we consecrate our days;  
Be thine the temple of each mind.

With incense sweet our thanks ascend;  
Before thy works our powers pall;  
Though we should strive years without end,  
We could not thank thee for them all.

## YOUTH NEWS



1) **L2L forms are DUE!** We are organizing event teams and ordering materials! **See Tony, Mark or Tim ASAP!**

2) **We must order CYC tickets & reserve a cabin EARLY** so we can stay together and cook meals. \$50 per person (covers most meals, ticket and your stay). **We need to know if you are going by THIS Sunday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.** See Kasey Brown.

