# 9:00 AM Service Welcome

Song Leading Andrew Coker

Opening Prayer Craig Huffstutler

Scripture Reading Logan Denson

Sermon

Lord's Supper/ Contribution
Merrill Mann

Lord's Supper Trays
Corey Calvert, Mike Hannum, Stan Mann,
Nico Sugita, Yoshio Sugita, Corey Sellers,
Kyle Windham, Mike Cagle

Closing Prayer
Elder

## 5:00 PM Service

Welcome

Song Leading Andrew Coker

Opening Prayer Steve Foshee

Lord's Supper/Contribution
Stan Mann

Closing Prayer Elder

### **Deacons of the Month**

Mike Cagle
Mike Neal
Patrick Neither



October 19, 2025

#### **CHURCH INFORMATION**

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## SERVICE TIMES Sundays:

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Class 10:15 AM
Sunday Evening 5:00 PM

Wednesdays: 6:30 PM

#### **SHEPHERDS**

Michael Dykes
Rick Glass
Sol Godwin
Merrill Mann

Stan Mann
Skip McCurry
Darnell Self
Phillip VanHorn

**Steve Wilkerson** 

#### **DEACONS**

Michael Cagle
Gary Cosby
David Gilmore
Bobby Gunn
Craig Huffstutler
Johnathan Johnson
Terry Malone

Steve Maynard Mike McGill Mike Neal Patrick Neither Steve Putnam Chuck Spitzley Randy Wilson

MINISTERS
Richard Harp
Jeffrey Howell
Johnathan Johnson

## The Bigger Person

"Ugghhh... I guess I'll be the bigger person!"
Have you ever said this to yourself, or perhaps muttered this under your breath? Choosing to be the bigger person can lead to frustration. People are sometimes very unyielding when it comes to having their way. Should we just give way to their preference, or should we insist on our own preferences? Or when someone mistreats you, should you let them get away with it, or give them their just deserts? Being the bigger person often feels like volunteering to be a human door mat! We may say to ourselves, "I'm a good Christian, but I'm not going to be anyone's door mat!" But what is the attitude of a true Christian when it comes to being the "bigger person"?

As you read the following words of Jesus, I want you to ask yourself does Jesus expect me to be the bigger person, and does that mean not retaliating against people who do wrong to me?

Matthew 5:39–42 "But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. 40 If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. 41 Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. 42 Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you."

Does Jesus require us to be the bigger person and refrain from retaliation in these situations? Absolutely! Easy to understand, but ever challenging to obey.

Now if your life or safety is at stake, you're obviously not supposed to let an evil person have their way. Jesus Himself and disciples fled at various times to protect and preserve their lives (Mat. 10:23; John 7:1; 8:59; Acts 9:29-30). Jesus even seems to hint at self-defense being necessary sometimes (Lk 22:36). Nor does Jesus' teachings in in Mat. 5:39-42 have anything to do with the responsibility of government to distribute justice and punishment (Rom. 13). But in everyday interpersonal matters we are not only required to refrain from retaliation, we are required to proactively do good in return for wrong (Rom. 12:21).

But being the "bigger person" as we are required is truly viewing everyone as more important than ourselves (Phil. 2:3). This is what Jesus did. And He serves as an example that we must follow in returning evil with good (1 Pet. 2:21-23). He was even forgiving to those who murdered Him (Lk. 23:34). Not so that He could prove that He was the "bigger person," but because He loved them and wanted what was best for them. If Jesus can forgive those who brutally mutilated Him, can we not forgive and do good to those who wrong us in smaller matters? Jesus left us both an example and a command: We must turn the other check, give to the one who takes, go the extra mile, and give freely as we have been given. Not for ourselves, but for others. So, let us not grow tired of being the bigger person. Let us strive towards the model of our loving savior, and trust God to recognize and bless our sacrifice to Him.

October 19, 2025 Sunday PM

Devo in Auditorium followed by:

October 19- Church History taught by Jeffrey Howell in the auditorium Kids' Classes- in the children's hall

October 26- Church History taught by Jeffrey Howell in the auditorium Kids' Classes- in the children's hall

November 2- Singing Night- everyone in the auditorium

November 9- Spiritual Legacy: Preparing the
Next Generation taught by Michael Dykes
in the auditorium
Kids' Classes- in the children's hall

## **Sunday AM Classes**

- Acts taught by Steve Wilkerson in the auditorium.
- Acts a discussion class, taught by a rotation of men from the congregation in the Truth Seekers class, Rm. 242.

The Upper Room is studying Hebrews taught by various men from the congregation in Rm. 246.

 The Young Adult class is studying various topics taught by Nolan Couch in the Young Adult Room, Rm. 251.

## Wednesday PM Classes

- The Ladies' Class is studying Bridges or Barriers by Cindy DeBerry and Angie Kmitta
- The auditorium class will be "Exodus Leads to Jesus" taught by Paul Windham.

~Jeffrey

## Work of Faith

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-6

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#### **Upcoming Events**

October 25- Trunk or Treat- 2pm

October 26- Impact Group 2 Potluck

November 2- Impact Group 3 Potluck

November 7-8- Men's Retreat

November 9- Deacons' Meeting- 4pm

November 9- Missions Committee Meeting- 6pm

November 14-16- Youth Retreat
November 26- Special Thanksgiving Service6:30pm

November 27-28- Thanksgiviing Holidays- Office Closed

#### **Pravers**

Fave Bradford Sue Adams Michael Bukowski Anthony Carr (Deaf) Kay Carver James & Bobbie Clark Nancy Clemens Judy Crawford Audrey & Christy Gammage Mike Godwin Kim Green Sol & Ellen Godwin Randy Johnson Gina Heaton Darlene Jones Nancy Locklear Martha Lybrand Robert Mann Sandra Mann Jim & Jean Tuggle McDonald Larry & Rita Morgan Ancel Norris Judy Roeder Pam Rachal Doug Scruggs Darnell Self Donna Shoemaker Judy Shrader Chuck & Robin Spitzley Sandra Singer Nina Tarrance Bobby Tate (Deaf) Marilyn Torrice Lynn Timmerman Bucky Tuggle Johnny Tucker Durrel Tyler Alan VanHorn Stacy Washington Gayle Varner Mary Wells Jackie Werth Karen Whisenhunt Billy White Violet Whitman Don Young

#### Friends & Family

Sharon Hood- mother of Debbie Krenz- stage 4 cancer Ed and Rhandra- neighbors of Chuck S.- diagnozed with leukemia Donna- co-worker of Sarah Dangar- has large cyst on her leg Dan Norris- father of Adam Norris- dementia- he has moved in with Adam

Chris & Bena Hethcox- Markie Jones parents- pancreatic cancer & caregiver

Courtney Moore- sister of Ryan Cobb- having severe back pain Samuel & Rhea Rogers- cousin of Patsy O.- stuck in the Philippines Marty Philips- father of Blake Philips- open heart surgery Ben Oehlert- relative of Robin Spitzley- leukemia Sheryl Walker- aunt of Derek Smith- leg surgery Amy Vincent- friend of Rhonda Wagner- terminal cancer Johnny Mack Brown- friend of Bill & Freda Brown Virginia Mays- sister of Freda Brown Charlee McAnear- Debra Dominic's grandnephew- hip surgery Ruby Hamric- former member- cancer Ralph Harman- Kim Wilkerson's father- cancer has spread

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Danni Freeman- Doug Scrugg's nurse- breast cancer
Matt Shelton- minister at Thomson CoChrist- lymphoma
Ron Davis- friend of Alan & Janice VanHorn- Alzheimer's
Darlene Calfee- friend of Janice VanHorn- liver cancer
Aileesha Thomas- mother of Isaiah Davis- has leukemia
Gloria Smedley- neighbor of Sandra Singer
Betty Trull & Gary Burks- siblings of Sandra Singer
Marty Glenn- Edith Glenn's brother-in-law- received a kidney transplant

Susan Glenn- Edith Glenn's sister-in-law- bypass surgery
Ron Mixon- brother-in-law of Mike McGill- serious health issues
Mariana- member of the church in Cluj- needs surgery
Joseph Kelly- great-nephew of Jean Tuggle McDonald- cancer
Hailey Norris- sister-in-law of Amber Norris- having medical issues
Ed & Shirley Busby- brother & sister-in-law of Sue Adams
Lucas Adkinson- grandson of Mark & Billie Adkinson
Stephanie McRoy- friend of Charlotte VanHorn
Tal Barnett- husband of Judy Barnett- dialysis
Billie Jo Vance- aunt of Stuart Couch- heart problems
Louise Henderson- Mother of Lisa Harris- cancer
Julia Lopez- cousin of Patricia Putnam
Jerrie Paschal- sister of Alan VanHorn- kidney disease
Peggy, Tim & Terry Hickerson- friends of Robin Spitzley

### Thank You

Thank you for the prayers and cards during my illness and surgery. Hopefully we will be able to be back at church soon.

With love, Jim McDonald

## **Youth Calendar**

- October 19- Areawide Devo- Riverchase- bus will leave at 4:17
- October 25- Trunk or Treat and Fall Youth Party
- November 2- Local Devo-
- November 14-16- Fall Youth Retreat

## **Hospital / Sick List**

Anthony Carr- UAB St. Vincent's East Rm. 590

#### **Attendance:**

10-12-2025

AM 270 PM 105

Weekly Purpose:

\$21,140.48

**Contribution:** 

\$19,436.09

**Contribution YTD:** 

\$909,068.09

**Purpose YTD:** 

\$866,759.68

**Average Weekly YTD:** 

\$22,172.39

**Mission Sunday:** \$131,068.00

Week 41

## **Nursery Attendants**

October 19- Cindy Birdyshaw, Janice VanHorn October 26- Cheryl Hannum, Shelby Hannum

#### **Bus Drivers**

October 26- Mark Adkinson November 2- Michael Martin

## **Baptismal Garments for October**Elizabeth Cobb



#### Men's Retreat

It's time to sign up for Men's Retreat. Please scan the QR Code to register.



Cost is \$100
We are staying at the Hampton Inn in Guntersville, AL
See Steve Foshee for Golf!