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
Bradley Phillips
Jim Reeder
Matt Reynolds
Mike Runager
Daniel Rutherford
Brad Shaneyfelt
B.C. Smith
Matt Steele
Jared Symonds
Terry Thompson
Keith Wilemon

BIRTHDAYS
10-5 Faye Greenhill
Shawna Japhet
10-7 Sommer Jett
Mark Reynolds
10-9 Derek O'rear

ANNIVERSARIES
10-6 J & J Roy
10-7 J & L Sims
B & S Shaneyfelt
10-8 J & L Cotner
10-9 L & K Hobbs

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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

OCTOBER
10-4 Bridal Shower Planning Meeting
10-6 Ladies Prayer & Share
10-8 Ladies Bunco
10-17 Ladies Paint Party
10-17 Lads & Dads Camping Night
10-25 L2L Luncheon/Barley Bridal Shower
10-30 Trunk or Treat

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Kids Give - $35.57
Attendance Sunday AM - 260

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The Shadow in Life
by Tom Kelton

Whoever supposes that he will make it through life in the sunshine and never encounter the darkness of the shadow is kidding himself. The shadow in life is real. One of the best known and loved of all the Psalms talks about that reality: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4). Are You Acquainted with the shadow?

It takes many forms-death of a loved person; bitter dissapointment in a marriage; failure in business; emotional and spiritual depress; threat to ones own health and survival. The one thing you can count on is that somewhere, sometime, you will meet up with the shadow. What do you do then?

The first thing to do is resist the temptation to believe you have been singled out for special persecution and suffering. We are prone to believe when we are in the shadow that we are victims. That is what happened to Job when he was at his most despairing time.

When you are engulfed in the shadow, you need to do a second thing. Keep moving. If you sit down and wait for the shadow to go away, you may be sitting there a long time. Keep moving, but just don't engage in random activity. Movement for the sake of movement, to give the appearance that you are going somewhere when actually all you are doing is running in place, or in circles, is self-defeating and self-deceiving.

If you take the first step, then the second, and so on, you are going to be in for some great surprises, most of them pleasant. God is always leading us into good surprises. He led Abraham to a homeland, Joseph to the prime ministership of Egypt through the shadow of slavery and imprisonment, Moses to be deliverer of his people through being raised in Pharaoh's house, and David from being a shepherd to the throne of Judah and Israel. Who knows what lies on the other side of the shadow for you?

Remember: "Though I walk through the velley of the shadow...Thou art with me."

NEWS, NOTES, & EVENTS

Ladies, there will be a **bridal shower planning meeting** for **Claire Barley** on Sunday, **October 4th** after morning worship in Common Grounds. You may also sign the list in the Commons Area if you would like to help. The shower will be on October 25th. She is registered at Target and Amazon.

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.

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.

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.**

Thank you seems so inadequate to express our appreciation for first of all, your prayers, and all the calls, cards, and food that we received during my hospital stay and after we came home. We love and appreciate each of you. Frank & Hesta Gurney

There's absolutely no words to describe what this church family means to us. The calls, texts, visits, food, cards & flowers are just the beginning. We are totally overwhelmed by the love shown to us during Tony's unexpected death. Please continue to pray for us as we try to adjust to life without him. Our life is forever changed, but we know we'll see him again in heaven someday. All our love, Lisa Parker & family

This time each year we accept donations for the **Childhaven Thanksgiving Appeal**. These donations go directly to Childhaven for food and supplies needed for the children. Please make your check to Childhaven. All donations are due by November 15th.

PRAYER LIST

Joy Roy is home from the hospital and doing much better.

Teresa Atchley, Jerome Atchley's wife, is recovering from knee replacement surgery. The surgery went well, and they want to thank you for the 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, 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 274 - Isaiah 57-58, Matthew 10-12
Day 275 - Isaiah 59-60, Matthew 13-15
Day 276 - Isaiah 61-64, Matthew 16-18
Day 277 - Isaiah 65-66, Matthew 19-21
Day 278 - Jeremiah 1-2, Matthew 22-23
Day 279 - Jeremiah 3-4, Matthew 24-25
Day 280 - Jeremiah 5-6, Matthew 26