

Sunday, September 24		Sunday, October 1	
Greeters	Ken & Bertha Nelson	Greeters	Nathan & Regina Lee
Bible Reading	Rex Free	Bible Reading	Matthew Woodruff
Devotional Prayer	Jerry Hall	Devotional Prayer	Tim LeMay
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Ben Rogers	Song Leader (AM & PM)	Paul Gilliland
Worship Prayer	Kenneth Grover	Worship Prayer	Matt Addison
Lord's Table		Lord's Table	
(B) James Rogers	(J) Casey Pirtle	(B) Aaron Fletcher	(J) Paul Rogers
Mark Biles	(O) Marl Fuller	Windell Denney	(O) Jamie Patterson
Rayford Morgan	Sam Scott	Preston Grover	Ken Nelson
Larry Little	Chuck Cleghorn	Jimmy Jones	Tom Wilkerson
Announcements	Tim Hester	Announcements	Rex Free
Dismissal Prayer	Roger Thomas	Dismissal Prayer	Will Fletcher
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)		Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Preston Grover	-Streaming	Tim Hester
-Songs/Audio	Aaron Fletcher	-Songs/Audio	Mark Biles
Prepare Communion	Ashley Gilliland-Melonee Wilkerson	Prepare Communion	Kelli Barker-Anna Hill
Sunday Evening		Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Josh Jones	Opening Prayer	Chris James
Dismissal Prayer	Paul Rogers	Dismissal Prayer	Jerry Hall
Wednesday, September 13		Wednesday, October 4	
Song Leader	Jamie Patterson	Song Leader	Ben Rogers
Closing Prayer	Brent James	Closing Prayer	Sam Scott
Ushers	Houston Hutto-Tom Wilkerson	Ushers	Casey Pirtle-Chuck Cleghorn
Lock Building	Terry Mapes-Tom Wilkerson	Lock Building	Larry Little-Brent James

ELDERS

Roger ThomasHarry James

MINISTER

Brent JamesNathan Lee

DEACONS

David Barker

Benevolence
Deacon: Windell Denney

Visitations
Deacons: All

Education
Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Houston Hutto

Missions
Deacon: Larry Little

Youth
Deacon: Matt Addison

Building & Grounds
Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Aaron Fletcher

Technology
Deacon: Tim Hester

Worship Assignments

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joyce Fuller	Sep 2
Frank Pitts	Sep 2
Ben Rogers	Sep 7
Margaret Free	Sep 9
Willow Weaver	Sep 11
Bentley Hutto	Sep 12
Emily Owens	Sep 16
Jamie Patterson	Sep 22

Happy Anniversary!

Dale & Kortney Weaver	Sep 5
Mark & Jane Biles	Sep 13
Matt & Jennifer Addison	Sep 16
Tom & Melonee Wilkerson	Sep 30

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BREASTPLATE AND HELMET

The purpose of salvation is for loving one another sincerely and fervently (I Peter 1:22).

The first use of “love” in I Peter 1:22 is phileo. It is that special, deep, affectionate friendship sort of love which brethren enjoy. “Let brotherly love continue” (Heb.13:1). The church family must be the place of true friendship.

The second use of “love” in the above verse is agape. This means we should love one another and desire what is eternally best for each other.

“Sincere” love means that which is transparent, easy to see, easy to trust and which contains no deception. As Jesus has freely communicated with us (John 15:15), so must we with one another.

Loving “fervently” or “earnestly” means that we put every effort into carrying out the command to love.

Additionally, Paul commands us to “put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation” (I Thess.5:8). Faith means we trust the Lord to the point of submitting to Him and being satisfied with His ways (Heb.5:8,9). Hope is that one hope of heaven, which is promised to all the faithful (Col.1:5). When faith, love and hope are combined, we are ready to face the world and serve the Lord.

“We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith, and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ” (I Thess.1:2,3).

“We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing” (2 Thess.1:3).

-David

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SICK & PRAYERS

- Corine Cahela remains in Lawrence County Medical. She is improving. Continue to pray for her.
- Terry Mapes will be having eye surgery this Tuesday in Nashville.
- Continue to remember Russell Estes as he recovers from surgery and deals with cancer.
- Rena Mays, friend of Christie Fletcher, had cancer surgery and will be undergoing chemo and radiation. Address..1026 County Hwy 30, Winfield AL 35594.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

Our prayers are extended for the Noel Counce family, who passed from this life this past Tuesday. Memorial services were conducted yesterday at the Colbert Memorial Chapel in Tusculmbia. He and his wife, Wanda, worshipped with us for several years. We appreciate our brother, David Scarborough, for serving this family so well for many years.

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FOOTBALL AND THE CHURCH

When I was a young boy, we played football. We played in the front and back yards, in the streets, in the parking lot, and in the parks. We took footballs everywhere we went because we loved the game. My kids never did that, and so, they do not have the same love for the game that I do. What changed? They spent their time on other things: video games, cable television, and the Internet. They do not know football because they did not play football. They did not play football because they spent their time on things other than football



The same could be said of any activity in which we engage. The time we spend in it significantly increasing our appreciation of it and our love for it, but it does not answer the question: On what activities will I choose to spend my time? That question must be answered by the values we set for ourselves and for our families. If I have no values, then the world will impose its values on me, and I will spend my time with the world and love the world. But we are admonished, “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15). That means I must adopt godly values for my family. Once that is done, then I must spend time pursuing those values.

Where is God in your list of values? Where is the church? Where is the Bible? Where is your relationship with Jesus Christ? We must spend time pursuing these things. If we do not, then our appreciation and love of them will diminish and eventually disappear.

- Kevin Cauley

JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

Some years ago, a doctor called in his staff to tell them of a medical experiment he wanted to conduct in his clinic. All their patients were to be treated with massive doses of kindness, care, and concern. As he expected he discovered that this love that was shown was conducive to healing. The amount of days that his patients were spending in bed were cut in half.



Did you know that the Bible has been telling us all along how important love is? In fact, it even tells us that God is love. God’s love is something we can all have and we can all give away. Whether rich or poor, tall or small, old or young God wants us to share in His love. When you give someone, the gift of love you give them something that is divine. May we love one another today more than we did yesterday, and every day we have the breath of life.

- Mark T. Tonkery

Upcoming EVENTS

- **September 30** - Supper Outing to Mildreds in Ardmore
- **October 1-** Elijah Sanamanda, morning worship
- **October 7** - Annual brotherhood-wide door-knocking day
- **October 15** - Baby Shower for Rachael Hamby Carle
- **October 28** - Trunk or Treat

PEWPACKERS

See you at the front! To all our little ones and families, we invite you to pewpackers class today at 5:45 p.m.

MISSION REPORT

Elijah Vivek Sanamanda, missionary from India, plans to be with us in a couple of weeks (Sunday morning, October 1). He will teach a special youth, college age, young adult class and report on his work during regular worship time. We look forward to seeing and hearing from Elijah.

PREPARING FOR DOOR KNOCKING DAY

The annual door knocking day is scheduled for Saturday morning, October 7. Everyone is welcome to participate. We plan to prepare door-hanging bags for this effort on Sunday evening, October 1. One of the advantages of this effort is that we go directly into our own COMMUNITY. Please pray. “Unless we go, they cannot know, the gospel is for all.”

FROM ONE HEART TO ANOTHER

This evening is our card-signing time. Please go through the fellowship hall and sign cards, before or after worship, at your convenience. These cards are sent to encourage the elderly, the sick and those facing extra difficult times. In addition to cards signed by a group of us, let’s be encouraged to keep sending cards out on an individual basis. Let’s let people know we truly care. “...that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love” (Colossians 2:2).



FROM TEENAGE TO OLD AGE

So, our sermon last Sunday morning discussed “Why We Love Old People.” Interestingly, our sister, Linda Beddingfield, had recently written a brief, lighthearted poem entitled: “From Teenage to Old Age.” Here are a few excerpts – “We get home safely and take our meds, then trip in the house and put a knot on our heads... from teenage to old age, what a short trip, we just hope we don’t break a hip....with eyesight fading and knees hurting so bad, we’re still so grateful for the good times we’ve had...we have trouble working in our yard, aging gracefully sure is hard... wrinkles and age spots are here to last, wanted to grow old, but it sure happened fast.” Thank you, sister Linda, for sharing these thoughts. This poem reminds us to trust the Almighty as we face inevitable changes. “Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom” (Psalm 90:12).



SOME GOOD RESOURCES

Our brother David Laton, one of our guest speakers this summer, is excited to share a couple of his online podcasts he does. One podcast focuses on his book, Journey To Hope, relating faith-building principles as he faces difficult health challenges. The other podcast discusses the work of Sojourners. Go to any media outlet and you should be able to listen to these podcasts.

Gospelgazette.com is another nice resource for Bible education. Brother Louis Rushmore, faithful world missionary, edits this gospel online magazine. You can also enjoy his newsletter concerning of his work and travels.

IN THE HABIT OF TRAINING

We must exercise or train ourselves unto godliness (I Timothy 4:7,8). The older Christians must gently and purposely train our the little ones (Titus 2:1-5). This training must start and continue in the home (I Timothy 3:4). There are also opportunities to work together in Christian living (2 Cor.6:1-2). Toward this end, our young men will help lead services this evening as we meet at 6 to worship our Lord together.

A UNIQUE CHALLENGE

Apologetics Press is asking for donations across the brotherhood, congregationally and personally, to be able to properly finish this year’s projects and prepare for 2024. We currently support Kyle Butt, but if you would like to give extra toward this good work, please consult apologeticspress.org. Apologetics Press produces materials designed especially to help Christians defend the faith (Jude 3). One of AP’s latest productions answers the question – Where did all the dinosaurs go? It is a seven-minute video. Check it out!