

INFORMATION

SHEPHERDS

Jeff Harris Phillip Hines
Lee Hobbs Darrell Sims
Alan Walker

MINISTERS

Youth: Michael Deese
Preaching: Justin Smith

OFFICE

Betsy Atkins
Jan Harris

DEACONS

Tim Brown	Keith Higginbotham	Bradley Phillips	B.C. Smith
Charles Crawford	Chris Hines	Jim Reeder	Matt Steele
Tony Ford	David Holmes	Matt Reynolds	Jared Symonds
Bobby Fox	Luke Holt	Mark Reynolds	Tim Tanksley
Harry Fuller	Jonathan Jett	Mike Runager	Terry Thompson
Donnie Green	Scotty Lee	Daniel Rutherford	Keith Wilemon
Kerry Hamlett	Tony Parker	Brad Shaneyfelt	

BIRTHDAYS

2-16 Tim Tanksley
Sandra Holmes
2-18 Keegan Downey
2-19 Alan Walker
2-21 Linda Hamlett

ANNIVERSARIES

2-15 W&C Chappell



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SUNDAYS

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

FEBRUARY/MARCH

2-24 Ladies Prayer and Share
3-1 San Salvador Sandwich Supper

WEDNESDAYS

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

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Loving Jesus

It is easy to say, "I love Jesus." Those words come naturally to Christian lips. But Scripture will not allow love for Christ to remain sentimental or abstract. In the Bible, loving Jesus and living for Jesus are inseparably joined.

Jesus Himself makes this plain: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Later He repeats it even more directly: "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me" (John 14:21). Notice, this is not framed as a cold condition, "Keep my commandments so that you can earn my love." Instead it is a statement of reality. Not a conditional statement, but a factual one. Obedience is the evidence of love. The two simply go together.

The apostle John echoes the same truth: "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3). Love does not view Christ's will as a weight but as a joy. When we truly treasure Him, we trust Him. When we trust Him, we follow Him and His ways.

Jesus also said, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word" (John 14:23). Loving Jesus means arranging our lives around His word: our choices, our speech, our priorities, our relationships. It means not only admiring His sacrifice but surrendering to His lordship.

We do not obey in order to create love for Christ; we obey because we love Him. A heart captured by the cross cannot help but respond with loyalty. So the question is not merely, "Do I say that I love Jesus?" The deeper question is, "Does my life show that I do?"

-Justin

NEWS, NOTES, & EVENTS



We are grateful to welcome **Brady and Somer Baldwin** as new members of our church family. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and make them feel at home.



Mark your calendars for **March 1st**. There will be a sandwich supper immediately following the evening services to support the **San Salvador mission trip**. The food will be provided. All monetary donations will go to help fund the mission trip.



If you have contributed by check or cash to the church in 2025, your **tax receipts are ready**. They are on the middle table in the Gathering Area just outside of the main auditorium. If you contributed online, you can get your receipt online.



We extend our deepest sympathy to Charles and Janet Lovett in the death of Charles's mom, **Betty Lovett**. Mrs. Lovett passed away Tuesday, February 10th. The visitation is this Friday, Feb. 13th at Lawrence Funeral Home from 11:00-1:00 with the funeral following at 1:00.



We have received a generous donation of adult men's diapers (size XL). If you or a loved one could benefit from them, please see Phillip Hines.



A **Valentine's Day backdrop** has been set up in the Commons - feel free to stop by and take photos with your friends and family.



Following multiple surgeries, **Tony Parker**, is facing a period of recovery that has kept him from working. This has led to financial challenges, and we have an opportunity as a church family to come alongside Tony and Lisa in prayer and financial support. If you are able to help, give your donations to the elders or church staff.

PRAYER LIST

Fran Sullivan is waiting for results from a biopsy. Our prayers are requested.

James Payton is home from the hospital following heart surgery. Please continue to pray as he goes to dialysis three days a week.

Carolyn Nicholson, wife of the late Charter Nicholson, is recuperating from a fall. She is in assisted living at The Neighborhood of Madison, Rm. 126, 49 Hughes Rd., Madison AL 35758. Her family request our prayers.

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
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, William Hensley

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 43 - Numbers 3-4, Acts 5-6
Day 44 - Numbers 5-6, Acts 7-8
Day 45 - Numbers 7, Acts 9-10

Day 46 - Numbers 8-9, Acts 11-12
Day 47 - Numbers 10-11, Acts 13-14
Day 48 - Numbers 12-14, Acts 15-16

Day 49 - Numbers 15-16, Acts 17-19