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for hundreds of families. I've seen tremendous generosity and compassion shown to the needy. I see members volunteer their time and funds to the work of the church, desiring no recognition. When Collins was in the hospital multiple times over the span of a few months, Savannah and I felt the love of this church through cards, text, gifts, and meals.

The work of ministry here has been a joy, and the Lord has blessed us with growth and maturity. These last 5 years are only one chapter in a much larger story; Hartselle Church of Christ has such a rich history. We've been in this community for over 100 years. We've preached the gospel around the globe and established/supported churches in multiple countries on 3 different continents. Thousands have come to know Christ because the collective efforts of this church through the Lord's power and grace.

I love our identity as *A Light On The Hill*. The work we do from this church on the hill points others to God and shines a light in Hartselle. None of us is *The Light on the Hill* by ourselves. Preachers come and go, elders come and go, generations come and go, but the church's witness continues. It's timeless, kingdom work. We have done so many great things over the last 5, 46, and 106 years. But, for the purposes of the glory of God, I pray our best years are always ahead of us.

So, five years later, there's really only one thing left to say: I love this church, and I'm so thankful the Lord has allowed my family to call it home.

-Justin, Savannah, Wyatt, Collins, & Baker

BIRTHDAYS

9-06	Rachel Sims
9-09	Katie Howard
9-10	Harry Fuller
	Will Summerford
9-11	Charles Crawford
9-11	Olive Walker

ANNIVERSARIES

9-06	S&A Lee
9-09	R&K Howard
9-11	B&L Veal

SEPTEMBER

9-7	Office Closed/Labor Day
9-8	Ladies Prayer and Share
9-30	Wednesday Night Singing

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5 Years At The Hartselle Church of Christ

A Love Letter From The Preacher

September 9th will mark 5 years since our family began our work at Hartselle Church of Christ. It is hard to put into words what the last 5 years have meant to my family. When Savannah and I moved to our rental house on Autumn Lane she was 9 months pregnant with Wyatt and unable to lift a single moving box. Not that she needed to, since when we arrived in the moving truck around 50 people from church were waiting to help us unload. We didn't know the names of the people carrying our possessions into our new home. That small act of love was just the first of many toward us. We have never loved being anywhere more than being at home in Hartselle with all of you.

Starting then as the youth minister, I was greatly excited about working and learning alongside the legend, Phillip Hines (something I'm still doing). I was, and remain, so inspired by his love for this congregation. If you were here during his preaching tenure, you were really spoiled. It is not the norm for a preacher to be at a single work for 40+ years; what a blessing! On my first day of work as he was walking me around the building and talking about our church family, he gave me a simple charge to guide my ministry, "*Love this church*." When I became the preaching minister 1.5 years later in 2023, my first sermon series was titled, "Love This Church." It's a lesson I wanted us all to hear as I believed it tied our past to our future, and it's something I think we are all doing very well together.

Not only was I inspired by Phillip's love for the church, but I was also inspired by the love of this congregation for the Lord and His work. This congregation is not a perfect group by any means, but we are a group who loves well. I've gotten to see entire families, young and old, volunteering on Christmas Day to provide meals

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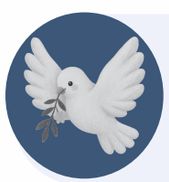
NEWS, NOTES, & EVENTS

The church office will be **closed** on **Monday, September 7th** in observance of **Labor Day**. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

We are pleased to announce that **Mark Reynolds** has been selected to serve as an **Elder.** We are thankful for his willingness to serve and ask the congregation to join us in praying for him as he takes on this important responsibility. We look forward to supporting Mark and his family as he serves the congregation in this role.

Darryl Pointer responded last Sunday, August 30th requesting prayers for their family. They have had three deaths in a short time period. Let's lift them up in prayer as they navigate through this time of sorrow.



We extend our sympathy to **Darryl & Heslyn Pointer** in the death of their 18 year old nephew. He passed away last week with complications from juvenile diabetes.

On **Wednesdays** we will be doing a **Q&A style Bible Class**. You may submit questions by writing it on a card and placing it in the box located at the Chapel entrance, or by using the link or QR code on the Facebook page. No question is too odd or taboo. We are looking forward to seeing what the Bible has to say about the topics you submit.

There are a few cards on our **"You've Got Mail"** wall. Please stop by and check it out. There are cards on the table for you to use if you would like leave a card for someone else. Please take advantage of this opportunity to encourage our Christian brothers and sisters.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Charles Stone** in his passing. Charles' wife, is **Dr. Alan Walker's nurse.**

PRAYER LIST

Hesta Gurney was admitted to the ICU at Decatur Morgan hospital on Wednesday, September 2nd with sepsis.

Telula Thornton is now home from the hospital and thanks everyone for the prayers.

Steve Reynolds requests prayers as he undergoes heart testing and looks for new employment.

James Steele, Matt Steele's father, has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of prostate cancer. Please keep them in your prayers as they await the oncology appointment and further scans.

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, Neil Evans, Julie Lovett Warren

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, #215A

Daily Bible Reading

Day 246 - Proverbs 28-29, 2 Cor 11-13
Day 247 - Proverbs 30-31, Galatians 1-3
Day 248 - Ecclesiastes 1-3, Galatians 4-6
Day 249 - Ecclesiastes 4-7, Ephesians 1-3
Day 250 - Ecclesiastes 8-12, Ephesians 4-6
Day 251 - Song of Solomon 1-3, Philippians
Day 252 - Song of Solomon 4-6, Colossians