9:00 AM Service
Welcome

Song Leading
Ryan Cobb

Opening Prayer
Frank Montgomery

Scripture Reading
Corey Sellers

Sermon

Lord's Supper/ Contribution
Alan England

Lord's Supper Trays
Larry Tatum, Pat O'Rourke, Keith Rowe, Austin Todd, Milton Chandler, Rhett Howell, Mike Cagle, Johnathan Johnson

Closing Prayer
Skip McCurry

5:00 PM Service
Welcome

Song Leading
Ryan Cobb

Opening Prayer
Johnathan Johnson

Lord's Supper/Contribution
Phillip VanHorn

Closing Prayer
Skip McCurry

Deacons of the Month
Steve Putnam
Terry Malone
Bobby Gunn

Visitor QR Code

Deerfoot CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 22, 2026

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	**Stan Mann**
Rick Glass	**Skip McCurry**
Sol Godwin	**Darnell Self**
Merrill Mann	**Phillip VanHorn**
Steve Wilkerson	

DEACONS

Michael Cagle	**Terry Malone**
Gary Cosby	**Mike Neal**
David Gilmore	**Patrick Neither**
Bobby Gunn	**Steve Putnam**
Craig Huffstutler	**Chuck Spitzley**
Johnathan Johnson	**Randy Wilson**

MINISTERS
Richard Harp
Jeffrey Howell
Johnathan Johnson

Does the Heart Control the Will?

One day while walking through the center of the University of Florida, I noticed a peculiar sight – about 100 students gathered. Having my curiosity peaked, I approached the scene. To my surprise, I found two men in the middle of the crowd exchanging words. "Why have these two guys drawn a crowd?" I wondered. It didn't take me long to realize that one of these guys was a self-proclaimed Christian apologist and the other was an avid atheist. I was amazed at the attention they drew. I will never forget the point that they spent the most time debating. The atheist contended, "God violates the free will of humanity." His evidence? God hardened the heart of Pharoah. I can't recall the apologist's response, but I found it unconvincing. I left that unusual scene not shaken, but rather curious. Did God override Pharoah's free will? Does God sometimes override human free will in general? I was hungry for answers.

As I began exploring Scripture, I quickly noticed that this atheist left out an important detail: Pharaoh had also hardened his own heart (Exodus 8:15, 32; 9:34). This was a notable discovery for me, but it still did not address the reality of Scripture. God did indeed harden Pharoah's heart as well. Isn't that clear evidence that God at least sometimes violates human free will? Two pivotal questions surfaced in my mind: Does the Bible teach that a person's heart and a person's free will are one and the same? Does a person's heart dictate what their will is? My search continued.

What I found surprised me. God's Word consistently teaches that a person can exercise their free will over their heart. For example, the Bible warns people not trust their own heart (Prov. 28:26) and to not follow after their own hearts (Num. 15:39). This is impossible if one's will cannot exercise power over his heart! A person can use free will to prepare their hearts (Ps. 78:8) and even direct their hearts in the right way (Prov. 23:19) according to God's Word. From Scripture, it is undeniable: the desires and disposition of one's heart does not dictate their will. People can choose to act or speak separately from their heart's desires or emotion. This affirmed that fact that God does not override free will – neither Pharoah's nor anyone else's.

God does, however, sometimes influence people's hearts to work out His will as He did with Pharoah. A person's heart after all, is often very influential on one's free will – especially those who do not exercised discipline over their hearts like Pharoah. Knowing this, God influenced his heart to work out His plan to free Israel and deliver justice. God influenced his heart, but Pharoah made the decisions. God also influences people's hearts for their good. God opened Lydia's heart to receive the Gospel (Acts 16:14-15). God can direct our hearts toward Him (2 Thess. 3:5). God does not force people to completely change their heart, but He sometimes influences people's heart to accomplish what is good. So, let us always strive to freely give both our will and our hearts to the Lord.

~Jeffrey

November 22, 2026
Sunday AM Classes

- Romans taught by Skip McCurry in the auditorium.
- Heart Issues: Guarding the Heart, taught by Randy Wilson in the Truth Seekers class, Rm. 242.
- The Upper Room is studying VBS Stories taught by various men from the congregation in Rm. 246.
- The Young Adult class is studying Twisted Scriptures taught by Richard Harp and Nolan Couch in Rm. 251.
- Revelation taught by Paul Windham in the Ladies' class, Rm. 229.
- Walking with Those Who Weep taught by Rick Glass in Rm 263.

Sunday PM

Devo in Auditorium followed by:

Pew Packers will meet at 4:50 on the right side of the auditorium.

November 22- Nature of God taught by Richard Harp in the fellowship hall
Kids' Classes- in the children's hall

November 29- Nature of God taught by Richard Harp in the fellowship hall
Kids' Classes- in the children's hall

December 6- What evidence is there for Christian faith? taught by Kyle Butt- everyone in the auditorium

Wednesday PM

- The Ladies' Class is studying Impossible by Cassandra Martin (A study of the book of Luke) taught by a various ladies of the congregation.
- The auditorium is studying A Deeper Understanding of Salvation taught by Paul Windham.

Purpose in Giving Thanks

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:4–10

2 Corinthians ___:___

G_____ P_____:

1. Is to S_____ the P_____

John ___:___-___

Philippians ___:___-___

2. Is to S_____ F_____

John ___:___-___

2 Corinthians ___:___-___A

Malachi ___:___-___

O_____ P_____:

3. Is a S_____ of T_____

2 Corinthians ___:___

Psalm ____:___

4. C_____ O_____ to G_____ T_____.

2 Corinthians ___:___-___

Upcoming Events

November 25- Special Thanksgiving Service
November 26-27- Thanksgiving Holidays- Office Closed
December 4- Polar Express- 6-8pm
December 6- Kyle Butt speaking
December 6- Worship-Fellowship-Worship
Dec. 12- Trussville Christmas Parade
Dec. 12- Ugly Sweater Christmas Party- 6-9pm

Prayers

Sue Adams
James & Bobbie Clark
Sherry Denson
Mike Godwin
Gina Heaton
Julie Kincaid
Patsy Lentz
Martha Lybrand
Mike McGill
Jim & Jean Tuggle McDonald
Larry & Rita Morgan
David Ogden
Josh Reid
Tammy Seale
Donna Shoemaker
Sandra Singer
Joyce Taggart
Lynn Timmerman
Johnny Tucker
Alan & Janice VanHorn
Mary Wells
Karen Whisenhunt
Violet Whitman
Don Young
Faye Bradford
Nancy Clemens
Audrey & Christy Gammage
Sol & Ellen Godwin
Richard & Darlene Jones
Debbie Krenz
Larry & Nancy Locklear
Robert Mann
Margaret McGuire
Frank Montgomery
Ancel Norris
Pam Rachal
Doug Scruggs
Darnell Self
Judy Shrader
Chuck & Robin Spitzley
Nina Tarrance
Marilyn Torrice
Becky & Jean Tuggle
Gayle Varner
Jackie Werth
Billy White
Charles Whittington

Friends & Family

Veronica Jeffrey- former member- has a brain tumor
Adrian Stringfellow Cooper, Jackson & Coleman- car accident
Tara Jessen- Amy Gunn's sister- lymphoma
Charles Johnson- Skip and Linda Plage's friend- Alzheimers
Olivia Messer- friend of the Peppers- emergency c-section
Jason Simon- Brian Simon's brother- cancer
Sherry Coyle- Kathleen Keith's friend- aggressive breast cancer
Cullen Lentz- Patsy Lentz's son-in-law- congestive heart failure
Ronnie Holt- Richard Harp's cousin- stage 4 cancer
Ann Holt- lung cancer
Robert Tidwell- Fran Chaney's son-in-law- severe kidney infection
Lisa Sullivan- Erin Sullivan's aunt- aggressive Alzheimers
Gary Smith- Dial Dangar's brother- cancer treatments
Donna Arnold- Dial Dangar's cousin- stage 4 lung cancer
Julie Davison- prayers for clean scans and good health
Matt P.- friend of Kerry Tanner- health issues
Chris & Bena Hethcox- Markie Jones' parents- pancreatic cancer & caregiver
Amy Vincent- friend of Rhonda Wagner- terminal cancer
Johnny Mack Brown- friend of Bill & Freda Brown
Ralph Harman- Kim Wilkerson's father- cancer has spread
Danni Freeman- Doug Scrugg's nurse- breast cancer
Matt Shelton- minister at Thomson CoChrist- lymphoma
Ron Davis- friend of Alan & Janice VanHorn- Alzheimer's
Aileesha Thomas- mother of Isaiah Davis- has leukemia
Gloria Smedley- neighbor of Sandra Singer
Gary Burks- brother of Sandra Singer
Mariana- member of the church in Cluj- needs surgery
Joseph Kelly- great-nephew of Jean Tuggle McDonald- cancer
Shirley Busby- 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

Deerfoot Church,
Thank you so much for all the cards and prayers.
We really did appreciate them.
Our Love,
Chris and Elvis

A note to say thank you to all the beautiful people who have sent me cards over these last few years.
Rachel Sellers

Christmas for Kids

It's time for Christmas for Kids. If you would like to help families at our congregation and in the community this holiday season, please give monetary donations to Donna McCurry. The deadline for donations is December 16th.

Hospital / Sick List

Mike McGill- UAB St. Vincent's Dtwn, ICU

Attendance:
11-15-2026
AM 281 PM 90
Weekly Purpose:
$20,800.00
Contribution:
$22,277.00
Contribution YTD:
$1015,055.00
Purpose YTD:
$956,800.00
Average Weekly YTD:
$22,066.00
Mission Sunday:
$120,300.00
Week 43

Nursery Attendants
November 22- Lora Christian, Olivia Christian
November 29- Amber Norris, Ann Townley

Bus Drivers
November 29- Michael Martin
December 6- Pat O'Rourke

Baptismal Garments for November
Alicia Locklear





