

# 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

2-22 SyRhonda Tolbert  
2-23 Katie Beth Summerford  
2-25 Jeff Harris  
2-26 Danita Lindsey  
Sue Stancil  
2-27 Salome Ford  
Marcy Reynolds  
Silas Sims

## ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries this week



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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

## FEBRUARY/MARCH

2-24 Ladies Prayer and Share  
3-1 San Salvador Sandwich Supper  
3-10 Ladies Prayer and Share  
3-29 Super Sunday

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## The Blessing of Retreat

This weekend our youth group has stepped away from the normal rhythm of life. About 65 teens and adults are on a spring retreat, intentionally leaving behind school pressures, busy schedules, phones, and constant noise to focus on their relationships with God and with one another. There is something deeply biblical about that.

Throughout Scripture, we see God's people stepping away in order to draw near. Jesus Himself "would withdraw to desolate places and pray" (Luke 5:16). Before choosing the twelve, He went up on the mountain to pray. After ministering to the crowds, He told His disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). There is strength and wisdom in strategic retreats.

Our teenagers face unique pressures: academic expectations, social stress, digital overload, and constant comparison. A weekend retreat gives them space to breathe spiritually. It allows them to sing without distraction, to listen to God's word with focus, and to build friendships rooted in Christ. It is an investment in eternity. But retreat is not just for teenagers.

All of us need seasons where we intentionally step back from the noise in order to refocus our hearts. We may not all go to a camp for the weekend, but we can carve out moments of retreat in extended prayer, unhurried Bible reading, quiet reflection, and meaningful fellowship. Without it, our faith can slowly be drowned out by the rush of life.

As our HYG retreats this weekend, let's pray that their faith will deepen and their bonds will strengthen. And perhaps we can ask ourselves: When was the last time I truly stepped away to focus on my relationship with God? Sometimes the most productive thing we can do for our souls is to pause.

-Justin

# NEWS, NOTES, & EVENTS



We have a large group at Maywood Christian Camp for a weekend **youth and family retreat**. Please pray for safe travels and a spiritually uplifting weekend.



Mark your calendars for **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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.



Ladies, please sign the list in the Commons Area if you would like to help with a **bridal shower** in honor of Abby McHugh, bride-elect of **Conner McKee**. The shower will be held on Sunday, March 15th.



Men, if you are interested in playing on our **Spring League Softball Team**, please sign the list in the Commons Area or see Coach Paxton Preuitt.



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.



Thank you to the HYG Kids and teachers for the sweet Valentine's treats that were given out last Sunday. Your thoughtfulness brought smiles to so many faces. We are grateful for you all.



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

**Jnell Pleasant**, Robbie Griffin's mom, has been placed on hospice & has moved to Rm. 105 in Falkville Health & Rehab.

**Mike Martin**, son of Joyce Breeding, is not doing well.

**Fran Sullivan** is waiting for results from a biopsy.

**James Payton** needs continued prayers as he goes for an imaging scan to see if the immunotherapy is working.

**Bradley Barnett**, brother of Amanda Appleton, is struggling with mental health issues and our prayers are requested.

**Steve Holcomb**, brother-in-law of Donna Hughes, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please pray for him & Connie as he goes for a consultation in a few weeks.

## 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, #105

## Daily Bible Reading

Day 50 - Numbers 17-19, Acts 20-21

Day 51 - Numbers 20-21, Acts 22-24

Day 52 - Numbers 22-24, Acts 25-28

Day 53 - Numbers 25-26, Romans 1-3

Day 54 - Numbers 27-29, Romans 4-6

Day 55 - Numbers 30-32, Romans 7-9

Day 56 - Numbers 33-34, Romans 10-12