

~~~ Those Privileged To Serve ~~~

| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Service  | May 3, 10:00 AM            | May 10, 10:00 AM           |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Welcome - Announcements</b>  | Michael Hollis             | Michael Hollis             |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>           | Greg Harp                  | Michael Hollis             |
| <b>Song Leader</b>              | Melvin Griffin             | Russ Baker                 |
| <b>Preaching</b>                | Alfred Barnes              | Alfred Barnes              |
| <b>Preside Communion *11:00</b> | Bob White                  | Bob White                  |
| <b>Serving</b>                  | Jack Denney/William Carter | Jack Denney/William Carter |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>           | Melvin Griffin             | Willie Green               |
| <b>Prepare Communion</b>        | Vera Hannah                | Vera Hannah                |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Service  | May 3, 11:30 AM            | May 10, 11:30 AM           |
| <b>Welcome - Announcements</b>  | Randy Harp                 | Randy Harp                 |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>           | Dylan Madden               | Randy Harp                 |
| <b>Song Leader</b>              | Melvin Griffin/Volunteers  | Russ Baker                 |
| <b>Preaching</b>                | Michael Hollis             | Michael Hollis             |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b>           | Levi Madden                | Patrick Brown              |
| Wednesday Evening               | May 6, 7:00 PM             | May 13, 7:00 PM            |



**In Search of the Lord's Way**  
Sundays - Channel 57 - 7:30 AM  
05/03 "Not Ashamed"  
05/10 "No Other God"  
05/17 "Your Enemy Satan"  
05/24 "Glorifying God"  
05/31 "Yes, We need God"

**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Realize I am lost              | Romans 3:23    |
| Hear the Gospel                | Acts 15:7      |
| Believe the Gospel             | Mark 16:15-16  |
| Repent of sins                 | Acts 17:30     |
| Confess Christ                 | Romans 10:9-10 |
| Baptized for remission of sins | Acts 2:38      |
| Remain faithful                | 2 Peter 1:5-11 |

**Record of Attendance**

**April 26, 2026**

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Sunday Bible Study    | 35         |
| Sunday First Worship  | 49         |
| Sunday Second Worship | 29         |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 24         |
| Contribution          | \$2,381.00 |

Enter to Worship - Leave to Serve

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*"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" Psalm 119:30*

**SUNDAY**

Bible Study 9:00 AM  
1<sup>st</sup> Worship 10:00 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Worship 11:30 PM

**WEDNESDAY**

Bibe Study 7:00 PM

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**A Christian's Garden**

~ Plant 5 Rows of Peas ~  
Preparedness Promptness Perseverance  
Politeness Prayer

~ Plant 3 Rows of Squash ~  
Squash Gossip Squash Criticism  
Squash Indifference

~ Plant 6 Rows of Lettuce ~  
Let us be faithful Let us be unselfish  
Let us be loyal Let us be truthful  
Let us be useful Let us love one another  
~ No Garden is Complete without Turnips ~  
Turn up for church Turn up with a smile  
Turn up with genuine zeal and determination

~ To Make the Garden Grow ~  
Fertilize with a generous amount of the Gospel!  
Plow with Faith and Prayer!



*The Love of God in 2026"*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Debbie Richards** - suffered a light stroke last week. She was taken to the hospital and is now in rehab. Let's all remember Debbie and Scott in our prayers. Her address is 509 Braswell St., Sneed, AL 35952.

**Henrietta Murphy Jones** - will be pursuing other treatments options. She needs our continued prayers as she works through her health options and decisions.

**Rosalyn Curseen** - is able to do physical therapy 2 days a week, which is great to hear. She needs continued prayers as well as her husband, **Michael Curseen**. He continues with Infusion Treatments every 3 weeks for the next 2 years. He is doing well with them.

**Continued Prayer List:** Courtney Matthews, Jim and Maxine Howell, Jimmy Denney, Brenda Goebel, Bernice Harris, Brenda Millsap, Russ Baker, Billie Pouncy, Archie Robinson, Christian and Cory Curseen, Paul Pacchioli, Havanna Goebel, Marcia Woodbury, Steve Smith, Vernetta Jones, Don Cheek, Doris Pate, Mozelle Jones, Mary Woodbury, Willie Mae Brown (Carla Robisons mother), Alfred and Lenior Barnes (parents of Alfred Barnes), Erika Lee Nepal (Havanna Goebels daughter), Erika Lees father, Ervin Lee, Vera Pollard

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TODAY**- Needing 100 people to attend **Church of Christ at Atlanta Airport** for singing, that will be recorded for the 26th Anniversary of Speaking the Gospel TV Program. The songs will be recorded for upcoming television shows. See the bulletin board for times and information

**Tara Directory** - Copies of the Tara Directory are available for you at the Security Desk.

**Project Outreach** - "The Unity of the Bible" tracts are available on the Security Desk for outreach. There is an abundance of "Spiritual Sword" and many other great tracts available for your taking. Let us work to save the lost!!

**OUTREACH** - We will be preparing bags for the homeless quarterly. There is list on the bulletin board, and much is still needed. Bring in your donations so they can be prepared. Michael Hollis is overseeing this outreach program.

**May 4th** - On the (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays) at 7:00 PM, began a new study; The Bible: A Portrait of Redemption. It will be at the home of Henrietta Murphy Jones. Her address is in the Tara Directory.

**May 16th** - Every (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) of the month at 10 AM, the ladies will meet for prayer and fellowship. This is held at the fellowship hall. See Mitzi for details.

**June 7th- L.I.G.H.T. Fellowship Meal.** Our menu is Italian and Salads. Sign the menu sheet in the foyer what dish you'd like to bring. Come enjoy great food and fellowship!!

## RIGHT OR WRONG?

Whenever we travel from one place to another we like to be sure that we are on the right road. Who has not experienced the uneasy feeling at times that one is on the wrong road, and then the relief when a posted sign indicates that we are going the right way? Or what a disappointment and frustration when a false confidence succumbs to the evidence that we are going in the wrong direction. The wise immediately change their direction upon learning that they are wrong. If this is done in traveling to any earthly destination, how much more important is it in going to heaven!

Many in the religious world are traveling in the wrong direction. Though their hopeful destination is heaven, they are traveling the wrong road to get there. Some believe that "as all roads lead to Rome", so it is that all roads lead to heaven. But the Scriptures do not support such a concept. Jesus spoke of one way (John 14:6; Matt. 7:13,14) to heaven, which is narrow, and which few people find. Denominationalism is not the Lord's narrow way. The doctrines and commandments of men keep people on the wrong roads. Only the truth makes us right, (John 8:32), and this must be our message to a lost world.

Those in the body of Christ must be just as concerned about being right with God. In fact, much of the New Testament exhorts Christians to be sure about their spiritual travel. We are exhorted to "make your calling and election sure" (II Peter 1:10), as well as to "examine yourselves whether you are in the faith..." (II Cor. 13:5). Another apostle writes, "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him". (I John 3:18,19) We must realize that Christianity imposes a separation from the world and a life of purity and holiness. That is what makes the life in Christ so distinctive and different from the world.

For the Father to receive us as His children, we must "come out from among them (the world) and be separate..." (II Cor. 6:17,18) We must not be "conformed to this world, but be transformed..." (Rom. 12:2) Christians are exhorted to "not let sin reign in your mortal bodies..." (Rom. 6:12,14) We must not love the world, nor the things of the world. (cf. I John 2:15-17) An important part of "pure religion" is "to keep oneself unspotted from the world". (James 1:27) Timothy was admonished to "Keep yourself pure" (I Tim. 5:22) The Holy Spirit wrote through Paul these very emphatic words..."If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." (Col. 3:1-3)

The Bible is our road map to heaven. In becoming a Christian, we go to the Bible. In living faithfully, we go to the Bible. Then, and only then, can we know that we are on the right road.

### Elder's Comments

Are you always aware of your example? As Christians, we must be thoughtful of those around us who hear our words and see our actions. We lead by example. Parents influence their children by their example. If the church and serving the Lord are important to parents, they will show it in their actions. Their children also will see it. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). Though this is a general rule, it surely demonstrates the value of example. Whether for good or bad, day by day, parents are training their children. Scripture emphasizes the importance of following Jesus (Mark 8:34; John 12:26; I Pet. 2:21). When we follow Jesus we set the right example for our children, or for anyone who knows us. What example are you for all who know you?

The Elders

Richard