



Fall Fellowship at Fowler Farm

Saturday, October 15 - 5:30 pm

Come one and all to the annual Fall Fellowship at Fowler Farm on **October 15 at 5:30p.m.** Bring your lawn chairs and favorite pot-luck dish. There is a sign up sheet posted on the Family bulletin board. Please indicate what you will bring so we can plan accordingly. We look forward to this special time together and hope to see you there! *Canceled if raining.*

This Week's Lessons

Sunday Morning

Sermon by Buddy Johnson

Sunday Night

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SPIRITUAL SEASONS OF LIFE

Spiritual seasons come into our lives just like the earthly seasons God brings each year.

What if...what if our favorite season lasted year round? What if...there was only one season? God knew what He was doing when He created the different seasons. The earth needs each of them, and we need the different seasons He brings into our lives too! Just like nature has four different seasons, our lives seem to have different spiritual seasons too.

FALL

Fall brings the cooler breezes and beautiful autumn colors, but also the "falling away" of things in our lives like children leaving home, moving to a new place and leaving friends behind, etc. Yet we must remember that it is all in preparation for new things God is bringing!

During spiritual seasons of Fall, the coolness and relief from the heat may also bring the loss of things. There may be things that bring relief when they fall away such as bad habits or the chains of materialism, but there may be other life circumstances that we don't understand such as the loss of a job or the loss of good health.

Spiritual seasons of Fall may cause us to doubt God. Even Elijah went through such a season after his heated "summer season" dealing with Ahab, Jezebel and the prophets of Baal. After such a great victory for God, Elijah ran into the wilderness filled with fear and doubting God. He experienced a season of coolness and falling away ... yet God was consistently faithful.

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Thank You! I want to thank everyone for the prayers for my recovery from recent surgery. Also, thanks for all the cards (especially the one from Audrey Jane). I love all of you.

In Christian Love, **Curtis Shinsky**

I apologize for being so late in sending this heartfelt thank you. It has been very difficult to process this loss and the emptiness left in our lives while also trying to get everything back on track in our lives in Orlando.

On behalf of Mom, my brother and I and our families, we thank all of you for your outpouring of love, thoughts and prayers during this time of sadness. A special thank you to Buddy, David Vaughn and Steve Leddy for being a part of Mom's service and your wonderful contributions. Mom was blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family and she cherished her time with you both in worship and the friendships.

We also want to extend a huge thank you, along with our love and gratitude, to Jim and Marian Dale and all the ladies that helped in preparing a meal for our family following the service. All this work and the delicious meal truly shows your caring and love during this difficult time and it was so appreciated.

Mom was such a loving mother, grand and great-grandmother and friend, with such a tremendous spirit and love of life and the church. As anyone knows that has lost a precious parent, the pain and emptiness can only be healed thru faith and time.

In Christian love, from the **Family of Opal Grissom**



pray & prepare
for
ELDER NOMINATIONS

Elder Nomination Forms: These forms are due by this **Sunday, October 9**. Please give your **signed** form to one of the elders or drop it off at the office.

Collins' Corner

Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

What is the most effective way to use God's Word?

God's Word is not to be used as a tool to pierce and puncture other people. It's not my job to use the Word to condemn everyone who disagrees with me or who I don't like. It's possible to do that, and many people use God's Word in that way. When we do that, we paint a picture of God for the world that is entirely inaccurate. They see a God of hate and hypocrisy.

God's Word can be used as a tool for self-surgery.

The sharpness of God's Word is not to be used to cut people down, but to make me better. To refine me. There are things in my life that no one else can see. Nothing else can help or fix. Maybe it's something that I try to hide. Maybe it's something that I don't want to deal with. An honest assessment of my life with God as my guide exposes those things in my life. Nothing else can cut to my heart and through the junk in my life the way God's Word does if I use it properly. When God's people use his Word as a tool for self surgery, what it produces is a people full of humility and love. That's completely different than using his Word as a means to cut down others. Unfortunately, the world doesn't see that version of God as much as they see the first. Therefore God is criticized and unfairly judged because his people use God's word inappropriately. When people see a God full of hate and bigotry, that's not a God problem. That's a people problem. That's a God's people problem, because that means we have misrepresented him to those that are around us. The gospel in this text is that God knows me. He knows my thoughts and intentions. He knows my motives. I can't hide, I can't fool him. Despite all of that, he knows me and he loves me.

Matt

News, Prayers & Announcements

Our Sick and Prayer Requests:

Leighton Sissom continues to recuperate at his home.

Continue to remember **Cindy Mackie** and her family in prayer as they remain in Memphis, where her mother, **Mrs. Ruth Braddock**, suffered a stroke.

Kaye Bowman did have her biopsy yesterday. She is now resting at her home.

Walter Fitzpatrick asks for prayer as his cancer has spread.

Fay Borden is now home. They request no visitors for a while, please!

John Brown is home bound for the next 2-weeks with cellulitis in his left leg. He is requesting prayers that it will heal like it should.

Randy Spurlock will be scheduled to have by-pass surgery in 2-3 weeks at St. Thomas.

Sympathy to **Bill & Barbara Gillen** in the death of their nephew, **Blake Houston**. His funeral was held Saturday.

Those who are dealing with cancer:

Kathy Adams, Linda Alcorn, Kenneth Allen, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Rene' Canfield, Karma Carter, Joy Carter, Walter Fitzpatrick, Jeremy Fortner, Anthony Hammock, Tim Jennings, Dave Leaf, Angela Leffew, Rhett Massey, Buddy Morgan, Paula Palk and Jan Shepherd

Our Shut-Ins

Bethesda: Lyman Schroeder, Jan Shuster, Cornelia Steakley & Lyda Taylor

Heritage Pointe: Peggy Cooper, Wilma Hayes & Marian McDaniel

NHC Healthcare: Evelyn Solt, Aletha Tino

At Home: Hugh & Kathy Adams, Herman & Becky Bean, Maggie Brown, Sue Clack, Matilda Craighead, Margaret Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Geneva Glasgow, Ralph Medley, Pat McCanness, Opal Nichols, Claudine Smith, Marty Smith, Jordan Terry and Charles Williamson

Healing Hands: We will be going to Healing Hands this Friday, **October 7** and again on the **21**, leaving at 8:00am. See Frances Bumbalough.



The children of **Mary Dyer** have invited us to come join the celebration of **Mary's** 90th birthday this **Saturday, October 8** from **1-4pm**, in the Fellowship Hall.

The Amazing Ladies will be going to Helen's Restaurant in Gainesboro for lunch on Tuesday, **October 11**. We will leave from the parking lot at 11am. Please sign the list on the YAH Board to be a part of this Special Fellowship.



Women's Prayer Group: We will not meet this week nor next week (6th or 13th), due to school Fall break.

Young At Heart Hot Dog and Chili Supper

at the Ogdon Center will be Friday, **October 14 at 6:00pm**. Please sign up on the YAH Board.



Area Meeting: We are going to Holliday Church of Christ on Tuesday, **October 18**, to hear Bro. Brandt Stubblefield. Anyone wishing to ride with us, we will leave the parking lot at 6:15pm. See John Mayher.

Trunk or Treat this year will be on Saturday, **October 29 from 5:30 to 7:30** in the upper parking lot.

Candy—Candy—Candy

Please bring your individually wrapped candy and put it by Matt's office. We need big piles of candy!!!

Food, Family & Fun!



Blood Drive The American Red Cross will be in the Fellowship Center, **Monday, October 10**, from **1pm to 5pm**. Make your appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or online at redcrossblood.org.



