



April

- 4-16 Prayer & Share 10:00am
- 4-20 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 4-21 Brazil Sandwich Supper
- 4-30 Lighthouse Spring Program



**Services & Bible Classes**

**Sunday Morning Worship @ 10am**

*Livestreaming for those unable to attend.*



**Common Grounds Open 9:30-10:00am**  
(Enjoy Coffee, Pastries, and Conversation)

**Attended Nursery**

*Nursery* (ages 6 months—2 years)

**Children's Bible Hour**

(ages 2-5) 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays



**Classes for All Ages Sunday @ 5pm**  
Assembly in Old Auditorium 5:45pm

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT Bible Classes @ 6:30!**

ADULT CLASS LIVESTREAMING SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY



*Livestreaming Options:* Facebook, our website:  
[www.hartsellecoc.org](http://www.hartsellecoc.org); YouTube or Roku/Apple TV

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU  
FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE CLASSES**

Contribution: \$16,612.00 + Kids Give: \$40.45



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Frank Thornton

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*Following to Lead | Leading to Serve*

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Tony Parker	Bradley Phillips	Jim Reeder
Matt Reynolds	Mark Reynolds	Mike Runager
Brad Shaneyfelt	B. C. Smith	Matt Steele
Jared Symonds	Tim Tanksley	Terry Thompson

**Office:** Jan Harris

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Apr. 14-20**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 4-14 Harper Holt
- 4-15 Morgan Adcock
- 4-16 Karen Owens  
Jace Wilemon
- 4-17 Beverly Wilson
- 4-19 Dusty Downey  
John Kyle  
Bradley Phillips
- 4-20 JD Hendrick



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

No anniversaries this week.

**Daily Bible Reading**

- Day 105** – 1 Samuel 17-18,  
Mark 7-8
- Day 106** – 1 Samuel 19-20,  
Mark 9-10
- Day 107** – 1 Samuel 21-24,  
Mark 11-12
- Day 108** – 1 Samuel 25-26,  
Mark 13-14
- Day 109** – 1 Samuel 27-28,  
Mark 15-16
- Day 110** – 1 Samuel 29-31,  
Luke 1
- Day 111** – 2 Samuel 1-2,  
Luke 2-3



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**Eclipse of a Darkening Nation**

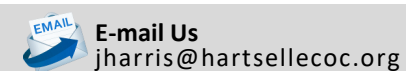
F. LaGard Smith

The excitement is mounting! From Texas to Arkansas to Indiana, Ohio, and upper New York, millions will join ecstatic astronomers watching Monday's total eclipse of the Sun. For those outside the 115-mile-wide "path of totality," a partial eclipse won't be nearly the same, but still worth seeing. The next total solar eclipse won't be seen here until 2044, so don't miss it this time around! But don't forget your special protective glasses, as any unprotected viewing of the sun can result in permanent damage—a kind of eclipse of the eyes, darkening sight!

Passing at its closest point of the month, the oversized Moon will slide between the Earth and the Sun, during which time center-line viewers will experience some four minutes of darkness, together with rapidly dropping temperatures and an eerie silence when even songbirds may stop their singing. In Middle Tennessee where we live, the transit will happen between 12:44 and 3:20, with the maximum (partial) eclipse taking place at 2:03 pm. The fact that eclipses can be predicted so precisely, even down to the minute, is amazing. Ever wondered how that works?

Try divine order. Conveniently overlooked by scientific naturalists who believe that their semi-sacred cosmos is the result of mindless, purposeless chance, the root word for "cosmos" is "order." When was the last time unguided forces ever produced order? And if you need a reminder, think (if you dare!) of the same root for "cosmetics"—suggesting order out of chaos!

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# prayer Requests

# NEWS & notes

*Continued from front*



**Mary Nell Evans** is home from the hospital.

**Shirley Powell** remains in Decatur Morgan Hospital, Rm. 112.

**Dan Styles** is home from the hospital.

**Jennifer Brasher** is undergoing chemo treatments and will start radiation soon as well.

**James Terry** underwent Aorta surgery yesterday, April 9.

**Mel Gurney**, Frank Gurney's son, has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. He will have a PET scan to determine the best treatment. His address is: 345 Sepulga River Ln., Evergreen, AL 36401

**Please remember these in prayer:**

**Donna Binkley, Terry Easterly, Leah Steele, & David Bradburn**



## LONG TERM ILLNESSES

- Debra Allen** 1914 Manchester Ave SW, Decatur, 35603
- Jonna Barrier** 311 Woodfield St SW
- Janet Brown** 1018 Nance Ford Rd SW
- Billie Clemons** 505 Nelson St SW
- Teen Dobbins** 1514 Nance Ford Rd SW
- Terry Easterly** 162 Gum Springs Cut-Off
- Mary Nell Evans** 133 Pleasant Country Rd, Falkville, 35622
- Betty Graham** 303 Bethel St. NE
- Pete Holley** 551 Fontana Pl. SW
- Reynolds & Katie Howard** 221 Oak Trail
- Carolyn Jacobs** 710 Azalea St NW

- Tim Milon** 21102 Huber Rd. Athens, 35614
- Shirley Powell** 3159 Huckaby Bridge Rd SW
- Talmage Reynolds** 909 Bellmeade St SW
- Peggy Russell** 604 Barkley St SW
- Tim Tanksley** 455 E Parker Rd
- Telula Thornton** 743 Martin St. SW

### Family members & friends:

- Leroy Baugus, Sophie Walker, Joseph Jacobs, Edith & Milo Shermer, Adam Holifield, James Payton & Felicia Vest**

- ♥ **Summerford Nursing Home** (4087 Hwy 31SW, Falkville, 35622) **UniKing Currier #206** **Jobie Burgess #141**
- ♥ **Columbia Cottage** (1109 Sparkman St. NW) **Faye Greenhill #21**
- ♥ **Riverside Senior Living** (1009 Line St., NE, Decatur, 35601) **Guy Brown #109**
- ♥ **Westminster of Decatur** (2106 Modaus Rd. SW, Decatur, 35603) **Jnell Pleasant #220**
- ♥ **City Center Village Senior Center**, (807 Bank St. NE, Decatur, 35601) **Marie Harwell # 245**



## CHILDHAVEN DONATIONS

A box for **Childhaven** donations is in the Commons Area. Please pick up the list of items needed. You may also donate monetarily by giving to Jared Symonds or any of the staff. Donations are **due April 28**.



## NURSERY VOLUTEERS

The Nursery sign-up list for **April & May** is in the Commons Area. We appreciate all our volunteers!



## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday morning, **April 20 at 8:30** in the Fellowship Area.



## BRAZIL SANDWICH SUPPER

Join us Sunday evening, **April 21**, after class for our annual Brazil Sandwich Supper. Please see the list in the Common's Area to sign up.



## RESTORATION

**Jennifer Brasher** responded Sunday morning asking for forgiveness and prayers. Please keep Jennifer and her family in prayer as she goes though chemo and radiation.



## THRIVE CONFERENCE

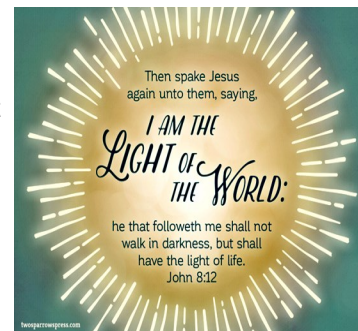
Decatur Church of Christ is hosting the Thrive Conference **April 26-28**. A poster is in the Commons Area with more information. You may register at:

[www.1615ministries.com](http://www.1615ministries.com) or call 256-353-4656.



## BABY CLASS

If you are the parent of a **5 to 7 month** old child and would like for them to participate in Bible class, please sign the list in the Commons area.



To appreciate cosmic order, you don't have to wait until the next solar or lunar eclipse, simply observe tomorrow's sunrise and sunset, or the rotating seasons, or the planets and constellations in their fixed courses. Day in, day out, night in, night out, the heavens declare the glory of a God of order. Without predictable cosmic order, life as we know it wouldn't exist. So, why are those who most closely observe the cosmos the least likely to attribute order to a purposeful, all-powerful Creator? Have they been blinded by looking too closely at the Sun, or—blinded by their naturalistic worldview—not viewing the Son closely enough?

Another root word is helpful here—the root of “eclipse,” which means “to leave out.” Leave the Son out of the picture, and what you have is a world of spiritual darkness. Wonder why there's such disorder in society, in culture, in families, and in your local cities, schools, workplaces, and centers of entertainment? If order comes from God, disorder comes from blocking out the Light of the World. No wonder today's world is in such confusing disarray!

Before God said, “Let there be light,” there was nothing but darkness over the deep. Whereupon God set the Sun, Moon, and stars in their place to rule over the day and the night. Order! And when sin brought chaos and darkness into the world, God sent his only begotten Son, at whose cruel death the earth shook and darkness covered the land from noon until three in the afternoon. Whereupon the centurion in charge of Jesus' crucifixion exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!” Must culture become totally dark before the world acknowledges his divine light?

If Creation itself is designed to teach us spiritual lessons, no parable could be more instructive than that of a total solar eclipse. Of ultimate importance is the “outer darkness” where those who deny the Son will be eternally eclipsed—“left out” of his light forever.

Perhaps that's Monday's most important take-away: a four-minute reminder of how desolate life is without the Son.

