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Tim Simpson
Jere Spurlin
Dan Whitson

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Dobbs, Jeff Etheredge, Andy Harrison,
Tom Inman, Jimmy Jeffreys, Mike Pirtle
and Randall Terry

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Friday Blessing

For to be carnally minded is death;

but to be spiritually minded

is life and peace.

Romans 8:6
(KJV)



Have a Blessed Day!

"The Shepherds' Corner"

10/11/2024

Wrong Is Always Wrong

In a period of loose, sagging morals, Satan provides many rationalizations for improper behavior. Those who would live faithful Christian lives must not be "ignorant of his devices" (2 Cor 2: 11).

Wrong is wrong even if you don't get caught. Let us remember that "the eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and good" (Pro 15:3).

Wrong is wrong even if you do it for a good cause. The honorable purpose does not justify the dishonorable deed or action. The end never does justify the means;" *...for sin is a transgression of the law*" (1 John 3:4-5).

Wrong is wrong even if others are doing worse things. It will be little comfort to you in the day of judgment, if you should be lost, that others you knew did things which you consider to be worse than your own sins.

Wrong is wrong even if it doesn't bother your conscience. The conscience can be trained or educated to accept wrongdoing, but even an honest sin or evil done in sincerity is sinful in the sight of the holy God. "*... whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap*" (Gal 6:7).

Wrong is wrong even if it is commonly considered acceptable. "Thou shalt not follow after a multitude to do evil" (Exo 23:3). The Christian should; "enter not into the path of the wicked and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away" (Pro 4:14-15). "*Prove all things, hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil*" (1 Thes 5:21-22).

Remember, there is never a right time to do a wrong thing! Also, remember In this highly important election season, Christian principles still apply. Even in politics! "*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds*" (2 John 9-11 KJV).



WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS WEEK
COME AND JOIN US!

WEEK OF 10/20/2024 THROUGH 10/23/2024

10/20/2024 SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES 9AM

Class: "Last Things"

Teachers: John Cooper & Dan Whitson

Where: Auditorium

Class: "Observations from Daily Bible Reading"

Teacher: Alan Watkins

Where: Fellowship Hall

Class: "People Like Us" (A study of biblical characters)

Teacher: Robert Guinn

Where: Classroom 2

Teenage Bible Class (6 - 12 Grade)

Teacher: Keith Jett

Where: Teen Room

The Bridge - Nursery Thru 5TH Grade

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10/20/2024 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

10/23/2024 WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASSES 6:30 PM

Class: "A Practical Guide to Bible Study"

Where: Auditorium

Teacher - Robert Guinn

Class: "More Observations from Daily Bible Reading"

Where: Fellowship Hall

Teacher - Alan Watkins

Class: "Soul Sighted Lessons"

Where: Classroom 2

Teachers: Keith Hammonds & Tim Simpson

"How Shall I Be Remembered - Volume 3" - 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!

OCTOBER PRIVILEGE TO SERVE LIST

Sunday 10 AM

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Welcome	Alan Watkins	John Cooper	Keith Hammonds	Keith Jett
Opening Prayer	Steve Underwood	Philip Miller	Richard Dobbs	Jeff Ellis
Song Leader	Jere Spurlin	Robert Guinn	John Cooper	Jere Spurlin
Shepherds Prayer	John Cooper	Keith Hammonds	Tim Simpson	Dan Whitson
Lord's Supper	Andrew Macon	Randall Terry	Alan Watkins	Keith Hammonds
Scripture Reading	Stanley Nelson	Bobby King	Andy Nash	Mike Pirtle
Lesson	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins
Closing Prayer	AC Connor	Witt Ellis	Daniel Underwood	Terry Strong

Sunday 5 PM

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Welcome	Keith Hammonds	Tim Simpson	Jere Spurlin	Dan Whitson
Opening Prayer	Donnie Betterton	Mark Henderson	Steve Underwood	Doyle Rochester
Song Leader	Mark Henderson	Andy Harrison	Dan Whitson	Steve Wilson
Scripture Reading	Randall Terry	John Cooper	Philip Miller	Dennis Powers
Lesson	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins
Closing Prayer	Noah Betterton	Daniel Underwood	AC Connor	Andrew Macon

Wednesday

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Song Leader	Robert Guinn	Witt Ellis	Alan Watkins	Stanley Nelson	Witt Ellis
Invitation	Alan Watkins	Keith Jett	Robert Guinn	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins
Announce	Jeff Ellis	Dan Whitson	Keith Hammonds	Keith Jett	Jere Spurlin
Closing Prayer	Jeff Ellis	Dan Whitson	Keith Hammonds	Keith Jett	Jere Spurlin

Monthly Greeters

Sunday AM - Garrett & Etheredge **Sunday PM** - Hammonds & Jett **Wednesday** - R. Terry & Guinn

September 2024 Nursery Attendants

Sunday AM	9/1/2024	9/8/2024	9/15/2024	9/22/2024	9/29/2024
Attendant	Mary Dobbs	Debbie Wiggins	Jeanne Simpson	Heather Loyd	Derri Hardwick
Attendant	Haley Pirtle	Janice Watkins	Carol Etheredge	Harper Loyd	Stephanie Bishop
Sunday PM					
Attendant	Suzanne Garrett	Keiley Wells	Joan Pirtle	Debbie Wiggins	Cindy Terry
Attendant	Sherrie Inman	Tylerann Betterton	Elizabeth Guinn	Janice Watkins	Tracy Powell

October 2024 Nursery Attendants

Sunday AM	10/6/2024	10/13/2024	10/20/2024	10/27/2024
Attendant	Suzanne Garrett	Kelley Wells	Joan Pirtle	Heather Loyd
Attendant	Sherrie Inman	Tylerann Betterton	Elizabeth Guinn	Harper Loyd
Sunday PM				
Attendant	Mary Dobbs	Debbie Wiggins	Jeanne Simpson	Debbie Wiggins
Attendant	Haley Pirtle	Janice Watkins	Carol Etheredge	Janice Watkins

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	Kitty 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

(10/20/2024)

Alan is out of town in a Gospel Meeting this week and Robert will be presenting this Morning's Sermon.

Renew, Rethink, Revive, Re-live

Romans 12

The human mind is fascinating and powerful, possessing transformative powers granting us the ability to change our own mind (v.1-2).

We can renew our minds by rethinking our values (v.3-8).

- “We... take every thought captive to obey Christ,” (2 Cor. 10:5).
 - Rethink how we think about ourselves – v. 3-4
 - Rethink how we think about others – v. 5-8
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We can rethink our values by reviving our sincerity (v. 9-12).

- We revive sincerity through moral focus – v.9
 - We revive sincerity through fraternity – v.10
 - We revive sincerity through work ethic – v.11
 - We revive sincerity through conscience reaction – v.12
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We can revive our sincerity by re-living our behavior (v.13-20).

- We re-live our behavior by serving others – v.13
 - We re-live our behavior by blessing others – v.14
 - We re-live our behavior by connecting to others – v. 15
 - We re-live our behavior by being an example for others – v.16-20
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We can choose to allow evil to captivate and overcome us, or we can transform our minds and lead them by renewing our values, our sincerity, and behavior in Christ.

Remember In Our Daily Prayers

OUR SICK

Lila Malone, member who has been homebound with Covid for quite a while, remains at home and is not allowed to drive. Please keep her in your prayers and send cards to – Lila Malone, 2208 Westbury Ct, SW, Decatur, AL 35603 or call her at 256-616-5316.

Dana Stroock, the daughter of Thelma Stroock, will be having surgery on November 18. Please keep her in your prayers.

Felicia Moody fell last Thursday and fractured some bones in her leg. She is recuperating at the home of Lynda Holbert. Send cards to Felicia at – 1509 16th Ave. S.W., Decatur, AL 35601 (Lynda's address). Please keep her in your prayers.

Annette Monahan, the neighbor of Alan & Janice Watkins, has been diagnosed with cancer. She will be going to Birmingham soon for more tests and to determine treatment. Send cards to - Tim & Annette Monahan, 170 Emory Dr., Decatur, AL 35603. Please keep them in your prayers.

Amy Foote (Update 10/13) is still having blood pressure problems. She will have more tests on October 28. Send cards to - 3294 E Upper River Road, Somerville, AL 35670. Please keep her in your prayers.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST:

Stanley Nelson has requested prayers for his brother who has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

Our Sympathy to Lorene Jones in the passing of her niece, Vonnie Sparkman. The Funeral Service was today at Peck Funeral Home. Send cards to – Lorene Jones, 1830 Smith Avenue S.W., Decatur, AL 35603. Please keep all the family in your prayers during their time of loss.

Our Sympathy to Keith Shelton in the passing of his mother, Peggy Shelton.

Keith is the son-in-law of Doris Soden. The Funeral Service was today at Parkway Funeral Home, Please keep all the family in your prayers during their time of loss.

Our Sympathy to Reggie Blakley in the passing of his brother, Larry Blakley. They were both former members of Austinville Church of Christ. Visitation is Monday, October 21 from 12:00 - 2:00 PM, followed by the Funeral Service at 2:00 PM. All will be a Spry Funeral Home Chapel in Athens. Please keep all the family in your prayers during their time of loss.

OUR MEMBERS

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

FRIENDS OR RELATIVES OF OUR MEMBERS

Debra Allen, Tiffany Allen, Jack Amos, Kim Anderson, Doug Andrews, Kim Baker, Jonna Barrier, Patti Bayes, Will Bennett, Johnny & Doris Betterton, Sue Bevis, Billy Tom Blankenship, Judy Boles, Elizabeth Bowling, Nellie Caldwell, James Colonel, John Cordes, Larry Burress, Raymond Driggers, Lance Flood, Beth Gardner, Tim Gordon, Donna Hammonds, Betty Hawkins, Shane Haynes, David Ives, Chloe James, Ricky Johnson, Jane Knouff, Atticus Lane, Jack Lokey, Tim Martin, Darryl Macon, Ruth McCaskey, Mike Miller, Monica Parker, Charlotte Pereira, Ryan

Pidgeon, Tamaya Plott, Jo Robbins, Peggy Robinson, Bobby Roy, Diane Russ, James & Shelia Satterfield, Shirley Schroder, Sandra Stancil, Harper Struntz, Cheryl Stubbs, Becky Swanger, Richard Talley, David Taylor, Samuel Taylor, Betty Thomas, Freddy Thomas, Kelly Thompson, Abel Vonda, Albert Vinsant.

SHUT-INS

Pauline "Polly" Baker, Marian Bradford, Betty Bunch, Patsy Cagle, Troy & Faye Demastus, Mary Harris, Jane Hartselle, Austin Inman, Jean League, Nancy Patterson, Widdy Riley, Shirley Smith, Wanda Smith, Charlotte Taylor, Ron Templeton, Reba Webb.

IN MILITARY SERVICE

Riley Fagan, Zac Hanford

NURSING HOME ADDRESSES

- 1. Brookdale Cedar Springs**
2505 Spring Ave. S.W.
Decatur, AL 35601
(256) 552-3800
- 2. Country Cottage**
(256) 301-1800
2515 Old Moulton Road
Decatur, AL 35603
- 3. Decatur Health & Rehab USA**
2326 Morgan Avenue
Decatur, AL 35601
(256) 340-5765
- 4. Falkville Nursing Home**
10 West 3rd Street
Falkville, AL 35622
(256) 784-5291
- 5. NHC Healthcare**
(256) 974-1146
300 Hospital Street
Moulton, AL 35650
- 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
Troy & Faye Demastus	C/O NHC Healthcare, room 121, Moulton, AL 35650	256-221-0277
Beverly Fite	2110 Birch St. S.E., Decatur, AL 35601	
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
Nancy Patterson	148 Jackson Way, Decatur, AL 35603	
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
Ron Templeton	2505 Spring Ave. S.W., Apt. I 19, Decatur, AL 35601	
Reba Webb	601 Ferry Street N.E., Decatur, AL 35601	256-355-6635
Virginia Woodall	1541 Berkely St. S.W., Decatur, AL 35603	256-686-2760

Current Events

J.O.Y. GROUP LUNCH (50 YEARS & UP)

The J.O.Y. Group will be having lunch at Marlin's Restaurant tomorrow at 11:30 AM. If you have any questions about the lunch, contact Bill or Diane Warren.

LADIES RETREAT MEETING

There will be a meeting on October 20 after the AM Service for all ladies going on the retreat to Smith Lake in November. If you have any questions, contact Suzanne Garrett.

BROOKDALE CEDAR SPRINGS DEVO

Sunday, October 20 at 1:30

LADIES TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Our next class is October 22 at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

LADIES TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our next class is October 22 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our next class is October 22 at 6 PM in room 12 in the church building.

LADIES' BISCUIT BREAKFAST WITH THE ELDERS

All ladies of the congregation are invited to a "Biscuit Breakfast" with the Elders on Saturday, October 26 at 8:00 AM in the Annex. Submit any questions you have, in writing, to any elder by Wednesday, October 23.

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, Oct. 26 at 5:30

This is not like our previous trunk or treat activity – it is for our members & any guests they want to bring. There will be games, a soup/chili cookoff, pie eating contest, etc. We will give out candy to the kids, so you can either decorate your trunk, decorate a chair or just bring a bowl of candy. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board to participate in activities and lend a helping hand. Also, please sign the RSVP sheet so we know who to expect. Join in the fun and wear costumes! If you have any questions, contact Robert Guinn.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED Ketchup or Instant Potatoes

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS

October is RETT Syndrome Awareness Month. Show your support for Dana and Jesse Watts [by wearing something purple on Sunday, Oct. 27!](#)

BABY SHOWER

All ladies are invited to a Baby Shower for Haley Pirtle on Sunday, November 3 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, contact Sonia Nash.

DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, November 3
3:00 - 4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Our next Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal is November 6 at 5:00 PM in the Annex.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING

Our next Wednesday Night Singing is November 6 at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium.

SPECIAL FRIENDS BREAKFAST

Our next Special Friends Breakfast for our widows will be Saturday, November 9 from 9:30 – 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The hostesses are Janet Smith and Cindy Terry.



Upcoming Events:

Decatur Church Family (09/30),

Thank you all so much for the many prayers, cards, visits to the hospital, gift cards for meals and all your sweet words of encouragement after Nicky's death. He was the best brother and will be missed terribly but we are comforted knowing that he is where he has worked his whole life to be. He loved this congregation and all of you.
Love,
Derri & Bill Hardwick

Decatur Church of Christ (09/30),

Sometimes, God answers our prayers through special people like you. Thank you so much. Your continued prayers mean so much to us.
With Love,
Lance & Deanna Flood

Fall Meeting
Mt. Carmel Church of Christ
7805 US HWY 72
Athens, AL 35611

Date:

October 20 - 22

Speaker:

Cliff Goodwin

(See flyer on board for additional information)

Ladies Night

Meridianville Church of Christ
12228 Hwy 231/431 N
Meridianville, AL 35759

Date:

November 7

Time:

5:30 PM Registration

5:50 Dinner

Program Following

Theme:

"Stir" (Hebrews 10:24)

Speaker:

Celine Sparks

Flourish Women's Workshop

Owens Crossroads Church of Christ
124 Eastwood Drive
Owens Crossroads, AL 35763

Date:

November 16

Time:

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

(Doors open at 8:15 AM)

Coffee, pastries & lunch provided

Theme:

"Held by Hope"

Speaker:

Gina Rose



OCTOBER 2024

1rd – Buddy Burchell

3rd - Doris Soden

Tanya Ramos

4th – Bill Warren

5th – Earl Morris

6th – Winda Anderson

10th – Kathy White

Peggy Kirby

12th – Jimmy Jeffreys

Forrest Anderson

13th – Tim Simpson

15th – Bob Pruitt

22nd – Beverly Fite

23rd – Alex Macon

24th – Mark Henderson

28th – Andy Nash

30th – Brenda Weatherspoon

Carol Pirtle

Cindy Terry

31st – Austin Inman

Canaan Guinn

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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OCTOBER 2024

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 AM Fellowship Hall	2 Fellowship Meal 5:30 PM <hr/> Singing Night 7:00 p.m.	3	4	5 Baby Shower Honoring Maci & Landon Shockley The Loudermilk Home 1920 Dresden Dr. Decatur, AL
6 Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM <hr/> Ladies Planning Meeting 4:00 PM Fellowship Hall	7	8 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 AM Fellowship Hall <hr/> Ladies Class 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Room 2	9	10	11	12 Funeral Service for Gene Owens Visitation: 10:00 - 11:30 AM Funeral: 11:30 AM
13 Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM <hr/> Guest Speaker: J.C. Enlow will speak at the PM Service.	14	15 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 AM Fellowship Hall	16	17	18	19 J.O.Y. Group Fall Luncheon Marlins Restaurant 11:30 AM
20 Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM	21	22 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 AM Fellowship Hall <hr/> Ladies Class 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Room 2	23	24	25	26 Ladies Biscuit Breakfast with the Elders 8:00 AM Annex <hr/> Fall Festival 5:30 PM
27 Rett Syndrome Awareness Day (Wear something purple)	28	29	30	31		