



**Meredyth Bruce**

*Birthday 02/02/21*

**Michele Hensley**

*Birthday 02/07/21*

**Dot McDaniel**

*Birthday 02/08/21*

**Cindy Knighten**

*Birthday 02/12/21*



**The Flower Fund is in need of contributions. Please contact Karen Ingram if you can help!**

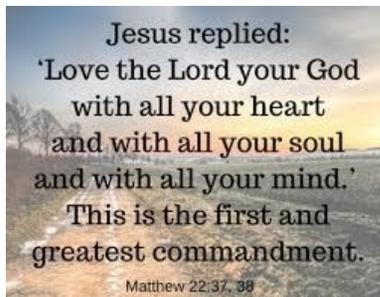
## Contributions

For those able to attend worship services at the building please leave your contribution in the box at the rear of the auditorium.

For those who give by check and are meeting by Zoom, you can simply mail your check to Kerry Lashlee 9748 Bent Brook Dr Montgomery, AL 36117

**Contribution last week**

**\$3,921.00**



A husband and wife were on the way home from worship one Sunday morning. As they rode along, the wife asked her husband, “Did you see that woman in the front row showing off her Liz Claiborne suit?”

“No, I didn’t,” her husband replied.

“Well, did you see that man on our left—the one wearing that gaudy sport jacket that clashed with his slacks?”

“No.”

Then she asked, “Well, surely you noticed that young man to our right with the tattoo, wearing an earring?”

Her husband looked up and in a quiet tone, with an embarrassed expression of what he was about to confess said, “Honey, to be honest with you, I dozed off during worship this morning.

In a huffy tone, she then rebuked him saying, “Well!! A lot of good worship does you!”

This prompts the question, “Why are you going to church today?”

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## Prayer List 01/28/2021

**Matthew Bruce** deployed until mid-April 2021.

**Vaughn Thayer** just found out that she has cancer.

Troy band members - recent death of a band member.

**Thomas Brewer's** mother has moved to rehab. Keep in your prayers.

**Katherine Trefethen** - recovering at home from fall & partial hip replacement

**Charles McPeak's father** in North FL has COVID-19

**All Hart family** - Pat now at home with cellulitis both legs.

Jess now home and weak but eating better.

Janis has shingles on head and face near eye.

Pray for Gary & Janis as they care for Jess & Pat

**Janie Brewer** - Assisting Gary & Janis with Harts - she really needs our prayers.

**John Demas' mother, Janice** - Cancer has grown, but not spread. John is going Tues, 1/26, to help workout treatments.

**Grace Meyers** - in KY - friends of Bill's daughter - leukemia

**Johnny Cunningham** - retaining fluid. Came home 12/26 with meds.

**Marsha Williamson** - Parkinson's - implant surgery set for Feb. 9, 2021.

**Beth Beasley** (Marsha's sister) - fractured shoulder, final stages of COPD, Hospice

**Susan Kochik** - (Ron's niece) - therapy working

**Neal Smith** - Recovering from scalp surgery.

**Ben Jones** - COVID-19 - friend of Gary & Dot McDaniel

**Donna Knowles** - Lost husband, cousin of Kaye McDonald



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Habit?

Tradition?

To see and be seen?

To save your conscience?

To please a spouse or parent?

To critique and criticize?

To hear your favorite preacher?

So, why are you going to church today? And what is the purpose of worship?

Succinctly put, to exalt, magnify and worship God. The late Bill Fiest expressed it this way, "Our purpose in gathering together is to prostrate ourselves before the Almighty God of heaven and pay Him homage."

Robert Webber, in *Worship is a Verb*, wrote: "The focus of worship is not human experience, not a lecture, not entertainment, but Jesus Christ—His life, death, and resurrection.

While God doesn't need our worship, He desires it. Just like a parent wants a child to express his love, appreciation, and thankfulness, so our Heavenly Father seeks worship of His creation (Jn. 4:23-24).

Furthermore, whether we consciously realize it or not, we need to worship God. Author John Ortberg was right when he wrote, "I need to worship because without it I can forget that I have a big God beside me and live in fear. I need to worship because without it I can forget his calling and begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation. I need to worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on. I need to worship because my natural tendency is toward self-reliance and stubborn independence."

When worship is God-centered, and Christ-focused, "Worship," observed Jack Hayford, "changes the worshiper into the image of the One worshiped."

—Ken Weliever, The Preacherman



Congratulations to Samantha and Garrison Lyle on their marriage  
yesterday 01/30/2021