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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

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# "The Shepherds' Corner"

01/31/2025

## "The Sermons You Preach"

The first sermon preached on Sunday is not by the pulpit minister, but by **YOU!**

- You preach a message of good cheer when you say "Good Morning!" to those you meet.
- You preach a message of "Welcome! We have room for you!" when you slide down the pew instead of forcing others to squeeze in front of you.
- You preach a message of hope and joy when you sing enthusiastically during the song service.
- You preach a message of respect for God and His Word when you listen attentively and follow in your Bible and take notes during the service.
- You preach a message of Hope when you reverently partake of the Lord's Supper.
- You preach a message of Faith when you cheerfully give of your means.
- You preach a message of Love when you smile, say hello, introduce yourself to guests, and invite them to return.

Many messages are preached before and after the preacher stands in the pulpit. If your message is positive and consistent, THEN the message he gives from the pulpit will be much better received.

Come to each service and preach YOUR sermon. It has eternal significance!



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**  
**COME AND JOIN US!**

**WEEK OF 02/02/2025 THROUGH 02/05/2025**

**02/02/2025 SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES 9AM**

**Class: "The Anvil Rings"**

**Teacher: John Cooper**

**Where: Auditorium**

**Class: "Studies in Christian Living"**

**Teacher: Alan Watkins**

**Where: Fellowship Hall**

**Class: "Peacemakers, Christianity and Conflict"**

**Teacher: Robert Guinn**

**Where: Classroom 2**

**Teenage Bible Class (6 - 12 Grade)**

**Teacher: Keith Jett**

**Where: Teen Room**

**The Bridge - Nursery Thru 5<sup>TH</sup> Grade**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**02/02/2025 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\\_fXzu6pGl4H5UpQA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmt9ZXk_fXzu6pGl4H5UpQA)**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING**

**02/05/25 6:30 pm In the Auditorium**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## FEBRUARY PRIVILEGE TO SERVE LIST

### February 2025 Sunday 10 AM Service Order

Service	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb
Welcome	Alan Watkins	Keith Jett	John Cooper	Keith Hammonds
Opening Prayer	Philip Miller	Roger Kalonick	Dennis Powers	Keith Jett
Song Leader	Robert Guinn	John Cooper	Jere Spurlin	Robert Guinn
Shepherds Prayer	Keith Hammonds	Tim Simpson	Dan Whitson	John Cooper
Lord's Supper Devo	Jere Spurlin	Andy Harrison	Tim Simpson	Dan Whitson
Scripture Reading	Dawsyn Bain	Andy Nash	Joel Bishop	Nathan Ellis
Lesson	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins
Closing Prayer	Allan Dillard	Jeff Etheredge	Jimmy Jeffreys	Andrew Macon

### February 2025 Sunday 5 PM Service Order

Service	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb
Welcome	John Cooper	Tim Simpson	Jeff Ellis	Mark Henderson
Opening Prayer	Jeff Ellis	Sam Allison	Allan Dillard	Witt Ellis
Song Leader	Steve Wilson	Witt Ellis	Mark Henderson	Nathan Ellis
Scripture Reading	Terry Strong	Cory Wells	Philip Miller	Bobby King
Lesson	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins
Closing Prayer	Tom Inman	Steve Wilson	Steve Underwood	Daniel Underwood

### February 2025 Wednesday Night Service Order

Service	5-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb
Song Leader	Robert Guinn	Mark Henderson	Alan Watkins	Stanley Nelson
Invitation	Keith Jett	Alan Watkins	Dan Whitson	Anthony Wilson
Announcements	Jere Spurlin	Keith Hammonds	John Cooper	Tim Simpson
Closing Prayer	Jere Spurlin	Keith Hammonds	John Cooper	Tim Simpson

**Monthly Greeters:**

**Sunday AM** – Spurlin & Garrett

**Sunday PM** – Hammonds & Gibson

**Wednesday** – Allison & Simpson

## January 2025 Nursery Attendants

Sunday AM	1/5/2025	1/12/2025	1/19/2025	1/26/2025	
Attendant	Janice Watkins	Cindy Terry	Suzanne Garrett	Kelley Wells	
Attendant	Stephanie Bishop	Tracy Powell	Sherrie Inman	Kathleen Burress	
Sunday PM					
Attendant	Mary Dobbs	Derri Hardwick	Debbie Wiggins	DeAndra Allison	
Attendant	Haley Pirtle	Stephanie Bishop	Janice Watkins	Londyn Battle	

## February 2025 Nursery Attendants

Sunday AM	2/2/2025	2/9/2025	2/16/2025	2/23/2025	
Attendant	Jeanne Simpson	Heather Loyd	Derri Hardwick	Mary Dobbs	
Attendant	Carol Etheredge	Harper Loyd	Stephanie Bishop	Haley Pirtle	
Sunday PM					
Attendant	Joan Pirtle	Debbie Wiggins	Cindy Terry	Suzanne Garrett	
Attendant	Elizabeth Guinn	Janice Watkins	Tracy Powell	Sherrie Inman	

## March 2025 Nursery Attendants

Sunday AM	3/2/2025	3/9/2025	3/16/2025	3/23/2025	3/30/2025
Attendant	DeAndra Allison	Joan Pirtle	Heather Loyd	Cindy Terry	Suzanne Garrett
Attendant	Londyn Battle	Elizabeth Guinn	Harper Loyd	Tracy Powell	Sherrie Inman
Sunday PM					
Attendant	Kelley Wells	Jeanne Simpson	Debbie Wiggins	Derri Hardwick	Mary Dobbs
Attendant	Kathleen Burress	Carol Etheredge	Janice Watkins	Stephanie Bishop	Haley Pirtle

## April 2025 Nursery Attendants

Sunday AM	4/6/2025	4/13/2025	4/20/2025	4/27/2025	
Attendant	Kelley Wells	Jeanne Simpson	Heather Loyd	Derri Hardwick	
Attendant	Kathleen Burress	Carol Etheredge	Harper Loyd	Stephanie Bishop	
Sunday PM					
Attendant	DeAndra Allison	Joan Pirtle	Debbie Wiggins	Cindy Terry	
Attendant	Londyn Battle	Elizabeth Guinn	Janice Watkins	Tracy Powell	



# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

## LESSON OUTLINE

(02/02/2025)

### YOUR BEST WORD

Prov. 12:25

#### INTRO:

1. Illus.: Rudyard Kipling ... “Thanks.”
2. Perhaps our best word is “*thanks.*”

#### I. WHEN PAUL CONSIDERED THE BLESSINGS OF GOD HE SAID, “I THANK CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.”

A. 1 Tim. 1:12-16

#### II. THE BLESSING THAT MADE PAUL ESPECIALLY THANKFUL WAS THE MERCY AND GRACE THAT HE FOUND IN CHRIST.

A. He recognized his sin, but rejoiced that Jesus came to save him and all sinners.

B. This includes you and me. **Rom. 3:23**

C. If we follow Paul’s example then we too can rejoice and be thankful in his grace. **1 Cor. 11:1; Acts 22:16**

#### III. OTHERS SHOULD RECEIVE GOOD WORDS FROM US AS WELL.

A. Mark Twain – “I can live for two months on one good compliment.”

B. Solomon knew this. **Prov. 12:25**

C. We need to spread the joy of living in Christ.

D. Let’s take advantage of our opportunities. **Gal. 6:10; Col. 4:6**

E. You don’t have to be rich to give compliments away. You don’t have to be well known. Even a total stranger can reap the benefits of a good word from us.

#### CONC:

1. In light of God’s wonderful blessings through Jesus Christ, give him and others your best word.
2. Let’s say thanks on a regular basis and let that attitude motivate us to continue to give God our lives – trusting and obeying him with a lifetime of gratitude.

# Remember In Our Daily Prayers

## OUR SICK

**Anne Chenault** is in Huntsville Hospital with a broken arm after being in an automobile wreck on Tuesday. Send cards to - Anne Chenault, 2208 Apollo Lane S.E., Decatur, AL 35601. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Jayne Scott**, the sister-in-law of Betty Weikert has been diagnosed with lung cancer. She will be undergoing tests to determine what course of treatment she needs. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Terri Davis (Update 01/20)** is home and doing well after surgery on Monday. Send cards to - Terri Davis, 1211 Evelee St. S.W., Decatur, AL 35601. She also has a new phone number and it is (865) 895-0053. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Teresa Massey (Update 01/30)**, a friend of Doyle Rochester, is home and doing well after surgery on Tuesday. Send cards to - 1420 Ardmore Hwy., Taft TN 38488. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Widdy Riley** is in the hospital with pneumonia. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Tanya Ramos** is in Houston this week having her check-up. Please keep her in your prayers for safe travels and great results.

**Reba Webb (Update 01/30)** is at Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of North Alabama after falling & fracturing her hip. Send cards to - 601 Ferry St. N.E., Decatur, AL 35601. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Sherrie Inman** will have a heart ablation on February 6 at Huntsville Hospital. Send cards to - 2306 Duncansby Drive S.W., Decatur, AL 35603. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Vicky McCullough** had breast cancer surgery and everything went well. She will be staying at a friends house. Vicky's cell phone number is 334-221-7653 if you

would like to call and check on her. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Our Sympathy** to Steve & Tab Wilson in the passing of his father, Kenneth Wilson. The funeral was Saturday in Baldwyn, MS. Send cards to - Steve & Tab Wilson, 6882 Danville Road, Hartselle, AL 35640. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Our Sympathy** to Nasheca Bolding (a friend/co-worker of Shell Allison) in the passing of her 14 year old daughter, Makayla Carlin. The funeral was Saturday. Send cards to - Nasheca Bolding, 1224 8<sup>th</sup> St. S.W., Decatur, AL 35601. Please keep Nasheca and her family in your prayers during this time of loss.

## OUR MEMBERS

Ed & Winda Anderson, Robbie & Aloma Clark, Lisa Compton, Mitch & Bonnie Elswick, Harold & Paula Fagan, Amy Foote, Effie Hammonds, Mary Harris, Lynda Holbert, Malcolm & Lorene Jones, Roger & Jan Kalonick, Bobby King, Jane Lee, Lila Malone, Felicia Moody, Olga Morris, Norene Mullican, Carolyn Nash, Tanya Ramos, Jennifer Robbins, Jamie Sparkman, Mack Stillwell, Thelma Strock, Ron Templeton, Nolan Thompson, Daveny Vinson, Bill & Diane Warren, Dana Watts, Teresa Wells, Doug Weatherspoon, Todd Weatherspoon, Doyle Whitlow, Virginia Woodall, Jane Yeager.

## FRIENDS OR RELATIVES OF OUR MEMBERS

Debra Allen, Tiffany Allen, Jack Amos, Doug Andrews, Kim Baker, 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, Amanda Johnson, Ricky Johnson, Tim Kennedy, Jane Knouff, James Lake, Atticus Lane, Jack Lokey, Tim Martin, Darryl

Macon, 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, Lin Smith, 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, 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.**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>	<b><u>PHONE NO.</u></b>
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 <sup>th</sup> 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

## TEACHER'S APPRECIATION DINNER

**Tomorrow night from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the Annex.** If you have any questions, contact Alan Watkins.

## FELLOWSHIP GROUP 1 LUNCH

Group one will share a soup and sandwich lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the AM Service on Sunday, February 2. Dan and Marilyn will provide soup and chili. Please bring drinks, desserts and sides. If you have any questions, contact Dan or Marilyn Whitson.

## BROOKDALE CEDAR SPRINGS DEVO

Sunday, February 2 at 1:30 PM

## LADIES TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

The next Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class will be on February 4 at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING

Our next Wednesday Night Singing will be February 5 at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium.

## J.O.Y. GROUP VALENTINE LUNCH

This potluck lunch is scheduled for Sunday, February 9 from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM in the Annex. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for you to sign if you plan on attending. If you have any questions, contact Bill or Diane Warren.

## LADIES TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our next class will be on February 11 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, contact Suzanne Garrett.

## MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our next class will be on February 11 at 6 PM in room 2. If you have any questions, contact Keith Jett.

## HERITAGE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY BENEFIT DINNER

The dinner will be Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 PM, at the Beltline congregations building. The cost is \$50 a person. The local ministers provide the entertainment. If you would like to go, give your check to Alan Watkins or Jere Spurlin to reserve your seat.

## LADIES "CROCKPOT" POTLUCK LUNCH

Saturday, February 15, in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Bring your favorite crockpot recipes (doesn't matter what type) and printed recipes to share. Just for fun with your Sisters in Christ! If you have any questions, contact Donna Lamp.

## FOOD PANTRY ITEM NEEDED

Cereal

## JEWELRY FROM MALAWI HALF-PRICE SALE!

All remaining Jewelry from Malawi will be half-price beginning on Sunday, February 2. Two payments have been wired, and proceeds from the half-price sale will be a third payment. Suggestions: Valentine gifts for wives, daughters, teachers, etc.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Chris & Haley Pirtle on the birth of their son, "Gideon Lee Pirtle". He was born on January 25 and weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20" long. Grandparents are Mike & Joan Pirtle and Richard & Mary Dobbs. Great Grandparents are Ken & Carol Pirtle and Polly Baker.



**Decatur Church Family (12/17),**

Thank you so much for the fruit basket. I appreciate it so much.  
Beverly Holland

**Decatur Church Family (12/15),**

Thank you so much for the fruit basket. I am enjoying it. You are a great church and I am glad to be part of it!  
Love to All,  
Anne Slate

**Decatur Church Family (12/15),**

Thank you so very much for the fruit basket with all its contents. It was such a good and varied mixture. The fruit, trail mix, bread and other goodies! And a special thanks to all those who put it together.  
Lorraine Cooper

**Decatur Church Family (12/18),**

Thank you so much for all the cards, texts, gift card, meal and prayers during the recent passing of my father. I am truly blessed to have such a loving church family.  
In Christian Love,  
Angie Newell

**Decatur Church Family (12/15),**

We are so thankful for all the wonderful ways you have showed your love to us and our family during this very difficult time in our lives. God bless each of you.

With Our Love,  
Bill & Diane Warren

**Decatur Church Family (01/06),**

Thank you so much for the beautiful fruit basket. It was such a sweet surprise and lovely reminder of your support. Mother and I enjoyed the fruit and homemade goodies. I truly appreciate the thoughtfulness of this church family.

Theresa Goode

**Decatur Church of Christ (01/15),**

Thank you so much for serving our students and community at West Decatur Elementary!

Jennifer Edwards, Principal

**Upcoming Events:**

**LADIES DAY**

MT. Carmel Church of Christ  
7805 US - 72  
Athens, AL 35611

**When:**

Saturday, March 1

**Time:**

Breakfast - 8:30 - 9:15 AM  
Program begins at - 9:30 AM

**Speaker:**

Renita Archey

**Theme:**

"Beautiful Garden of Prayer"



**Happy birthday! Happy birthday!**

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**FEBRUARY 2025**

**5<sup>th</sup> – Rethea Powers**

**- Martha Kirby**

**7<sup>th</sup> – Amy Henderson**

**Diane Warren**

**11<sup>th</sup> - Mike Pirtle**

**13<sup>th</sup> - Ann Chenault**

**14<sup>th</sup> – Lorraine Cooper**

**16<sup>th</sup> – Carol Pounders**

**17<sup>th</sup> – Lorene Jones**

**19<sup>th</sup> - Cory Wells**

**20<sup>th</sup> – Sawyer Wells**

**21<sup>st</sup> - Keith Hammonds**

**- John “Tommy” Kilpatric**

**25<sup>th</sup> - Jeanie Whisenant**

**Happy birthday!**

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## FEBRUARY 2025

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Teachers Appreciation Banque 6 = 8 PM Annex
2 Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM <hr/> Fellowship Group 1 Lunch after AM Service in the Fellowship Hall	3	4 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall	5 Fellowship Meal 5:00 PM <hr/> Singing Night 6:30 PM	6	7	8
9 Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM <hr/> J.O.Y. Group Valentine Lunch After AM Service Annex	10	11 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall <hr/> Ladies Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall <hr/> Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Room 12 <hr/> Heritage Christian University Benefit Dinner at Beltline CoC 6:30 PM	12	13	14	15 Ladies "Crockpot" Potluck Lunch 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Fellowship Hall
16 Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM	17	18 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall	19	20	21	22 Game Nigh 5:30 PM in the Annex
23 Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM <hr/> Fellowship Group 4 Lunch after AM Service in the Fellowship Hall	24	25 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall <hr/> Ladies Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall <hr/> Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Room 12	26	27	28	