

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

11-17 Landyn Brown
11-18 Donnie Green
11-19 Sydney Brown
11-21 Linda Strickland

ANNIVERSARIES

11-18 D&H Pointer
11-22 W&T McLemore
J&T Wilemon



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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

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

11/19 - Prayer & Share
11/27 - Thanksgiving Service
12/3 - Prayer & Share 10:00am
12/8 - SUPER SUNDAY
12/12 - HYG in Christmas Parade
12/17 - Prayer & Share 6:00pm/Ornament Swap
12/31 - New Year's Eve Bash

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Contribution - \$9693.00
Kids Give - \$56.50
Attendance Sunday AM - 250
Building Fund - \$1125.00

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What Can Our Church Do To Engage Youth?

As the world becomes increasingly digital and fast-paced, the role of the Church in engaging and supporting youth has become more crucial than ever. Recent studies have shed light on the complex relationship between young people and organized religion, offering valuable insights for Youth Ministers and the Church.

According to a 2021 Pew Research Center survey, only 65% of millennials (those born between 1981 and 1996) identify as Christian, a significant decrease from the 85% of baby boomers (born 1946-1964) who identify as such. Furthermore, the percentage of young adults (ages 18-29) who are religiously unaffiliated has risen from 25% in 2010 to 34% in 2021. However, this does not necessarily mean that young people are entirely disconnected from matters of faith and spirituality. A 2020 study by the National Study of Youth and Religion revealed that while formal religious participation may be declining, many young people still maintain a personal connection to God or a higher power. In fact, 59% of young adults reported that religion is at least somewhat important in their lives.

The challenge for the church and our youth groups lies in effectively engaging and ministering to the young demographic. Successful approaches often involve creating space for open dialogue, addressing the unique concerns and struggles of young people, and incorporating technology and social media into outreach efforts.

Open and honest discussions allow the church as a whole to understand the perspectives and needs of this group. Addressing issues such as mental health, social justice, and doubts about faith can foster deeper connections. Leveraging digital platforms to share relevant content and foster online communities can also be impactful. Whatever you can do to connect with the younger generation and engage in discussion will improve their outlook on faith and spirituality and will improve your relationship and understanding of the younger generations. By adapting its methods to meet young people where they are, the Church and your youth group can better fulfill its mission of spiritual guidance and support. This demographic represents the now and the future of the congregation, and intentional efforts to engage them can strengthen the church's relevance and impact for generations to come.

As the landscape of religious affiliation continues to evolve, the Church and your youth group must adapt and find innovative ways to connect with the next generation. Your church and leadership must make sure you are always adapting to the current kids in your youth group. God's word never changes, but our world does, and we must find ways to be effective in the change.

-Michael

NEWS, NOTES, & EVENTS



Our Shepherds are asking for us to please consider how much we can give to help put a large payment on the **Building Loan**. We need to have it paid off by January 2026. Please mark your donations as Building Loan and give it to Jan, the Shepherds or in the collection plate. Thanks so much!!



South Alabama Children's Gift Bags will be available Wednesday Night in The Commons. New this year: Donated preschool or age appropriate school supplies are already inside each bag. Please choose a bag, complete the bag with Christmas gift items (a suggested list is included) and return your bag by **Sunday, December 1**. See Peggy Owens, Linda Strickland, or contact Telula Thornton if you have any questions.



We will be collecting items for the indigent inmates at **Limestone Correctional Facility** for the next few weeks. If you would like to help with this effort, please stop by the short table close to the doors of the Fort in the Commons for a list of needed items.



As we do each year, we are taking donations for **Childhaven** for their **Thanksgiving Appeal**. If you would like to donate money, please write your checks to Hartselle Church of Christ and place it in an envelope marked Childhaven and give it to Jan or one of the Elders.



Ladies, you are invited to a dinner on **December 17 at 6:00PM** in the Fellowship area. Please bring a favorite Christmas recipe and an ornament to swap. Please sign the list in the Commons. We'll have lots of fun!



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Billie Clemons**. Sister Clemons passed away Friday, November 8. Her funeral was Monday, November 11.



We would like to extend our thanks to the church for all the prayers and many kindnesses during James' cancer treatments. He is cancer-free, and the outlook is very hopeful. In January we start quarterly scans to make sure the cancer does not return. If he stays cancer free for 2 years, he will be eligible again for a kidney transplant.
With love, James and Celeste Payton

PRAYER LIST

Katie Howard is home and continuing outpatient rehab.
Dan Styles - final cancer surgery December 13 in Birmingham.
Andrea Howard, daughter-in-law of Reynolds and Katie Howard, is battling multiple myeloma. Our prayers are requested.
Kim Cox, friend of Alana Thompson & Sheila Kyle, is in the Decatur Morgan Hospital with severe diabetes. She could possibly have her foot amputated. Our prayers are requested. She needs financial help. (See our Facebook post) If you would like to donate money see Alana or Sheila.

Long Term Illness/Homebound

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
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 Burningtrees 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 315 - Ezekiel 23, Acts 9-10

Day 316 - Ezekiel 24-26, Acts 11-12

Day 317 - Ezekiel 27-28, Acts 13-14

Day 318 - Ezekiel 29-30, Acts 15-16

Day 319 - Ezekiel 31-32, Acts 17-19

Day 320 - Ezekiel 33-34, Acts 20-21

Day 321 - Ezekiel 35-36, Acts 22-24