

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
Charles Crawford
Tony Ford
Bobby Fox
Harry Fuller
Kerry Hamlett
Jeff Harris
Chris Hines
Scotty Lee
Tony Parker
Terry Thompson

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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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. 18th. 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 4th** immediately following morning worship in the Commons for anyone planning to attend the **South Alabama** trip on **January 10th**.



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 31st.
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 7 - Genesis 21-23, Matthew 19-21

Day 4 - Genesis 10-13, Matthew 10-12
Day 5 - Genesis 14-17, Matthew 13-15
Day 6 - Genesis 18-20, Matthew 16-18