

FEBRUARY

2-11 Valentine Dinner & Movie 2-21 Heritage Christian Dinner

2-27 M&M





Services & Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10am Livestreaming for those unable to attend.



HARTSELLE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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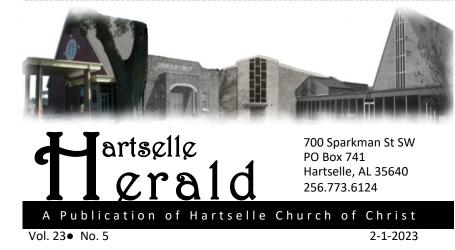
B. C. Smith

Harry Fuller

Chris Hines

Mark Reynolds

Birthdays & Anniversaries	Daily Bible Reading
Feb.2-8 Rappe Brinday	Day 33 – Leviticus 7-8, John 4-5
HAPPY BIRTHDAY 2-2 Britny Holt	Day 34 – Leviticus 9-11, John 6-7
2-6 Luke Holt 2-7 Sandra Sapp	Day 35 – Leviticus 12-13, John 8-9
2-8 Cody Forsythe Lisa Parker	Day 36 – Leviticus 14-15, John 10-11
ANNVERSARY	Day 37 – Leviticus 16-18, John 12-13
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	Day 38 – Leviticus 19-21, John 14-16
2-6 B&B Clemons	Day 39 – Leviticus 22-23, John 17-18
Like Us	



National Freedom Day

On February 1st, 1865, one of the most important pieces of United States legislation was signed by President Abraham Lincoln. The 13th amendment he signed on that day officially abolished slavery. Following ratification of the amendment by the states, millions of black men, women, and children were finally declared free by law.

Richard Robert Wright Sr. was one of those individuals. A man born into slavery, he was 10 years old when the American Civil War ended and he was granted his freedom. Toward the end of his accomplished life, he desired to establish a national holiday celebrating freedom. Beginning in 1941 he annually organized a National Day of Freedom on February 1st that honored the signing of the 13th amendment. After his death in 1947, congress passed a bill to officially make February 1st National Freedom Day. This was the precursor to Black History Day, which later became Black History Month.

As Christians, we too have been granted freedom. Where once we were slaves to death and sin, Christ set us free. Romans 6 says, "that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died [with Christ] has been set free from sin." Richard Robert Wright Sr. models a great lesson for us: To the one who knew slavery, freedom is worth celebrating! My prayer for you this week is that you celebrate the freedom Christ has brought you. Celebrate by gathering with fellow freed people praising your liberator. Celebrate by introducing those still in bondage to your Savior. Celebrate by making Christ known through the joy in your life. Make every day a day you celebrate your freedom!

Table Discussions

During the month of February adult classes on Sunday nights will be meeting in the fellowship hall for round table discussions. If you've not joined us for table discussions before. I hope you make plans to this time. It's a great way to study the Bible and learn from people you do not always get to hear from. Come and be a blessing!

Justin

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NEWS& notes

Barrier's Blog

Netflix has become one of the biggest entertainment companies

in the world. There are lots of reasons and one big one is nostalgia.

Donna Hughes is scheduled for foot surgery in the morning, Feb. 2.

Shirley Galloway fell last weekend and had to have 6 staples in the back of her head.

Sandra Watts has been in UAB with AFib. issues. She is now home. She will see a specialist next week.

Lonnie Jones had emergency surgery this past weekend in Florence but has been transferred to Huntsville.

Please remember in prayer: Bobby Johnson, Danny Payne, Tim Milon, Sabrina Hughes, & all those battling cancer & long term illnesses.

> Pray for our family members, friends & neighbors suffering spiritually, physically and mentally. Cards of encouragement are always appreciated.

LONG TERM ILLNESSES Robert & Debra Allen

1914 Manchester Ave SW, Decatur, 35603 Janet Brown 1018 Nance Ford Rd SW Bill & Billie Clemons 505 Nelson St SW 1514 Nance Ford Rd SW Teen Dobbins 162 Gum Springs Cut-Off Terry Easterly Billy & Maudie Engle 1012 Mason Dr. NW Mary Nell Evans

133 Pleasant Country Rd, Falkville, 35622 Marie Harwell 393 Cherry St. NW Reynolds & Katie Howard 221 Oak Trail Randy & Carolyn Jacobs 710 Azalea St NW 507 Aquarius Dr SW W. O. Johnson

Don't Forget These Shut-In

▼ Summerford Nursing Home (4087 Hwy 31SW, Falkville, 35622) UniKing Currier #206 ♥ Columbia Cottage (1109 Sparkman St. NW) Faye Greenhill #21 ♥Brookdale Cedar Springs (2505 Spring Ave. SW Decatur, 35601) Della Carmon I 10 ♥Riverside Senior Living (1009 Line St., NE, Decatur, 35601) Guy Brown #211 ▼ Nancy Gillette (3980 Hwy 109, Columbiana, AL 35051)

Shirlev Powell 3159 Huckaby Bridge Rd SW Peggy Russell 604 Barkley St SW **Tim Tanksley** 455 E Parker Rd Ed & Becky Teague 205 Wayward Ave NW

Jesse Owens 1111 Lane Rd. Remember these family members, friends

and loved ones: Leroy Baugus, Bill Jones, Sophie Walker,

Bear Cottingham, Marcy Johnson, Joseph Jacobs, Jerald Adams, Edith & Milo Shermer, Rhonda Hargett, & Adam Holifield



We rejoice with **Austin Roy** and his family. Austin responded Sunday, Jan. 29, confessing sin and rededicating his life to Christ.

NURSERY WORKERS

If you are willing to attend the Nursery in March please sign the list in the Commons area. Thank you to all who have signed up already.



HCU ANNUAL DINNER



The Heritage Christian University dinner will be at Beltline Church of Christ, February 21. If you are interested in going, see Tim Tanksley.

CHILDHAVEN SUPPLY DRIVE

The supply boxes are in the Commons area. There is a supply list by the boxes. These will be delivered on March 19. See Jared Symonds if you would like to help with the delivery.





CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR List for 2023 is available in the Common's Area. CBH is the 1st. 3rd. and 5th Sundays each month. The lesson, application, and snack are prepared and ready, you simply show up. See Marcy Reynolds with any questions.

The contribution receipts will be on the stage in the

table in the Gathering area Sunday morning. Please

Old Auditorium tonight. They will be on the center

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

★Wes Parker ★Sean Nowak ★Mitchell Swann

SUNDAY EVENINGS

All Sunday night ADULT Bible classes will meet in the Fellowship area for round table discussions during the month of **February**. The topic will be Unity.

CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS

stop by and pick yours up.



THANK YOU

is filled with blessings that lead to eternity with Him!

Laura Veal has written a very sweet thank you letter for everyone who helped in anyway for Brianna & Andrew's wedding and shower. She includes a thank

you for the church as a whole for being there for her and her family during the good and the bad times. The letter is posted on the table in the Commons. Please go by and read this heartfelt thank you.

My church family who I love dearly. I like to thank y'all for the cards I've received which was so appreciated and your many prayers which is always a blessing. Thank you for the food and your love. Love y'all, Tim Milon



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That's right, looking back to the "good ole days". Netflix has, over the last several years, brought back popular shows or movies either in reboots or continuation. These shows are usually pretty successful and run for several seasons or if they are movies may even lead to sequels or their own show. The reason they are successful is because of the familiarity. People like what they know and will oftentimes gravitate back towards that even if it's just out of curiosity. We get that way in our spiritual lives sometimes. When we become a Christian it is a whole new life with a whole new set of responsibilities (2 Cor. 5:17). That can be difficult and we sometimes gravitate back to what we knew before, the easier life, what is familiar. We must be careful when diving back into that old life, because sometimes it gets us hooked again and our new life is ruined. In Luke 9:62 the Bible reminds us that those who "look back" at that former way of life are not "fit for the kingdom of God". In 2 Peter 2:20-22 we are told that those who go back after having the knowledge of the Lord it is worse for us than if we never knew God. So we have to be careful to not live a Netflix kind of life and continually go back to what we are comfortable with. God never said the life of a Christian would be comfortable, but He promises it

> In Him, Todd