

# INFORMATION

## SHEPHERDS

Phillip Hines  
Lee Hobbs  
Darrell Sims  
Alan Walker

## MINISTERS

Youth: Michael Deese  
Preaching: Justin Smith

## OFFICE

Jan Harris    Betsy Atkins

## DEACONS

Tim Brown	Bradley Phillips
Charles Crawford	Jim Reeder
Tony Ford	Matt Reynolds
Bobby Fox	Mark Reynolds
Harry Fuller	Mike Runager
Kerry Hamlett	Brad Shaneyfelt
Jeff Harris	B.C. Smith
Chris Hines	Matt Steele
Scotty Lee	Jared Symonds
Tony Parker	Tim Tanksley
Terry Thompson	

## BIRTHDAYS

12-28	Betty Lott Eleanor Deese Deacon Phillips Amy Reynolds
12-29	Heath Alford Skyler Lee Adelyn LeMay Kensley Rutherford
1-1	Tom Ruble Patti Spann
1-2	Austin Hobbs

## ANNIVERSARIES

12-30	M&K Thomas
1-1	K&A Hamlett



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## SUNDAYS

Common Grounds Coffee - 9:30 am  
Worship - 10:00 am  
Bible Study - 5:00 pm

## WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study - 10:00am/ 6:30 pm

## DECEMBER/JANUARY

12-28	Food Boxes & Bags Due
12-31	News Year's Eve Bash
1-1	Church Office Closed
1-10	South Alabama Trip
1-18	Fish Fry & Chicken Dinner

## Hartselle Church of Christ

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Contribution - \$12,652.00

Kids Give - \$56.15

Building Loan - \$16,825.00

Attendance Sunday AM - 278

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## Looking Back On 2025

As the year comes to a close, it invites us to pause and reflect. Life moves quickly, weeks blur together, and before we know it another year has passed. Yet Scripture often calls God's people to remember.

The psalmist wrote, **"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits"** (Psalm 103:2). Remembering is an act of worship. When we look back, we begin to see the quiet faithfulness of God woven through ordinary days. We see answered prayers we didn't notice at the time, strength given when we felt weak, and doors that opened or closed for our good. We see God was there, doing God things.

This year likely held a mixture of joys and burdens. Some moments brought laughter and gratitude; others brought grief or disappointment. Scripture never asks us to pretend everything was easy. Instead, it reminds us that God was present in all of it. **"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning"** (Lamentations 3:22-23). Even in difficult seasons God was there, doing God things.

Reflection also helps us recognize growth. Paul encouraged the church with these words: **"He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ"** (Philippians 1:6). Growth is not always dramatic, but it is often steady. Small acts of obedience, perseverance, and trust matter deeply to God.

As a church family, we can thank God for what He has done among us. I look at our congregation and see relationships strengthened, souls encouraged, needs met, and opportunities to serve. None of it happened by accident. God has been here, doing God things.

Before we rush ahead into plans and goals for a new year, may we take time to remember. To give thanks. To acknowledge God's presence in every season. Reflection anchors us in gratitude and prepares our hearts for whatever lies ahead.

**"Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom"** (Psalm 90:12). May that wisdom begin with thankful remembrance.

-Justin

# NEWS, NOTES, & EVENTS



Make plans to spend New Year's Eve with us. We will begin the night at 6:30 with a devotional in The Chapel, followed by a finger-food fellowship meal, and then a night of games and fun. Bring your favorite board or card game.



You have generously donated a little more than half of the amount we need to pay off the principle of the building loan. Please keep the donations coming. We will celebrate with a fish fry and chicken dinner on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>. It's going to be a BIG day!



The church office will be closed on Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope everyone has a safe holiday and a Happy New Year!



Thank you to everyone who participated in any way to help with the Feeding of the 100's. We prepared 550 plates and the rest of the pans went to Committee on Church Cooperation in Decatur. We couldn't have done it without you!



Remember to check the "You've Got Mail" wall in the Commons. There is mail waiting to be found and plenty of cards to hang for someone else.



We need Children's Bible Hour volunteers for 2026. The list for the year is on the table in the Commons. Please sign by the date you are willing to help. The lesson and material will be ready for you.



There are Blessing Bags in the Commons ready to hand out to those in need. Let's be prepared to help someone less fortunate than ourselves.

# PRAYER LIST

## SICK

**James Payton** is recovering from a heart cath. He has one blockage and is awaiting news from cardiologist to see how they want to proceed.

**Angela Hargrove** is scheduled for a biopsy on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**John Tucker**, family friend of Bradley Phillips, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

## LONG TERM ILLNESS/HOMEBOUND

**Debra Allen** 1914 Manchester Ave SW, Decatur

**Janet Brown** 1018 Nance Ford Rd SW

**Christy Chappell** 691 Co. Rd. 1105, Vinemont

**Teen Dobbins** 1514 Nance Ford Rd SW

**Terry Easterly** 162 Gum Springs Cut-Off

**Reynolds & Katie Howard** 221 Oak Trail NE

**Carolyn Jacobs** 710 Azalea St NW

**W.O. Johnson** 507 Aquarius Dr. SW

**Betty Dean Kelly** 1605 Penn Rd. SW

**Peggy Russell** 604 Barkley St SW

**Dan Styles** 2509 Burningtree Dr. SE Decatur

**Tim & Reatha Tanksley** 455 E Parker Rd

**Mary Terry** 623 Magnolia Pl. Ln. SW

**Frank & Telula Thornton** 743 Martin St. SW

**Clarence Walls** 381 Boys Ranch Rd.

**Family members & friends:** Sophie Walker, Edith & Milo Shermer, James Payton, Felicia Vest, Sue Gilliam, Mel Gurney, Dwight Reeves, Brenda Patterson, Kristi Stringer

**Summerford Nursing Home:** Jobie Burgess #141 **Brookdale Cedar Springs:** Marie Harwell # 1 -22

**Columbia Cottage:** Faye Greenhill #21 and Nina Johnson #7

**Falkville Health & Rehab:** Jnell Pleasant, #217

## Daily Bible Reading

The new schedule will begin next week. Use this time to catch up on any days missed throughout the year.