

**9:00 AM Service**  
Welcome

Song Leading  
Jeffrey Howell

Opening Prayer  
Alan England

Scripture Reading  
Evan Harris

Sermon

Lord's Supper/ Contribution  
Bob Keith

Lord's Supper Trays  
Michael Martin, Larry Tatum, Craig Huffstutler, Terry Malone, Pat O'Rourke, Tim Tucker, Adam Norris, Stuart Couch

Closing Prayer  
Steve Wilkerson

**5:00 PM Service**  
Welcome

Song Leading  
Jeffrey Howell

Opening Prayer  
Johnathan Johnson

Lord's Supper/Contribution  
Steve Putnam

Closing Prayer  
Steve Wilkerson

**Deacons of the Month**  
David Gilmore  
Johnathan Johnson  
Gary Cosby

Visitor QR Code



May 3, 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	Steve Maynard
Gary Cosby	Mike McGill
David Gilmore	Mike Neal
Bobby Gunn	Patrick Neither
Craig Huffstutler	Steve Putnam
Johnathan Johnson	Chuck Spitzley
Terry Malone	Randy Wilson

**MINISTERS**

Richard Harp  
Jeffrey Howell  
Johnathan Johnson

**Reviving the Weak**

What is the main calling of a Christian? Often people point to the evangelistic call of the Great Commission as the primary purpose of being a Christian. While it is certainly true that the Great Commission is central to being a Christian and includes obeying all of Jesus' commandments, it doesn't spell out everything that is vital to being a Christian. And while the importance of evangelism cannot be overstated, we must ask, what is the point of evangelism if the Church doesn't help the converted stay strong and faithful?

It's very sad when new converts or even mature Christians fall away from the faith. But why does this happen sometimes? There are numerous possible reasons why Christians may fall away. They may be misled by false teaching (2 Pet. 2:1-3). The Church may have failed to give them support. They may not have been able to endure the difficulties and temptations that come after becoming a Christian (Lk. 8:13). These and/or a combination of other things may all contribute to why Christians fall away sometimes. It is crucial for us to understand that Christians don't always fall away because they lose their faith in God and Christ. Many fallen Christians still mentally hold to their convictions about God, Christ, the Church, God's Word, and other fundamental spiritual truths. They sometimes just don't feel strong enough to be faithful in their Christian walk to Jesus and His people.

While we were in Belize recently, we had the privilege of spending time with someone who had fallen away from the faith. As we studied with her and encouraged her, she eventually opened up: "I know what I'm supposed to do. I've tried many times to come back, but something always gets in the way." Her words reminded me of what Jesus said: "...the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak..." (Mat. 26:41). She wanted to come back but had trouble finding the strength to do it. The worries of this life kept on getting in the way. Jesus warns us about not allowing the worries of this life to keep us from living for Him (Lk. 21:34). After spending more time with her, she told us how much studying with us helped her renew her resolve. Before we left, we were able to help her get reconnected with the Church. This experience reminded me about the power of encouragement, and how Scripture calls us to focus on keeping everyone in the body of Christ strong and connected:

- "...encourage the fainthearted, help the weak..." (1 Thess. 5:14)
- "...strengthen the hands that are weak..." (Heb. 12:12)
- "...have mercy on some who are doubting..." (Jude 22)
- "...encourage one another day after day...so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin..." (Heb. 3:13)
- "...restore...in a spirit of gentleness..." (Gal. 6:1)

While every Christian has to make the individual choice to be faithful, it is sometimes the encouragement, love, and strength provided by fellow Christians that makes the difference between Christians who return and those who don't. Let's remember to check up on each other. Let's remember to provide each other with encouragement. Let's remember to revive the weak so we can be strong

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**Sunday AM Classes**

- Acts taught by Steve Wilkerson in the auditorium.
- James, 1st and 2nd Peter, taught by a rotation of men from the congregation 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 various topics taught by Richard Harp and Nolan Couch in Rm. 251.

**Sunday PM**

Devo in Auditorium followed by:

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

May 3- Singing Night- everyone in the auditorium

May 10- Questions of God taught by a rotation of men in the fellowship hall  
Kids' Classes- in the children's hall

May 17- Senior Recognition

May 24- Questions of God taught by a rotation of men in the fellowship hall  
Kids' Classes- in the children's hall

May 31- Questions of God taught by a rotation of men in the fellowship hall  
Kids' Classes- in the children's hall

**Wednesday PM Classes**

- The Ladies' Class is studying Our Father in Heaven Teach Us to Pray by Cassandra Martin
- The auditorium class is studying 1st & 2nd Thessalonians by Jeffrey Howell

## The Importance Of Mission Sunday

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:35-38

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Matthew \_\_\_: \_\_\_

Acts \_\_\_: \_\_\_

b. T \_\_\_ H \_\_\_ S \_\_\_

C \_\_\_ M \_\_\_

Acts \_\_\_: \_\_\_ - \_\_\_

c. W \_\_\_ H \_\_\_ C \_\_\_

M \_\_\_

3. Y \_\_\_ P \_\_\_

M \_\_\_

Matthew \_\_\_: \_\_\_ - \_\_\_

1 John \_\_\_: \_\_\_

### Upcoming Events

May 3- Mission Sunday

May 3- Taste of Missions Potluck- 11:15am

May 3- Education Committee Meeting- 4pm

May 10- Mother's Day

May 10- Deacons' Meeting- 4pm

May 17- Senior Recognition Night- 5pm

May 25- Memorial Day- Office Closed

### Prayers

Sue Adams  
Faye Bradford  
Anthony Carr (Deaf)  
Nancy Clemens  
Audrey & Christy Gammage  
Sol & Ellen Godwin  
Gina Heaton  
Nancy Locklear  
Robert Mann  
Margaret McGuire  
Frank Montgomery  
Ancel Norris  
Pam Rachal  
Doug Scruggs  
Donna Shoemaker  
Sandra Singer  
Nina Tarrance  
Marilyn Torrice  
Becky Tuggle  
Alan VanHorn  
Mary Wells  
Karen Whisenhunt  
Violet Whitman  
Ramona Zimmerle

Harold Biddie  
Michael Bukowski  
James & Bobbie Clark  
Sherry Denson  
Mike Godwin  
Kim Green  
Darlene Jones  
Martha Lybrand  
Sandra Mann  
Jim & Jean Tuggle McDonald  
Larry & Rita Morgan  
Natasha Pearson  
Judy Roeder  
Darnell Self  
Judy Shrader  
Chuck & Robin Spitzley  
Jim & Lynn Timmerman  
Johnny Tucker  
Durrel Tyler  
Gayle Varner  
Jackie Werth  
Billy White  
Don Young

### Friends & Family

Ann Holt- lung cancer  
Donzella Terrel- in the hospital  
Darrel Richardson- Pam Richardson's nephew- sepsis  
Robert Tidwell- Fran Chaney's son-in-law- severe kidney infection  
Amy Calvin- Kasey Clayton's friend- stage 4 cervical cancer  
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- sister of Melanie Tolleson, Rebecca Mancha & Amy Keith- has a mass on her kidney  
Matt P.- friend of Kerry Tanner- health issues  
Sharon Hood- mother of Debbie Krenz- stage 4 cancer  
Ed and Rhandra- neighbors of Chuck S.- leukemia  
Dan Norris- father of Adam Norris- stage 4 prostate cancer  
Chris & Bena Hethcox- Markie Jones parents- pancreatic cancer & caregiver  
Marty Philips- father of Blake Philips- open heart surgery  
Ben Oehlert- relative of Robin Spitzley- leukemia  
Amy Vincent- friend of Rhonda Wagner- terminal cancer  
Johnny Mack Brown- friend of Bill & Freda Brown  
Ruby Hamric- former member- cancer  
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  
Betty Trull & Gary Burks- siblings of Sandra Singer  
Mariana- member of the church in Cluj- needs surgery  
Joseph Kelly- great-nephew of Jean Tuggle McDonald- cancer  
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

### New Member



Bubba and Diane Scott  
6131 Oak Lane  
Pinson, AL 35126  
Impact Group 2

### Thank You

Thank you for the love and support during Norman Oakes illness. WE thank you for all the prayers, Cards, and love sent our way. Thank you for allowing us to use the building for Norman's funeral and the food that was provided to us before the service.

In Christian Love,  
Oakes and Rowell Family

### Hospital / Sick List

Michael Burkowski- on hospice  
Harold Biddie- critically ill  
Julie Kincaid- recovering from outpatient surgery  
Merrill Mann- heart surgery Monday

### Attendance:

4-26-2026

AM 302 PM 150

### Weekly Purpose:

\$20,800.00

### Contribution:

\$19,094.40

### Contribution YTD:

\$393,516.00

### Purpose YTD:

\$332,800.00

### Average Weekly YTD:

\$23,148.00

### Mission Sunday:

\$131,068.00

### Week 17

### Nursery Attendants

May 3- Heather Dykes, Emily Wilson  
May 10- Maison Moore, Dawn Tanner

### Bus Drivers

May 10- Steve Maynard  
May 17- James Morris

**Baptismal Garments for May**  
Dial Dangar



### Missions Quarter

Our goal this year for Mission Sunday is \$132,500. We will highlight different mission works during this quarter. This week we are highlighting Leslie Taylor and Japan. Please scan the QR code below to find out more.



Join us for a reception celebrating the

class of  
**2026**

Sunday, May 17  
immediately following the 5 p.m. service

**Reagan Cobb**  
**Sophia Logan**  
**Faith Montgomery**  
**Jonah Neal**  
**Hope Watkins**