

INFORMATION

SHEPHERDS

Phillip Hines
Lee Hobbs
Darrell Sims
Alan Walker

MINISTERS

Youth: Michael Deese
Preaching: Justin Smith
Missions: Frank Thornton

OFFICE

Jan Harris

DEACONS

Tim Brown	Bradley Phillips
Charles Crawford	Jim Reeder
Tony Ford	Matt Reynolds
Bobby Fox	Mark Reynolds
Harry Fuller	Mike Runager
Kerry Hamlett	Brad Shaneyfelt
Jeff Harris	B.C. Smith
Chris Hines	Matt Steele
Scotty Lee	Jared Symonds
Tony Parker	Tim Tanksley
Terry Thompson	

BIRTHDAYS

10-13 Brandon McLemore
10-14 Brynleigh Holt
Tyler Thompson
10-15 Frank Gurney
10-17 Rebecca Kirk
10-19 Kathy Reynolds

ANNIVERSARIES

No known Anniversaries



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SUNDAYS

Common Grounds Coffee - 9:30 am
Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study - 6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

10/12 - Men's Football Tailgate
10/22 - Prayer & Share
10/29 - Mid-week Bible Study 6:30pm
10/30 - Community Trunk or Treat

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Kids Give - \$49.94
Attendance Sunday AM - 285

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Pardon Our Progress...And Yours

There's been a lot of "Pardon Our Progress" around the church building and grounds lately. For over three months our "old auditorium" was closed as it was being renovated into "The Chapel." Classes met elsewhere, tools covered the church building, and sawdust abounded - "please pardon our progress." Now, the gravel parking lots are closed as the city pours new sidewalks. We've had other little projects going around too. We say "please pardon our progress" to signal we know things are not as they should be, or maybe even a little chaotic, but we are working on making something greater. If you have a little patience, you'll get to see what that something greater is.

As I'm living life, I feel I sometimes I need to say to myself and others, "Please pardon my progress!" There are times I'm not as compassionate as I should be, or I fail to rush to forgiveness, or I discover my foot has found its way to the odd location of my mouth. I'm confident you could make your own list of areas where you've come up short of the ideal as well. In these moments we should feel the appropriate amount of remorse, but also should be willing to remind ourselves and others, "I'm a work in progress."

This mirrors the sentiment in Philippians 1:6 where Paul writes, "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ". We are all under construction—God isn't done with us yet. As Christians, we are being transformed day by day, not by our own strength but by God's grace. We might not see the full picture now, but the promise is that God is shaping us into something greater.

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "I may not be the man I want to be; I may not be the man I ought to be; I may not be the man I could be; I may not be the man I truly can be; but praise God, I'm not the man I once was." This is the testimony of Christians everywhere. God is constantly at work in us, transforming us from what we were into something better, something more like His Son. Our progress may be slow, and it might even be messy at times, but the Spirit is at work, molding us into the image of Christ.

We have the beautiful example of Jesus as our guide. We often stumble, but our hope is that over time, as we walk in step with the Savior, we will see the progress. It might look a little chaotic along the way, but He is working on creating something far greater. If we can have just a little patience—with ourselves and others—we will get to see what that something greater is.

-Justin

NEWS, NOTES, & EVENTS



The November meal for our **First Responders** is coming up. If you are a part of this ministry or would like to be, please give Cindy or Jim Reeder \$25 for this catered meal by **November 11th**.



This **Saturday, October 12th** we will be having a **Men's Football Tailgate** event here at the church building from at 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. All adult men are invited. Please bring sides, desserts, or drinks to share.



Our annual **Community Trunk or Treat** is Wednesday, **October 30th**, 6:00PM. If you are interested in hosting a trunk, please sign the list in The Commons or on the Church App under the Events page. **You may donate candy by placing it in the basket in the Commons or bring individually wrapped chips or snacks & canned drinks/bottled water to the Fellowship Area kitchen.**



Thank you for all the donations to offset the cost of our new chairs. We will soon be ordering a plaque to display with all the donations in memory/honor. If you still wish to donate, please do so by **October 20th**.



If you would like to help with the **Hurricane relief** through Project Unify, please make your checks payable to Hartselle Church of Christ & give it to any of the staff. We will forward the money to help with this effort.



You are invited to come to a **Celebration of Life Singing** in memory of Betty Graham in the Chapel on **October 14th** from 1:00-4:00pm. Please bring finger foods and join us as we remember this sweet "Hat Lady".



Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers during my 2nd hip replacement surgery. I appreciate each and every one of you.

In Christian Love,
Ursula Perrin, Peggy Owen's mom

PRAYER LIST

Rebecca Kirk is at home. The doctor wants her to gain strength before her surgery. If you are available to sit with Rebecca, please see Brenda Reynolds or Hesta Atkins.

Steve Martin, Joyce Breeding's son, came home from the hospital today.

Please continue to pray for **Mary Terry, Dan Styles, Terry Easterly, Donna Binkley, Jennifer Brasher, David Bradburn** and all who are battling cancer and undergoing treatments and tests.

Long Term Illness

Debra Allen 1914 Manchester Ave SW, Decatur
Jonna Barrier 311 Woodfield St SW
Donna Binkley 212 Bethel Rd. NE
Jennifer Brasher 1950 Audubon Cr. SW
Janet Brown 1018 Nance Ford Rd SW
Billie Clemons 505 Nelson St SW
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
Bill & Betty Dean Kelly 1605 Penn Rd. SW
Talmage Reynolds 909 Bellmeade St SW
Peggy Russell 604 Barkley St SW
Dan Styles 2509 Burningtree Dr. SE Decatur
Tim Tanksley 455 E Parker Rd
Telula Thornton 743 Martin St. SW

Family members & friends: Leroy Baugus, Sophie Walker, Joseph Jacobs, Edith & Milo Shermer, Adam Holifield, James Payton, Felicia Vest.

Summerford Nursing Home: Jobie Burgess #141.

Columbia Cottage: Faye Greenhill #21. **Riverside Senior Living:** Guy Brown #109.

Westminster of Decatur: Jnell Pleasant #220. **City Center Village Sr Center:** Marie Harwell # 245

Daily Bible Reading

Day 280 - Jeremiah 5-6, Matthew 26

Day 281 - Jeremiah 7-8, Matthew 27-28

Day 282 - Jeremiah 9-10, Mark 1-2

Day 283 - Jeremiah 11-12, Mark 3-4

Day 284 - Jeremiah 13-14, Mark 5-6

Day 285 - Jeremiah 15-16, Mark 7-8

Day 286 - Jeremiah 17-18, Mark 9-10