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Thank You!



To All The Veterans Who Are Part Of Our Decatur Church Family & Friends!

"The Shepherds' Corner"

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The Dangers We Face Marvin L Weir

There are certain sins that some people will never commit. The devil realizes this, but it doesn't bother him at all. Satan knows that a person can avoid many sins; and yet, while practicing one sin, lose his soul. It is not the number of sins that condemns but sin itself. This is the reason James admonishes, "*For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all*" (James 2:10).

Those who have never obeyed the gospel are lost. Paul states this truth in saying that the Lord will render "... *vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power*" (2 Thess 1:8-9). A failure to obey the gospel will condemn one to eternal hell – that's what sin does.

The Bible shows that salvation is in Christ Jesus (2 Tim 2:10). The scriptures also state, "*for as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ*" (Gal 3:27). To have access to the blood of Jesus Christ and forgiveness of sins (Eph 1:7), one must be in Christ.

Those who have obeyed the gospel are admonished to continue in the pathway of richness. Salvation is conditional. John affirms such by saying, "... *If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from all sin*" (1 John 1:7). What if children of God choose to walk in darkness instead of the light of God's word? The Bible teaches that unless they repent and forsake their error they will be lost (cf. Acts 8:13-22).

Many Christians will never steal, kill, curse or commit adultery. They have high moral standards and try to be good citizens in their community. What are some **dangers** they may face as they seek to live a life pleasing unto God?

The danger of being a respecter of persons – Within the body of Christ it matters not whether one is rich or poor, educated or uneducated, black or white, male or female. The Bible teaches it is a sin to show partiality among God's people. James says, "*but if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors*" (James 2:9). If the devil can convince a child of God that he has the right to show partiality, then he has won a victory.

It is proper for people to have their "inner circle of friends." We have more in common with some folks than we do with others. Such is not sinful. It is wrong, however, to avoid or refuse to speak to a brother or sister in Christ. Some who profess to be children of God will not sit near, nor shake hands with a particular person or family. The cause is not a scriptural matter of fellowship but simply a show of partiality a faithful child of God must always choose to serve and act in a manner that does not show partiality to other members of the Kingdom! The apostle Paul sums up this matter well in saying, "*there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for we are all one in Christ Jesus. And if we be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise*" (Gal 3:28-29).

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The danger of not using our abilities in serving the Kingdom. Many Christians use their educational training and intelligence in a remarkable way in the secular realm. They are involved and dedicated to their profession. They work long hours and stay up late at night so they will be considered successful in their endeavors. Many times, the Lord's church would close its doors if it had to depend upon these same folks to work in the Kingdom. There are visits to be made and Bible classes for both men and women to teach. Men are needed to serve in the assembly each Lord's Day. Satan knows he has won a victory when he can convince folks the church needs to serve them, but they do not need to serve the church!

The danger of not seeking the Kingdom first. In the sermon on the mount the Lord stated, "*but seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; And all these things shall be added unto you*" (Matt 6:33). Guy N. Woods comments on this verse: "this familiar affirmation of our Lord establishes, beyond doubt, His determination to have first place in the hearts and lives of those who would be His followers. Set out in it is: 1) an obligation: "but seek ye," 2), the object to be sought is "His Kingdom, and His righteousness," 3) the order characterizing such seeking is to be, "first." And, attached is a conditional promise: if we seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, "all these things" (the material needs of life), "shall be added" (literally, thrown in extra). It is thus clear that the Lord is satisfied with nothing less than top priority in our hearts and lives. To put him first means simply that if we have two places to go – one involving our own interest, the other, His – we must make the Lord's trip first. If we have two tasks to perform – one the Lord's, the other, our own – we must take care of the Lord's task first [normal activities; not emergencies].

The danger of not giving as we have been prospered. God said to his people of old, "*will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But you say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation*" (Mal 3:8-9). While living affluently in America, many Christians rob God every week. They simply earn too much to give as they have been prospered (1 Cor 16:2; cf. 2 Cor 9:7).

May we remember the danger of any sin!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS WEEK
COME AND JOIN US!

WEEK OF 11/10/2024 THROUGH 11/13/2024

11/10/2024 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

11/10/2024 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

11/13/2024 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!

NOVEMBER PRIVILEGE TO SERVE LIST

November 2024 Sunday 10AM Service Order

Service	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Welcome	Keith Jett	Jere Spurlin	John Cooper	Keith Hammonds
Opening Prayer	Allan Dillard	Andrew Macon	Andy Nash	Dennis Powers
Song Leader	Robert Guinn	John Cooper	Jere Spurlin	John Cooper
Shepherds Prayer	John Cooper	Keith Hammonds	Tim Simpson	Dan Whitson
Lord's Supper Devo	Steve Wilson	Tim Simpson	Jeff Etheredge	Doyle Rochester
Scripture Reading	Chris Pirtle	Mike Pirtle	Joel Bishop	Randall Terry
Lesson	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins
Closing Prayer	Steve Underwood	Joey Gray	Daniel Underwood	Sam Allison

November 2024 Sunday 5PM Service Order

Service	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Welcome	Jere Spurlin	Robert Guinn	Keith Jett	Alan Watkins
Opening Prayer	Mark Henderson	Jimmy Jeffreys	Robert Guinn	Andrew Macon
Song Leader	Stanley Nelson	Andy Harrison	Witt Ellis	Mark Henderson
Scripture Reading	Bobby King	Jeff Ellis	Tom Inman	Steve Wilson
Lesson	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins
Closing Prayer	Philip Miller	Steve Gober	Bobby King	Cory Wells

November 2024 Wednesday Night Service Order

Service	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Song Leader	Robert Guinn	Witt Ellis	Jeff Ellis	Alan Watkins
Invitation	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Robert Guinn	Keith Jett
Announcements	Tim Simpson	Keith Hammonds	Alan Watkins	Allan Dillard
Closing Prayer	Tim Simpson	Keith Hammonds	Alan Watkins	Allan Dillard

Monthly Greeters:

Sunday AM – Spurlin & C. Pirtle

Sunday PM – Whitson & M. Pirtle

Wednesday – Macon & D. Bain

November 2024 Nursery Attendants

Sunday AM	11/3/2024	11/10/2024	11/17/2024	11/24/2024
Attendant	Cindy Terry	Mary Dobbs	Debbie Wiggins	Jeanne Simpson
Attendant	Tracy Powell	Haley Pirtle	Janice Watkins	Carol Etheredge
Sunday PM				
Attendant	Derri Hardwick	Suzanne Garrett	Kelley Wells	Joan Pirtle
Attendant	Stephanie Bishop	Sherrie Inman	Tylerann Betterton	Elizabeth Guinn

December 2024 Nursery Attendants

Sunday AM	12/1/2024	12/8/2024	12/15/2024	12/22/2024	12/29/2024
Attendant	Heather Loyd	Derri Hardwick	Suzanne Garrett	Kelley Wells	Joan Pirtle
Attendant	Harper Loyd	Stephanie Bishop	Sherrie Inman	Tylerann Betterton	Elizabeth Guinn
Sunday PM					
Attendant	Debbie Wiggins	Cindy Terry	Mary Dobbs	Debbie Wiggins	Jeanne Simpson
Attendant	Janice Watkins	Tracy Powell	Haley Pirtle	Janice Watkins	Carol Etheredge

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 Willow
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						

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

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

LESSON OUTLINE

(11/10/2024)

HOW SHOULD WE VOTE?

Josh. 24:14, 15

INTRO:

1. Recently, the main discussion in most conversations has centered on the theme of politics.
2. The greatest decisions are to be made in the spiritual realm and not in the political circle.

I. ELIJAH, ISRAEL, AND BAAL. 1 Kings 18:20-24

- A. Elijah was set to prove that Jehovah God was the One all nations should worship and serve.
- B. It is better to be cold than lukewarm. **Rev. 3:16**
- C. If there is a God, serve him. If a judgment, then prepare for it.
- D. Decision is necessary. **James 2:17, 26; Tit. 1:16**

II. JOSHUA AND ISRAEL. Josh. 24:14, 15

- A. A choice had to be made regarding the Lord or idols.
- B. Neutrality and compromise are not acceptable. **Matt. 12:30**

III. GOD AND MATERIAL THINGS. Luke 16:13

- A. Mammon is personified as a kind of god of this world.
- B. Mammon is apt to assume the bearing of a master.

IV. CHRIST AND BARABBAS. Matt. 27:17

- A. Their decision was indicative of the people's hatred for Christ, and a sign of the people's blindness to the merits of Christ.
- B. "Not this man, but Barabbas" is still the cry of everyone who hates good and loves evil.
- C. What will we do with Jesus?

V. TWO LEADERS, TWO GATES, AND TWO WAYS. Matt. 7:13, 14

- A. Our decision will determine our direction in this life and our eternal destiny.
- B. The narrow way is the way of the cross, the church, the blood of Christ, the truth and the life. **John 14:6**

CONC:

1. The most important election in life is choosing between light and darkness, good and evil, righteousness and sin, the Savior and Satan.
2. Each person must decide for himself.
3. The question remains, "Who will get your vote?"
(Raymond Elliott)

Remember In Our Daily Prayers

OUR SICK

Bill McWhorter is still having health issues but is doing a little better. Send cards to - 904 5th Ave. S.W., Decatur, AL 35601. Please keep him in your prayers.

Harold Fagan is home from the hospital. Send cards to - 423 Briarwood Drive S.W., Decatur, AL 35601. Please keep them in your prayers.

Lin Smith, the sister-in-law of Jere & Ginger Spurlin, recently had thyroid surgery to remove a benign tumor and several glands. Send cards of encouragement to - Lin Smith, 16337 Deer Lane, Athens, AL 35614.

Vicki (Robison) McCullough has recently been diagnosed with a recurrence of breast cancer. She grew up at Grant Street and is the daughter of Jerry & Mary Etta Robison (former Grant St. & Decatur members). Send cards of encouragement to - Vicki McCullough, 505 Fiveash Oak, Prattville, AL 36066-3609. Please keep her in your prayers.

Lynda Holbert is home and doing well after hip surgery last Friday. Send cards to - 1509 16th Ave. S.W., Decatur, AL 35601. Please keep her in your prayers.

Ruth McCaskey, the mother of Shelle-an Allison, is out of the hospital and under the care of hospice in Mobile. Please keep her in your prayers.

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

Laura Johnson, wife of Marcus Johnson (former members), is home & doing well after a C section last Tuesday. The baby will remain in Huntsville Hospital for Women & Children for a couple of months. Send cards to - Marcus & Laura Johnson, 1901 Shepard Dr. S.W., Decatur, AL 35603. Please keep them in your prayers.

Amy Foote (Update 10/29) went to the doctor on Monday and is doing a little better. She will go back to the doctor on December 3 for more tests. Send cards to 3294 E Upper River Road, Somerville, AL 35670. Please keep her in your prayers.

Our Sympathy to Adonis Whitlow on the passing of her grandson, William Bailey. The funeral will be this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at the Madison Academy stadium. Please send cards to - 7162 Danville Road, Hartselle, AL 35640. 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, Lila Malone, Bill McWhorter, Felicia Moody, Norene Mullican, Carolyn Nash, Tanya Ramos, Jennifer Robbins, Jamie Sparkman, Mack Stillwell, Thelma Strock, 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, Annette Monahan, 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 Vonada, Albert Vinsantt.

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



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

SPECIAL FRIENDS BREAKFAST

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

BROOKDALE CEDAR SPRINGS DEVO

Sunday, November 10 at
1:30 PM

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.

LADIES TUESDAY

MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Our next class is November 12 at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

LADIES TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our next class is November 12 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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

LADIES RETREAT

November 14 – 17

If you have any questions, contact Suzanne Garrett

YOUTH ACTIVITY

After Sunday morning service on November 17, we will eat lunch together and go to the trampoline park then go to the area wide at Beltline Church of Christ. Bring money for your lunch!!

GAME NIGHT

Saturday, November 23
5:30 PM in the Annex

1st RESPONDERS BREAKFAST

Thursday, November 28

(Additional details coming soon)

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We rejoice to announce that Diana Mancil placed membership on Sunday. Please meet and welcome her to our Decatur Church Family.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tim & Jeanne Simpson on the birth of their grandson, "***Maverick James Joiner***". He was born on October 26 and weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 in. long.

PANTRY ITEM NEEDED

Instant Potatoes

****THE GREENS IN THE GARDEN ARE READY TO PICK. PLEASE STOP BY AND PICK SOME IF WANT THEM****



Upcoming Events:

Decatur Church of Christ (10/21),

The family of Gene & Ann Owens is immensely grateful for the way you served and loved us so well over the last several months. You hosted two memorial services, provided two delicious meals, visited our parents, took care of their house and lawn - and more! But most of all we thank you for praying. God answered the many prayers and now our mom and dad are with the Lord. This church will always be special to us!

With Love & Appreciation,
Tony, Karen, Randy & Kendra

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



NOVEMBER 2024

- 2nd - Seth Guinn
Emma Jett
Wayne Smith
- 3rd - Jane Yeager
Lila Malone
- 5th - Lou Anne Harris
- 6th - Nathan Ellis
- 8th - Troy Demastus
- 9th - Kitty Ferrell
Ann Copeland
Jeanne Simpson
- 11th - Betty Weikert
- 13th - Rachel Cooper
- 15th - Faye Demastus
- 19th - Jeff Etheredge
- 21st - Dana Watts
Yoni Kilpatric
Ken Pirtle
Misha Macon
- 25th - Anne Slate
- 26th - Dan Whitson
- 27th - Doug Weatherspoon
Jack Fields
- 30th - Polly Baker
Donny Betterton

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NOVEMBER 2024

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Fellowship Meal 5:00 PM <hr/> Singing Night 6:30 PM	2	1	2
3 Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM	4 No Monday Night for the Master this month	5 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall	6	7	8	9 Special Friends Breakfast 9:30 AM Fellowship Hall
10 Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM	11 VETERANS DAY <hr/> OFFICE Closed	12 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall <hr/> Ladies Class 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall <hr/> Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Room 2	13	14 Ladies Retreat Smith Lake	15 Ladies Retreat Smith Lake	16 Ladies Retreat Smith Lake
17 Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM <hr/> Ladies Retreat Smith Lake	18	19 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall	20	21	22	23 Game Night 5:30 PM Annex
24 Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM	25	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED <hr/> 1 ST Responders Breakfast	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30