# INFORMATION

### SHEPHERDS

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

### MINISTERS

Youth: Michael Deese
Preaching: Justin Smith
Connection: Robert Guinn

### 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

11-1 Chris Hines
Anna Kate Reynolds
Marshall Reynolds
Wyatt Smith
11-2 Seth Guinn
11-6 Laura Lee Reynolds
11-7 Donna Hughes

### ANNIVERSARIES

11-3 B&A Young
11-7 D&S Rutherford

### GIVING

@hartsellecoc
hartsellecoc.org

### HONORED GUESTS

@hartsellecofc
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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

### NOVEMBER

11-3 Ladies Prayer and Share
11-12 Ladies BUNCO
11-14 HYG Hayride and Bonfire

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Contribution - $8981.00
Kids Give - $38.31
Attendance Sunday AM - 275

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## God Is Not in a Hurry

I'm beginning to wonder if fall is ever going to arrive! Here we are at the end of October, and while the calendar insists that autumn is well underway, some of these afternoons still seem convinced it's summertime. We get a cool morning here and there, just enough to get our hopes up, and then we're right back to short sleeves and air conditioning!

But it looks like fall may finally be ready to make its appearance! With cooler temperatures expected this coming week, perhaps we'll finally get to enjoy some real autumn weather. The seasons don't always change as quickly as we'd like, but eventually the leaves turn, the temperatures drop, and the landscape is transformed. The changing seasons remind me of an important spiritual truth: **God is not in a hurry.**

We live in a world that loves immediate results. We want problems solved quickly, prayers answered immediately, and personal growth to happen overnight. But spiritual growth rarely works that way. Paul wrote in **Philippians 1:6**, "*He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*" What an encouraging promise! God is still working on us, even when the progress seems slow. Through His Word, our experiences, our relationships, and even our struggles, He is continually shaping us to become more like Jesus.

Sometimes we grow frustrated with ourselves because we aren't as far along spiritually as we'd like to be. Sometimes we become impatient with the growth of others. But we should remember that **slow growth is still growth**. God isn't finished with any of us yet. And thankfully, He is far more patient with the process than we often are.

So, as we welcome the cooler weather this week, remember that good things often take time. Keep growing, keep trusting, and keep allowing God to work. Fall may finally be arriving, but God's work in us is still underway!

***-Justin***

# NEWS, NOTES, & EVENTS

In appreciation to our **first responders** for their service, we will be serving them a **Thanksgiving meal** in early November. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation to honor these 60 individuals, please give it to **Jim or Cindy Reeder or the church office staff by Nov. 8th**. Thank you all for your continued support of our first responders.

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.

Anyone participating in **Lads to Leaders** for the upcoming 2027 year needs to fill out a sign up sheet. There are forms in the Common's Area. Please return forms to **Jared Symonds** by **November 22nd**.

The annual **HYG Kids Hayride and Bonfire** will be on **Saturday, November 14th**, from **5:30-8:00 p.m**. at the home of **Scotty and Ariel Lee**. Dinner will be provided. Boys bring drinks and girls bring desserts.

Many have reached out that they have been signed out of the Church App. The app auto-updated and logged everyone out. If you are attempting to login and are having difficulty click on "Create Account" and act like you are creating a new account. Once you put in your phone number and e-mail it will denote you have an existing account and send a reset number to your e-mail.

Ladies, mark your calendars for **Prayer and Share** this Tuesday, **November 3rd** at 10:00 a.m. in the Common Grounds. Additionally, the next **BUNCO** night is scheduled for Thursday, **November 12th**. There is a sign up list in the Commons if you plan to attend.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Holt Family and the family of **Mike Lawrence**, who passed away on October 26th. He was the brother of Shelia Holt and uncle of Rowdy Holt. The viewing is Friday, October 30th at 11:00. The funeral is at 1:00 at Pecks Funeral Home.

# PRAYER LIST

**Jamie Sullivan,** is home recovering from a fall and head injury on Thursday, October 29th.

**Sheryl Millwood**, a friend of Gina Tedford who was recently baptized, is undergoing testing for colon cancer.

## 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, Lorraine Higginbotham

**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 302 - Jeremiah 51, John 1-3
Day 303 - Jeremiah 52, John 4-5
Day 304 - Lamentations 1-2, John 6-7
Day 305 - Lamentations 3-5, John 8-9
Day 306 - Ezekiel 1-3, John 10-11
Day 307 - Ezekiel 4-6, John 12-13
Day 308 - Ezekiel 7-8, John 14-16