

9:00 AM Service
Welcome

Song Leading
Ryan Cobb

Opening Prayer
Merrill Mann

Scripture Reading
Evan Harris

Sermon

Lord's Supper/ Contribution
Paul Windham

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

Closing Prayer
Phillip VanHorn

12:30 PM Service
Welcome

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Ryan Cobb

Opening Prayer
Rodney Denson

Lord's Supper/Contribution
Rick Glass

Closing Prayer
Phillip VanHorn

Deacons of the Month
Bobby Gunn
Craig Huffstutler
David Gilmore

Lord's Supper Trays for September
Steve Foshee, Caleb Foshee, Jamal Gordon,
Tim Tucker, Larry Tatum, Stuart Couch, Pat
O'Rourke, Josh Reid

Visitor QR Code



August 30, 2026

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SERVICE TIMES
Sundays:
Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Class 10:15 AM
Sunday Evening 12:30 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

The Sting of Death Brought Life

While mowing my yard on Saturday, I got stung by a little electric fence with wings and stings. Most people call it a bee, but I feel like my name for it describes it a little better. Ellie Lobel experienced a very different kind of bee sting. In 1996, Ellie was bitten by a tick and developed advanced Lyme disease. Because the disease went untreated for years, she gradually lost her ability to walk. Eventually, she lost the ability to lift her head on her own. By 2011, at just 42 years old, her vital organs were beginning to shut down.

She lay on her deathbed for three days, but her life lingered. During those final days, she asked her caregiver to take her wheelchair for one last stroll down a path beside her house. The path led toward a wildflower meadow. It was a beautiful, sunny day—perhaps the most beauty she had seen in years.

Then, in a startling turn of events, she was stung by a single bee. It wasn't a honeybee. It turned out to be an Africanized bee that alerted its hive, resulting in a swarm that attacked this already dying woman.

She barely survived the thousands of stings. Once the bees finally left, she was taken back to what had been her deathbed. What seemed like adding insult to injury unexpectedly became the beginning of her salvation. According to Lobel's account, the bee venom counteracted the effects of her disease, and she slowly began to recover. She now travels and tells the remarkable story of how bee stings saved her life.

Maybe those little electric fences with wings and stings could be called flying doctors with needles. Ellie's story reminds us that sometimes pain can become the very thing that leads to rejoicing. Who would ever rejoice at being attacked by thousands of Africanized bees? Ellie Lobel did.

Paul told the Romans: "But we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope" (Romans 5:3-4). Sometimes what appears to be an attack can become the very thing God uses to bring about something greater. Ellie's experience gives us a small picture of something far more important. Like Ellie, we have all experienced a disease that is terminal: sin. And there was only one remedy. Paul continues: "For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6).

We were dying because of sin, and there was nothing we could do to save ourselves. But God sent the remedy. And He didn't simply give us a solution for death. He took the sting of death upon Himself. The bee sting brought Ellie life. But the sting of death brought us Christ. And because Christ took that sting for us, death no longer gets the final word. As Paul would later write: "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting" (1 Corinthians 15:55)? The sting of death brought life.

A Note From the Harp

August 30, 2026
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 12:20 on the right side of the auditorium.

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

September 13- Prayer taught by Skip McCurry in the fellowship hall
Kids' Classes- in the children's hall

Wednesday PM

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

Who Will Enter?

Scripture: Luke 13:23-24

1. Is H_____ E_____ or I_____?

i.

2. Is W_____ Heaven E_____?

i.

3. Is B_____ in J_____ Enough?

i.

4. What D_____ Jesus R_____?

i.

5. W_____ the J_____?

i.

6. W_____ Y_____ E_____?

i.

Upcoming Events

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

September 20- Missions Committee Meeting- 4pm

September 26- Door Knocking Day- 9am

Prayers

Sue Adams
Faye Bradford
James & Bobbie Clark
Sherry Denson
Mike Godwin
Kim Green
Richard & Darlene Jones
Patsy Lentz
Martha Lybrand
Mike McGill
Jim & Jean Tuggle McDonald
Larry & Rita Morgan
David Ogden
Josh Reid
Darnell Self
Judy Shrader
Chuck & Robin Spitzley
Lynn Timmerman
Johnny Tucker
Durrel Tyler
Gayle Varner
Jackie Werth
Billy White
Charles Whittington

Harold Biddie
Milton Chandler
Nancy Clemens
Audrey & Christy Gammage
Sol & Ellen Godwin
Gina Heaton
Julie Kincaid
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
Don Young

Friends & Family

Charles Johnson- Skip and Linda Plage's friend- Alzheimers
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
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

Rickie Deaver- UAB St. Vincents Downtown Rm. 303
Durrel Tyler- moved to TLC in Oneonta

Attendance:

8-23-2026
AM 316 PM 118

Weekly Purpose:

\$20,800.00

Contribution:

\$20,981.00

Contribution YTD:

\$747,901.00

Purpose YTD:

\$707,200.00

Average Weekly YTD:

\$22,663.00

Mission Sunday:

\$120,300.00

Week 32

Nursery Attendants

August 30- Ann Townley, Janice VanHorn
September 6- Cindy Birdyshaw, Ann Townley

Bus Drivers

September 6- James Morris
September 13- Michael Martin

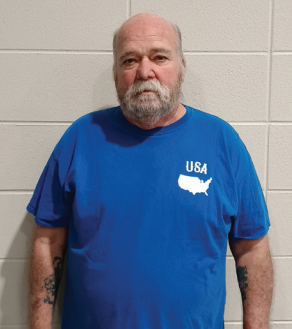
Baptismal Garments for August

Cheryl Hannum

New Members



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



Michael O'Rourke
6861 San Moore Drive
Pinson, AL 35126
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.

Hall of Famers

After the fellowship meal, please stop by the autograph table and leave your mark! All Hall of Famers are invited to autograph postcards with a short note of love and encouragement for our missionaries and sick and shut in members. A few words and a familiar signature can be a beautiful reminder that they are remembered, prayed for and loved.