INFORMATION

SHEPHERDS
Jeff Harris
Phillip Hines
Lee Hobbs
Darrell Sims
Alan Walker

MINISTERS
Youth: Michael Deese
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OFFICE
Betsy Atkins
Jan Harris

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

BIRTHDAYS
7-5 Bob Wilson
David Bradburn
7-6 Aiden Alford
Leah Steele
Nikki Frost
7-7 Carolyn Jacobs
Lynn Wood
7-8 April Deese
Krisee Terry
7-9 Ben Hughes
7-11 June Dobbs

ANNIVERSARIES
7-5 A&J Walker
7-11 M&M Reynolds

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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

JULY
7-9 Ladies BUNCO
7-11 Trash Panda Game
7-12 Magee Bridal Shower
7-14 Ladies Prayer and Share
7-25 Ladies Tea
7-29 5th Wed. Singing

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Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

As we celebrate Independence Day this weekend, many of us will spend time with family, enjoy good food, watch fireworks, and reflect on the blessings of living in this nation. The Declaration of Independence famously states that all people are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among them “Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” Those words have inspired generations and remind us that freedom is a precious gift.

Yet as Christians, we recognize that there is a freedom even greater than political liberty. Nations can grant certain freedoms, but only Christ can set a person free from the power of sin. Jesus said, *“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed”* (**John 8:36**). The liberty we enjoy as citizens is valuable, but the liberty we enjoy in Christ is eternal.

The pursuit of happiness is also a familiar part of the American story. However, Scripture teaches that true joy is not ultimately found in possessions, achievements, comfort, or success. Lasting joy is found in a relationship with God. The Psalmist declared, “*In Your presence is fullness of joy*” (**Psalm 16:11**). The world encourages us to pursue happiness; the gospel invites us to pursue Christ. In Him, we do not find mere happiness, but a joy that remains even when circumstances are difficult.

As we give thanks for our country this week, let us also give thanks for the greater blessings we have received through Jesus. We are citizens of an earthly nation, but we also belong to an eternal kingdom. We enjoy the freedoms secured by brave men and women, but we rejoice even more in the freedom secured by our Savior at the cross.

May this holiday weekend remind us to be grateful, faithful, and mindful of the One from whom every good gift comes.

-Justin

NEWS, NOTES, & EVENTS

Ladies, you are invited to a **bridal shower** honoring **Chloe Williams, bride-elect of Cole Magee**, on **Sunday, July 12th** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Commons Area. She is registered at Amazon and Target. There is a sign up list in the Commons if you would like to assist with the shower.

Ladies and Moms, you are invited to **BUNCO Night,** Thursday, July 9th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share, and join us for a night of fellowship and fun.

Please join us for a **Ladies Tea** on **Saturday, July 25th** at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Area. This will be a gathering for of our wonderful Sisters in Christ (18+). Refreshments will be provided. Please sign the list in Commons Area by Sunday, July 19th if you plan to attend.

We'll be heading to the **Trash Panda's Baseball** game on **July 11th!** You can pick up and pay for tickets ($17.00) in the church office with Jan or Betsy. There is a short informational sheet to go with your ticket. If you did not sign up for tickets, we have ordered a few extra and may be able to accommodate. We will have a great night at the ballpark! Gates open at 5:30, game starts at 6:35.

Thank you for your love and prayers during Keith's heart surgery. He is at home and doing well.

Barbara & Traci Bishop

Thank you so much for all the thoughts, prayers, food, love and support shown to our family during the passing of my mother, Marcia Preuitt. She loved this church and always enjoyed visiting. Our church family is amazing and we love each of you dearly. Mike, Sonya, Paxton, & Payton Preuitt

We are excited to announce the launch of, **The Lighthouse Preschool Outreach Ministry**, a new ministry dedicated to being the hands and feet of Jesus by serving children and families in the community. **Our First Mission: School Supply Drive**. We will be collecting items for a local elementary school through July 25th. There is a donation box located in the Commons Area along with a list of needed supplies. Thank you all for your support in this mission.

PRAYER LIST

SICK

Phillip Hines will begin chemotherapy treatments in a few weeks.

Fran Sullivan receieved a good report from her follow up appointment.

Keith Bishop, Barbara Bishop's husband, is now home following recent open-heart surgery. They request no visitors at this time.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to family of **Jean Greer**. She passed away Wednesday, July 1st. She was a member at Falkville Church of Christ. She also worshipped with us for a while.

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, Felicia Vest, Sue Gilliam, Mel Gurney, Brenda Patterson, Mike Martin, Bradley Barnett, Mike Crowe, Kristi Stringer

Summerford Nursing Home: Jobie Burgess #141 **Brookdale Cedar Springs**: Marie Harwell # I -22
Columbia Cottage: Faye Greenhill #21 and Nina Johnson #7
Falkville Health & Rehab: Jnell Pleasant, #105

Daily Bible Reading

Day 183 - Nehemiah 10-11, Matthew 8-9
Day 184 - Nehemiah 12-13, Matthew 10-12
Day 185 - Esther 1-2, Matthew 13-15
Day 186 - Esther 3-5, Matthew 16-18
Day 187 - Esther 6-10, Matthew 19-21
Day 188 - Job 1-3, Matthew 22-23
Day 189 - Job 4-7, Matthew 24-25