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SERVING AS ELDERS

John Cooper
Keith Hammonds
Tim Simpson
Jere Spurlin
Dan Whitson

SERVING AS DEACONS

Sam Allison, Allan Dillard, Richard
Dobbs, Jeff Etheredge, Andy Harrison,
Tom Inman, Jimmy Jeffreys, Mike Pirtle
and Randall Terry

SERVING AS MISSIONARIES

J.C. Enlow-Ukraine, Mexico,
West Africa
Wayne Barrier-Borneo
Rod Kyle-Solomon Islands
Chris Herd-New Zealand
Steve Worley-Nigeria

PULPIT MINISTER

Alan Watkins

YOUTH MINISTER

Keith Jett

OUTREACH MINISTER

Robert Guinn

SECRETARIES

Angie Newell Sandra Harrison

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LIVE FOR TODAY

**I'll never see this day again
The seconds or the hours,
Now's the time to take the time,
To stop and smell the flowers.**

**Today's the day to give that smile
And happiness away,
That you were saving for a friend,
Some rainy, gloomy day.**

**This day is golden, priceless,
God made this day for you,
The deed you do for someone else,
May just come back to you.**

**So touch a heart, hold a hand,
Call that lonely friend,
Don't postpone the love you have,
This day won't come again.**

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"The Shepherds' Corner"

05/31/2024

Respect Soft Spots

Doug McClellan
Northside Church of Christ
Spokane, Washington

Have you heard the old fable of the careless hen in the farmer's barnyard? It seems that one day she accidentally stepped on the duck's foot. The duck, being touchy, became irritated and started chasing the hen. As he flapped after her, he hit the old gander with his wing. The goose considered this deliberate provocation, so he took off in hot pursuit after the duck. In doing so, he accidentally brushed the cat, who was basking in the afternoon sun with her kittens. The old Mama cat awoke with fire in her eyes and hissed, "I'll get you for that!" She jumped at the goose, only to land on the head of the dog who just happened to be passing by. This was cause for war. The dog had never liked the cat anyway, and how dare she do something so blatant!

He chased her through the barn door and into the milking stall. The cat ran under the fence and the dog ran into the cow causing her to kick over the milk pail, splattering milk everywhere. What a commotion all because a hen stepped on the foot of a duck! Knowing and respecting the vulnerable and sensitive areas of others is a sure mark of maturity. We all need to learn to roll with the punches and subdue our oversensitivity to slights. Besides, most "slights" are only so in our minds. Jesus was falsely accused. He was taunted, marked and reviled without mercy. He was even spit upon in disgust. Yet he showed only love and mercy in return. He did not rail out against his accusers. There was only a prayer uttered for forgiveness on their behalf. Respect other's soft spots by avoiding contentions or unfounded comments. That's the secret to keeping the peace.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS WEEK
COME AND JOIN US!

WEEK OF 6/09/2024 THROUGH 06/12/2024

6/09/2024 SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES 9AM

Class: "My Bible"

Teacher: Robert Guinn

Where: Auditorium

Class: "Questions from Daily Bible Reading"

Teacher: Alan Watkins

Where: Fellowship Hall

Class: "The Barnabas Factor"

Teacher: John Cooper

Where: Classroom 2

Teenage Bible Class (6 - 12 Grade)

Teacher: Keith Jett

Where: Teen Room

The Bridge - Nursery Thru 5TH Grade

SUNDAY WORSHIP

6/09/2024 10AM Worship Service - In the Auditorium

5:00PM Worship Service

OR WATCH LIVE STREAM ON:

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/DecaturCoC/>

YOUTUBE: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmt9ZXk_fXzu6pGI4H5UpQA

6/12/2024 WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASSES 6:30 PM

Class: "The Go Statements of Jesus"

Where: Auditorium

Teacher - Jere Spurlin

Class: "Book of John"

Where: Fellowship Hall

Teacher - Alan Watkins

Class: "Let Us Sing"

Where: Classroom 2

Teacher: Robert Guinn

Ladies Bible Class

Where: Room 5/6

Teacher - Donna Lamp

Teenage Bible Class (6th - 12 Grade)

Where: Teen Room

Teacher - Keith Jett

The Bridge - NURSERY THRU 5TH GRADE

EVERYONE WELCOME!

JUNE PRIVILEGE TO SERVE LIST

June 2024 Sunday 10AM Service Order

<u>Service</u>	<u>2-Jun</u>	<u>9-Jun</u>	<u>16-Jun</u>	<u>23-Jun</u>	<u>30-Jun</u>
Welcome	Tim Simpson	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Keith Hammonds	Keith Jett
Opening Prayer	Dennis Powers	Randall Terry	Robert Guinn	Bobby King	Jeff Ellis
Song Leader	Jere Spurlin	Robert Guinn	Bill McWhorter	John Cooper	Jere Spurlin
Shepherds Prayer	John Cooper	Keith Hammonds	Tim Simpson	Jere Spurlin	Dan Whitson
Lord's Supper	Keith Hammonds	AC Connor	Steve Gober	Andy Harrison	Tim Simpson
Scripture Reading	Will Ellis	Tim Simpson	Jeff Etheredge	Andy Nash	Mike Pirtle
Lesson	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins
Closing Prayer	Joey Gray	Anthony Wilson	Ken Pirtle	Noah Betterton	Gene Owens

June 2024 Sunday 5PM Service Order

<u>Service</u>	<u>2-Jun</u>	<u>9-Jun</u>	<u>16-Jun</u>	<u>23-Jun</u>	<u>30-Jun</u>
Welcome	Jeff Ellis	Dan Whitson	Keith Jett	Robert Guinn	Alan Watkins
Opening Prayer	Mitchell Etheredge	Keith Jett	Andrew Macon	Alan Watkins	Jimmy Jeffreys
Song Leader	Mark Henderson	Andy Harrison	Witt Ellis	Steve Wilson	Robert Guinn
Scripture Reading	Cory Wells	Joel Bishop	Allan Dillard	AC Connor	Nathan Ellis
Lesson	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins
Closing Prayer	Tom Inman	Terry Strong	Steve Wilson	Philip Miller	Andy Nash

June 2024 Wednesday Night Service Order

<u>Service</u>	<u>5-Jun</u>	<u>12-Jun</u>	<u>19-Jun</u>	<u>26-Jun</u>
Song Leader	Alan Watkins	Nathan Ellis	Jeff Ellis	Robert
Invitation	Anthony Wilson	Keith Jett	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins
Announcements	Dan Whitson	Jeff Ellis	Sam Allison	Steve Gober
Closing Prayer	Dan Whitson	Jeff Ellis	Sam Allison	Steve Gober

Monthly Greeters

Sunday AM: K. Jett & Garrett

Sunday PM: Spurlin & Dobbs

Wednesday PM: Watkins & R. Terry

June 2024 Nursery Attendants

Sunday AM	6/2/2024	6/9/2024	6/16/2024	6/23/2024	6/30/2024
Attendant	Joan Pirtle	Heather Loyd	Cindy Terry	Mary Dobbs	Debbie Wiggins
Attendant	Elizabeth Guinn	Harper Loyd	Tracy Powell	Haley Pirtle	Janice Watkins
Sunday PM					
Attendant	Jeanne Simpson	Derri Hardwick	Debbie Wiggins	Suzanne Garrett	Kelley Wells
Attendant	Carol Etheredge	Stephanie Bishop	Janice Watkins	Sherrie Inman	Tylerann Betterton

2024 Food Committee Organizers

	January	February	March	April	May	June
Organizer	Lynda Holbert	Debbie Wiggins	Sonia Nash	Carol Etheredge	Ann Copeland	Ginger Spurlin
Organizer	Felicia Moody	Janice Watkins	Carole Pirtle	Sonia Nash	Killy Ferrell	Adonis Whitlow
Organizer	Ruby Truitt					
	July	August	September	October	November	December
Organizer	Kelley Wells	Amy Henderson	Janell Connor	Lynda Holbert	Diane Warren	Donna Lamp
Organizer	Tylerann Betterton	Janet Smith	Sherry Morgan	Felicia Moody	Nancy Gray	Cathy Stillwell
Organizer			Renee Fields			

If you cannot find the person covering the following month, please put the book in the Secretaries Office.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

LESSON OUTLINE

(06/09/2024)

I'M LOOKING FOR A CHURCH THAT IS NOT SO...

Matt. 7:1-5

INTRO:

1. Someone out there is looking for a new church.
2. They have some criteria that they are looking for.

I. ...DOGMATIC.

II. ...JUDGMENTAL.

- A. There are so many folks out there that have come from dysfunctional situations that they are not looking for somewhere they can go to receive more criticism.
- B. The church is composed of kind people that know their imperfections.
- C. All Christians, like John, have a hopeful future; but many, like Paul, also have a regrettable past. **Rev. 21:1-3; Phil. 3:13**
- D. Since all have sinned, Christians understand, accept, encourage, and help each other.
- E. We can all quote Jesus' admonition. **Matt. 7:1**
 1. However, we must make judgments. Jesus also said **John 7:24**.
 2. He doesn't forbid judging, but he does forbid unfair, hypocritical judging. **Matt. 7:2-5**
- F. The church proclaims the righteousness of God. **Rom. 1:16, 17; Rom. 3:22-25; Heb. 1:8**
 1. It declares holiness; values purity, and endorses clear ethical standards.
 2. It encourages sowing to the Spirit and discourages sowing to the flesh. **Gal. 6:7, 8**
 3. Therefore, some sermons will encourage us and some will convict us. **Acts 2:36-38**
- G. We want to be a church where folks feel welcomed and loved, and challenged to grow spiritually. **1 Pet. 2:1-2; 21-22; 2 Pet. 3:18**

Remember In Our Daily Prayers

OUR SICK

Ryan Pidgeon (Update 06/05), the brother of Becky Ellis was discharged from the hospital on Wednesday. He is in a lot of pain and recovery will be quite long. Send cards to – Ryan & Tara Pidgeon, 133 Cedarland Dr., Warner Robins, GA 31088. Please continue to keep Ryan and his family in your prayers.

Jerry Stancil, the brother-in-law of Bonnie Elswick, is home and under the care of hospice. Send cards to – Jerry & Sandra Stancil, 100 Southwood Gardens, Apt. 15, Russellville, AL 35653. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Doug Weatherspoon (Update 06/07) is now at Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital in Huntsville. He is in room 244. They are still working with him on his walking. Send cards to – 2718 King Arthur Court S.W., Decatur, AL 35603. Please keep him in your prayers.

Mildred Nabors, the grandmother of Elizabeth Guinn, has been diagnosed with onset dementia. Please Keep her in your prayers.

Shirley Schroder, the sister of Robbie Clark, broke her hip and had surgery and is doing well. Send cards to - 283 Pleasant Hill Dr., Almo, KY 42020. Please keep her in your prayers.

Helen Bailey, the sister-in-law of Janice Watkins, had spinal surgery on May 29. Send cards to - Helen Bailey, 5980 Barberry Ave., Oakland, GA 30566. Please keep her in your prayers.

Felicia Moody has been having some health issues. Send cards to - 614 Clearview St. S.W., Decatur, AL 35601. Please keep her in your prayers.

Addison McGuire (Update 05/28), the 12 year old family member of Steve

Wilson, has made tremendous progress over the past few months and has learned to walk again. She continues to work with her physical therapists several times a week and continues her follow-up care with several of the medical groups at Le Bonheur. Please continue to keep Addison and her family in your prayers.

Our Sympathy to Theresa Goode in the passing of her husband, Dickie Goode last night. Funeral arrangements are not known at this time. Send cards to Theresa Goode, 2114 11th St. S.E., Decatur, AL 35601. Please keep Theresa and all the family in your prayers at this time of loss.

Our Sympathy to Jake & Liz Cook in the passing of their infant daughter on May 12. They are friends of Roger & Kitty Ferrell. Send cards to – Jake & Liz Cook, 2921 Walker Rd., Decatur, AL 35603. Please keep them in your prayers.

OUR MEMBERS

Ed & Winda Anderson, Dan Chenault, Robbie & Aloma Clark, Terri Davis, Troy & Faye Demastus, Mitch & Bonnie Elswick, Harold & Paula Fagan, Effie Hammonds, Mary Harris, Lynda Holbert, Malcolm & Lorene Jones, Roger & Jan Kalonick, Jane Lee, Bill McWhorter, Norene Mullican, Carolyn Nash, Tanya Ramos, Jennifer Robbins, Jamie Sparkman, Mack Stillwell, Thelma Strock, Daveny Vinson, Bill & Diane Warren, Dana Watts, Teresa Wells, Doyle Whitlow, Virginia Woodall, Jane Yeager.

FRIENDS OR RELATIVES OF OUR MEMBERS

Tiffany Allen, Jack Amos,, Kim Anderson, Doug Andrews, Jonna Barrier, Dillion & Patti Bayes, Will Bennett, Johnny & Doris Betterton, Sue Bevis, Billy Tom Blankenship, Judy Boles,

Nellie Caldwell, James Colonel, John Cordes, Larry Burress, Raymond Driggers, Beth Gardner, Tim Gordon, Donna Hammonds, Betty Hawkins, Shane Haynes, David Ives, Chloe James, Ricky Johnson, Rudy Kirchner, Atticus Lane, Tim Martin, Darryl Macon, Ruth McCaskey, Mike Miller, Monica Parker, Charlotte Pereira, Tamaya Plott, Jo Robbins, Peggy Robinson, Bobby Roy, Diane Russ, James & Shelia Satterfield, Sandra Stancil, Harper Struntz, Cheryl Stubbs, Becky Swanger, David Taylor, Samuel Taylor, Betty Thomas, Freddy Thomas, Abel Vonada, Albert Vinsant.

SHUT-INS

Pauline “Polly” Baker, Marian Bradford, Betty Bunch, Patsy Cagle, Mary Harris, Jane Hartselle, Austin Inman, Jean League, Widdy Riley, Shirley Smith, Wanda Smith, Charlotte Taylor.

IN MILITARY SERVICE

Riley Fagan, Zac Hanford,

NURSING HOME ADDRESSES

1. **Country Cottage**
(256) 301-1800
2515 Old Moulton Road
Decatur, AL 35603
2. **Decatur Health & Rehab USA**
2326 Morgan Avenue
Decatur, AL 35601
(256) 340-5765
3. **Falkville Nursing Home**
10 West 3rd Street
Falkville, AL 35622
(256) 784-5291
4. **NHC Healthcare**
(256) 974-1146
300 Hospital Street
Moulton, AL 35650
5. **Summerford Nursing Home**
(256) 784-5275
4085 Hwy 31 S.W.
Falkville, AL 35622
6. **River City Care & Rehab**
(256) 355-6911
1350 14th Ave. S.E.
Decatur, AL 35601



This is the current listing of our Shut-In Members along with their address and phone number. Please check on them by calling or dropping a card in the mail to let them know they are missed and being thought about.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
Polly Baker	2867 Vaughn Bridge Rd., Hartselle, AL 35640	256-778-3027
Marion Bradford	2005 13th St. S.E., Decatur, AL 35601	256-353-4674
Betty Bunch	1307 Pennylane S.E., Decatur, AL 35601	256-350-3045
Patsy Cagle	1714 Westmeade St. S.W., Decatur, AL 35601	256-353-3525
Della Carmon	649 Piercefield Drive, Richmond Hill, GA 31324	
Beverly Fite	2110 Birch St. S.E., Decatur, AL 35601	256-476-3565
Mary Harris	1009 Line Street, Apt. 123, Decatur, AL 35601	256-353-2110 / Cell – 256-306-1103
Jane Hartselle	1121 9 th Ave. S.E., Decatur, AL 35601	256-353-7832
Austin Inman	2306 Duncansby Dr. S.W., Decatur, AL 35603	256-318-6154
Widdy Riley	210 Wilson St. N.E., Apt. 2031, Decatur, AL 35601	256-303-4567
Shirley Smith	C/O Legacy Village of Jacksonville, Room 314, 1116 James Hopkin Rd. Jacksonville, AL 36265	256-345-2986
Wanda Smith	1420 Danville Rd. S.W., Decatur, AL 35601	256-353-6693
Virginia Woodall	1541 Berkely St. S.W., Decatur, AL 35603	256-686-2760

Current Events

BROOKDALE CEDAR SPRINGS DEVO

Sunday, June 09, 2024
at 1:30 PM

GAME NIGHT

Our next Game Night is Saturday, June 22 at 5:30 PM in the Annex. Meal will be provided but please bring sides, desserts or drinks. If you have any questions, contact, Robert Guinn.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Canned Vegetables

CAMP WIREGRASS

June 29 - July 5

If you have any questions, contact Alan Watkins

LADIES RETREAT IN NOVEMBER

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for all ladies who want to go on the ladies retreat in November. The dates of the retreat are Nov. 14 – 17 at Smith Lake. If you have any questions, contact Suzanne Garrett.

BAPTIZED

We rejoice to announce that James (“Jim”) Norris was baptized at the church building by Jeff Etheredge. He is a resident at Brookdale Cedar Springs. Send cards to - 2505 Spring Ave. S.W., Apt. I-47, Decatur, AL 35601. His phone number is 256-466-2210. Please welcome him to our Decatur church family.



Upcoming Events:

Vacation Bible School

Meridianville Church of Christ
12228 Hwy 231/431 N
P.O. Box 217
Meridianville, AL 35759

Dates:

June 9 - 12
(Sunday - Wednesday)

Time:

6:00 PM - 8:15 PM

Theme:

Soul Wars

Vacation Bible School

Midway Church of Christ
4334 County Road 434
Moulton, AL 35650

Dates:

June 9 - 12

Time:

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Theme:

Footsteps of Jesus

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES:

Vacation Bible School

Mt. Carmel Church of Christ
7805 US Hwy 72 West
Moulton, AL 35650

Dates:

June 10 - 14

Time:

9:00 AM

Theme:

Turn A Bout Pointe

(Classes available for all ages)

Family Vacation Bible School

Hartselle Church of Christ
700 Sparkman St. S.W.
Hartselle, AL 35640

Dates:

June 23 - 26

Time:

6:00 - 7:30 PM

(Dinner provided nightly)

Theme:

Launch!

Blast Off Into God's Word

ALL AGES WELCOME!

2nd Annual Revive Alabama Church Growth Workshop

Heritage Christian University
P.O. Box HCU
Florence, AL 35630

Dates:

June 12 - 15

Theme:

Hearts on Fire

See flyer on bulletin board for times, breakout sessions and speakers.



JUNE 2024

2nd - Hugh Garrett

- Bonnie Kimbrell

4th - Lily Marie Guinn

6th - Aloma Clark

Sherrie Inman

9th - Gene Owens

Carroll Foote

12th - Sandra Harrison

Daniel Webb

26th - Harold Fagan

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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June 2024

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2 Brookdale Cedar Springs Devo 1:30 PM	3 No Monday Night for the Master this month	4	5 Fellowship Meal 5:00 PM Singing Night 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8
9 Brookdale Cedar Springs Devo 1:30 PM	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Brookdale Cedar Springs Devo 1:30 PM	17	18	19	20	21	22 Youth & Family Game Night In the Annex 5:30 PM
23 Brookdale Cedar Springs Devo 1:30 PM	24	25	26	27	28	29 Camp Wiregrass
30 Camp Wiregrass Brookdale Cedar Springs Devo 1:30 PM	31 Camp Wiregrass					