

9:00 AM Service
Welcome

Song Leading
Andrew Coker

Opening Prayer
Patrick Ormond

Scripture Reading
Steve Putnam

Sermon

Lord's Supper/ Contribution
Mike Cagle

Lord's Supper Trays
Johnathan Johnson, Logan Denson, Corey Calvert,
Terry Malone, Kyle Windham, Kerry Tanner,
Easton Hood, Canaan Hood

Closing Prayer
Michael Dykes

5:00 PM Service
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Song Leading
Andrew Coker

Opening Prayer
Caleb Foshee

Lord's Supper/Contribution
Rodney Denson

Closing Prayer
Michael Dykes

Deacons of the Month
Bobby Gunn
Craig Huffstutler
David Gilmore

Visitor QR Code



August 23, 2026

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

MINISTERS

Richard Harp
Jeffrey Howell
Johnathan Johnson

Main Character Syndrome

Let's face it: us humans naturally tend to be egocentric creatures. When we were born, we cried and demanded attention for all of our needs and wants. And as we got older, the movies and shows we watched often taught us to be egocentric. We learned that being the main character means that everything goes well for you in the end. Consequently, we were trained to want to be the main character. But as we continued to move towards adulthood, we were expected to realize that the world does not revolve around us. But there are still many people who never grow up out of an extreme egocentric mentality. Today, such people are said to have "main character syndrome." They live life as if they are the main character in a show or movie, and everyone else is of secondary importance. Sometimes it's obvious who these people are. They will do things like propose at someone else's wedding, take selfies at a funeral, talk in third-person about themselves, and demand special treatment from businesses. It's easy to look at such people with contempt and disbelief concerning their ridiculous behavior. While none of us may exhibit such extreme examples of "main character syndrome" in our lives, we should never fail to realize that being egocentric is a temptation for us all.

For this reason, God's Word tells us, "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves" (Phil. 2:3). We may struggle to consistently do this, but God gives us the perfect example of selflessness to look to: Jesus "... who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:6-8). Unlike the egocentric people of this world, Jesus actually was the main character! But he chose instead to live as servant to all and to make everyone more important than Himself (Phil. 2:7; Mat. 20:28). If anyone deserved to live as the egocentric main character it was Jesus. But He didn't. He made it about everyone else, and God exalted Him for this reason.

Jesus taught people the truth: greatness and importance are not found in self-exaltation, but are rather found in those who elevate others above themselves (Mat. 20:25-27). It is found by those who consider themselves to be the side kick, the support cast, and the extra, while they consider everyone else to be the main characters. Few people enjoy being around those with main character syndrome. But how many people want to be the support cast to everyone else? As Jesus Himself displayed, everyone can see the beauty and the power of putting others above themselves. It's not glamorous, but its impact goes well beyond a moment in the spotlight that fades away and is forgotten. Those who treat others as the main character will fulfill the needs of others and will be exalted by God forever (Lk. 14:11)

~Jeffrey

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Sunday AM Classes

- Romans taught by Patrick Neither 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.

August 23- Prayer taught by Skip McCurry in the fellowship hall

Kids' Classes- in the children's hall

August 30- Prayer taught by Skip McCurry in the fellowship hall

Kids' Classes- in the children's hall

September 6- Singing Night- everyone in the auditorium

Summer Series- Mountains and Valleys

- August 26- The Valley of the Shadow of Death- Mel Futrell

Fall Forward
Scripture Reading: Luke 22:31–32

1. P _____ D _____

Mark ____:____ - ____

Luke ____:____ - ____

1 Peter ____:____ - ____

2. M _____ D _____

Acts ____:____; ____:____ - ____

2 Timothy ____:____ - ____

3. D _____ S _____

2 Samuel ____:____ - ____; ____:____ - ____

Psalm ____:____ - ____; ____ - ____

Upcoming Events

August 23- Impact Group 4 Fellowship and Basket Delivery- 11am

August 26- Summer Series- Mel Futrell

August 30- Church-Fellowship-Church

September 6- Education Committee Meeting- 4pm

September 7- Labor Day- Office Closed

September 12- Service Day

September 13- Deacons’ Meeting- 4pm

September 13- Lads to Leaders Kick-off- 6pm

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

Friends & Family
Medora Gaddes- Doreen & Darrell Pepper’s daughter- bitten by a bat
Olivia Messer- friend of the Peppers- emergency c-section
Courtney Dykes- lost her uncle Wesley Cleveland in a farming accident
Delina Stracuzzi- Debbie Krenz daughter-in-law- skin cancer
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
Joyce Hyde- frequent visitor- recovering from a broken hip
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
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
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

Connection Group

It’s time to reorganize our Connection Groups. Please sign up again even if you are currently in a group. New Groups will begin in October. Group Leaders as well as Participants are needed to make our Connection Groups successful. Information Sheet and Sign-Up Sheets are on the counter at the Welcome Center.

Contact Steve Putnam, psputnam@yahoo.com if you have questions.

Fall Retreats
Ladies’ Retreat- October 2-3
Men’s Retreat- November 6-7
Youth Retreat- November 13-15

Hospital / Sick List

Chuck Spitzley- recovering at home
Durrel Tyler- moved to TLC in Oneonta

Attendance:
8-16-2026
AM 301 PM 135
Weekly Purpose:
\$20,800.00
Contribution:
\$19,174.00
Contribution YTD:
\$726,919.00
Purpose YTD:
\$665,600.00
Average Weekly YTD:
\$22,716.00
Mission Sunday:
\$120,300.00
Week 31

Nursery Attendants
August 23- Lora Christian, Olivia Christian
August 30- Ann Townley, Janice VanHorn

Bus Drivers
August 30- Frank Montgomery
September 6- James Morris

Baptismal Garments for August
Cheryl Hannum

New Members



Skip and Linda Plage
309 Glen Cross Drive
Trussville, AL 35173
Impact Group 1

Lads to Leaders

The Lads to Leaders Kick-off will be Sunday, September 13th following evening Bible classes. We would love for everyone to help with this program. Please see Johnathan or Nia Johnson or Phillip or Charlotte VanHorn to find out how you can be involved.

Bryant Park Meals

We are less than a month away from starting to help with meals for Bryant Park again. Many of you may have questions about this effort. We do not get any details about the children who receive the meals. All we know is that there is a need. Some of the children are homeless, some are foster children, some are just in a hard situation. The meals that we provide help these children make it through the weekends without being hungry. This year we are looking at helping 40 children. There is the possibility that this number could increase a little. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve in this way.

Fifth Sunday Fellowship

August 30th will be our Fifth Sunday Fellowship (church-eat-church). Please make your plans to attend. Bring a covered dish and a friend!

