

# 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

1-5 Aliyah Phillips  
1-6 Shepherd Thomas  
1-7 Tim Brown  
Kerry Hamlett  
Kevin Hamlett  
1-8 Ellison Cooper

## ANNIVERSARIES

1-10 D&S Holmes



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## SUNDAYS

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

## DECEMBER/JANUARY

1-10 South Alabama Trip  
1-18 Fish Fry & Chicken Dinner

## WEDNESDAYS

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

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Attendance Sunday AM - 283

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## Looking Ahead To 2026

Each new year arrives with the same invitation: *step forward*. While we cannot see all that 2026 will hold, we can step into it with a confidence that comes from the Lord. Scripture reminds us, “**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever**” (Psalm 138:8). The new year is a winding pathway. For those who know the Lord, it’s a path we take with comfort and confidence knowing it’s a path that God is walking with us. On this path He walks, guides, shapes, and sustains us all for His glory and His purposes.

As we look ahead, it is tempting to focus on resolutions. While intentionality and outcomes matter, the Bible consistently points us to something deeper: *faithfulness*. Paul urged the church, “**Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain**” (1 Cor. 15:58). God does not ask us to control outcomes; He asks us to work and remain faithful in the opportunities placed before us.

Looking ahead also means trusting God in uncertainty. Proverbs reminds us, “**In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths**” (Proverbs 3:5–6). When plans change or challenges arise, we often feel like we lose direction in life. While difficult in the moment, it’s actually a wonderful opportunity to exercise trust and deepen our faith. In 2026 my prayer is you can view your challenges as opportunities to lean more fully into the leadership of God.

As this year begins, may our hearts be set not merely on measurable outcomes, but on walking closer with Christ. May prayer shape our decisions, Scripture guide our thinking, the Spirit encourage our boldness, and love define our actions. If we do that, then whatever this year brings, we will be rich with purpose. Let us step into 2026 together, trusting that the God who carried us through the past year will faithfully lead us into the next.

-Justin

## NEWS, NOTES, & EVENTS



Thanks to your generous donations we are almost to our goal of paying off our **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!



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 will be a **meeting** this Sunday, **January 4<sup>th</sup>** immediately following morning worship in the Commons for anyone planning to attend the **South Alabama** trip on **January 10<sup>th</sup>**.



Thank you for your generosity to the **South Alabama** work. Your gift bags and grocery boxes will bless families and children in two congregations.



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.



A special thank you to the carolers who sang at Columbia Cottage. It was very special for the residence during the holidays. It was inspirational.

Nina Johnson and Faye Greenhill



We closed 2025 with 2 responses. Jane Walker and Lisa Parker responded Wednesday evening asking for prayers as they face difficulties in their lives. Let's encourage them and pray for them as we begin 2026.

## PRAYER LIST

### SICK

**Angela Hargrove** had 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

**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, W.O. Johnson

**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

Day 1 - Genesis 1-2, Matthew 1-4

Day 2 - Genesis 3-5, Matthew 5-7

Day 3 - Genesis 6-9, Matthew 8-9

Day 4 - Genesis 10-13, Matthew 10-12

Day 5 - Genesis 14-17, Matthew 13-15

Day 6 - Genesis 18-20, Matthew 16-18

Day 7 - Genesis 21-23, Matthew 19-21