INFORMATION

SHEPHERDS
Jeff Harris
Lee Hobbs
Darrell Sims
Phillip Hines
Mark Reynolds
Alan Walker

MINISTERS
Youth: Michael Deese
Connections: Robert Guinn
Preaching: Justin Smith

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
Mike Runager
Daniel Rutherford
Brad Shaneyfelt
B.C. Smith
Matt Steele
Jared Symonds
Terry Thompson
Keith Wilemon

BIRTHDAYS
9-20 Desper Dobbs
9-21 Carl McCaghren
Sarah Rutherford
9-22 Margaret Blackwood
9-23 Beth Owens
9-23 Ashley Symonds
9-24 Carmen Parker
9-25 Anthony Harrison

ANNIVERSARIES
9-22 J&C Hensley
9-23 E&R Love
9-26 A&M Smith

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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

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
9-22 Ladies Prayer and Share
9-30 Wednesday Night Singing
10-8 Ladies Bunco
10-17 Ladies Paint Party
10-17 Lads & Dads Camping Night
10-25 L2L Luncheon
10-30 Trunk or Treat

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Help Someone Belong

One of the simplest commands in the New Testament may also be one of the most powerful: "*Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you*" (Romans 15:7).

We all know what it feels like to walk into a place and wonder, Do I belong here? Maybe it was the first day at a new school, starting a new job, moving to a new town, or simply entering a room where everyone else seemed to know one another. It doesn't take much in those moments to make a difference. A smile. A handshake. Someone remembering your name.

The same is true in the church. Every Sunday, we have an opportunity to help someone know that they belong. It might be a guest walking through our doors for the first time. It might be a new family still learning names and faces. But it could just as easily be someone who has attended here for years and is going through a season when they need a little extra encouragement.

The wonderful thing is that this doesn't require a program or a special event. It simply requires us to notice one another. And we have the greatest example of this in Jesus. He noticed people others overlooked. He welcomed people to His table. He made room for those who needed Him. And according to Romans 15:7, the welcome we have received from Christ should become the welcome we extend to others.

So here's a simple challenge for Sunday: **Don't only look for where you belong. Look for someone you can help belong.**

You never know how much a simple act of welcome might mean.

-Justin

NEWS, NOTES, & EVENTS

Ladies, mark your calendars for Saturday**, Ocotber 17th** at **6:00 p.m**. for a **paint party**. All ladies ages 6th grade and above are invited to attend. More details to come.

Men and Boys, mark your calendar for **October 17th-18th** for a **Lads and Dads camping trip**. This will be at the home of Scotty and Ariel Lee.

The Lighthouse Preschool needs volunteers to hand out candy to their kids on Tuesday, October 27th at 11:00am. Please contact Britny Holt for more information.

The **Lighthouse Preschool** is in need of RELIABLE substitute teachers. If you are interested, email Britny Holt at: thelighthouseathcoc@yahoo.com.

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.

Join us for our **2027 Lads to Leaders Kick-Off Luncheon** on **Sunday, October 25th** immediately following Sunday morning worship. Lunch will be provided . This is for everyone interested in learning more about L2L and participating at home or at the National Convention in 2027.

Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 30th at 6 p.m.** for our annual community **trunk-or-treat**! There is a sign up sheet in the Commons if you would like to host your trunk. We are also in need of canned drinks, bottled water, individual packs of chips and snack cakes. You can also donate candy to the marked bin in the commons.

PRAYER LIST

Joy Roy is home recovering from neck surgery.

Gale Gann is recovering from surgery on September 15th.

Steve Reynolds underwent heart testing on Friday, September 18th and is awaiting the results. He also continues to look for new employment.

Heather Turney, Ashleigh Downey's friend, had breast cancer surgery last Monday. Ashleigh requests our prayers.

Zander Caroon, son of Bryan and Becca Caroon, is now home from the hospital, but he is still running fever at times. He is awaiting test results. Bryan and Becca are house parents at Childhaven.

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, James Steele

Summerford Nursing Home: Jobie Burgess #141 **Brookdale Cedar Springs**: Marie Harwell # I -22
Columbia Cottage: Faye Greenhill #21 and Nina Johnson #7

Daily Bible Reading

Day 260 - Isaiah 20-23, James
Day 261 - Isaiah 24-26, 1 Peter
Day 262 - Isaiah 27-28, 2 Peter
Day 263 - Isaiah 29-30, 1 John
Day 264 - Isaiah 31-33, 2 John, 3 John, Jude
Day 265 - Isaiah 34-36, Revelation 1-3
Day 266 - Isaiah 37-39, Revelation 4-7