

SUNDAYS:

Sunday school for all ages 9:45AM
Morning worship 11AM

WEDNESDAYS:

Bible study for all ages 6PM
Choir Practice 7PM



DECEMBER 22, 2024

PRAYER LIST

CHURCH FAMILY

James Earl Greene
Mark Smith

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Our Nation, State, Community & Schools
Victims of the Hurricanes
Mavis Cribbs
Tom Nordquist
*Larry Nordquist's Son
Jim Tindill
*Noelle Bouchet's Friend
Anita "Muffin" Schmitt
*Leslie McDaniel's Grandmother
Judy Pemberton
*Lois Seifert's Daughter
Christina Lee (& Parents, Courtney & Michael)
*Family Member of Ben & Heidi Lee
Samuel Motley
*Kadie Motley's Grandfather
Bobbie Brewer
*Gary Barnett's Sister
Betty Lee- Cancer
Danny Stone- Cancer
*CR Beggs Friend
Rusty Jones- Cancer
*Barnett's Family Friend
Freddy Greene- Cancer
* The Reynolds' Family Friend
Amanda Harrison- Cancer
* Terry Kincaid's Assistant
Gail Henderson- Cancer
Jerry Snow- Cancer
*April Carden's Father
Gail Rhodes-Cancer
David Hodge- Cancer
*Naamon Culver's Great Nephew
Mark Roberts
*Fred Bouchet's Cousin
Connie Jemison
*Alan Jemison's Mother
Boston Smith
Wyatt Greene

MISSION SERVICE

Evan & Rachel Clinkscales-Mexico
Bill Morrison-State Missions
Sharise Riether- Republic of the Congo
*ecmafrica.org/project/beautiful-blessings
Chris and Leah Moore-Redeemer Church in Dubai
*Friends of Mark & Beverly Smith
Pastor Joe Lutaaya
Fathers in the Field

HOMEBOUND

Christine Bearden
Judy Aycock
Nadine Jackson
Katherine Justice
Lois Seifert
Pat Barber
Sarah Campbell
Floyce Sumners
Janette Russell
Carolyn Hassett
Terri Wills

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN ASSISTED LIVING/ HEALTH CARE/REHAB

Jo Ann Brasher-Sylacauga Health & Rehab
L J White- EJYS Homes for You, Birmingham
*Lynda Chick's Son
Barbara Shaneyfelt-Talladega Health and Rehab
Joyce Arnold-Columbiana Health and Rehab
*Jo Landers' Classmate
Judy Greene- Coosa Valley Medical Center

MILITARY

John DeWeese-Navy
* Mary Lee Reynolds' Grandson
Logan Dodson-Army
*Ray & Evelyn McAllister's Grandson
Korey Barber & Alex Kincaid-Air Force
*Terry Kincaid's Sons
Michael Johnson-Army
*Gail Williamson's Grandson

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Family of Ken Hamby
Family of Jeannine Price Smith
*Mark Smith's Mother

RECORD FOR SUNDAY

December 15, 2024

Sunday School Enrollment	73
Sunday School Attendance	49
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$5,903.85
Budget Offering	\$3,028.59
Children's Ministry	\$3,020.00
Memorial Fund/Music Program	\$350.00
Lottie Moon	\$300.00
Year to Date	
Budget Requirement to date	\$295,192.50
Budget Offering to date	\$226,012.86
Donations to General Fund	\$49,943.63



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Lottie Moon Christmas Card Post Office is open on the table by the sanctuary doors.
- Men's & Women's Bible Study-Starts back January 5th-Sundays 5PM
- Children's Drama- Starts back January 5th-Sundays 5PM- Younger Children in Unlimited Classroom, older at Youth House or possibly on playground.
- Check out our Little Library for Adult and Children's Books!-Located by the Parking Lot in front of the Fellowship Hall
- Unlimited Ministry- We invite families with special needs to worship and grow with us. Please let us know ahead of time how we can accommodate your needs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Eve Service at 5:00PM

New Years Eve Party- December 31st at 6:00PM

FROM THE PASTOR

THE TRIAL OF FAITH BY OSWALD CHAMBERS

**IF YOU HAVE FAITH AS SMALL AS A MUSTARD SEED...NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU. —
[MATTHEW 17:20](#)**

We have the idea that God rewards us for our faith, and it may be so in the initial stages. But we do not earn anything through faith— faith brings us into the right relationship with God and gives Him His opportunity to work. Yet God frequently has to knock the bottom out of your experience as His saint to get you in direct contact with Himself. God wants you to understand that it is a life of faith, not a life of emotional enjoyment of His blessings. The beginning of your life of faith was very narrow and intense, centered around a small amount of experience that had as much emotion as faith in it, and it was full of light and sweetness. Then God withdrew His conscious blessings to teach you to “walk by faith” ([2 Corinthians 5:7](#)). And you are worth much more to Him now than you were in your days of conscious delight with your thrilling testimony.

Faith by its very nature must be tested and tried. And the real trial of faith is not that we find it difficult to trust God, but that God's character must be proven as trustworthy in our own minds. Faith being worked out into reality must experience times of unbroken isolation. Never confuse the trial of faith with the ordinary discipline of life, because a great deal of what we call the trial of faith is the inevitable result of being alive. Faith, as the Bible teaches it, is faith in God coming against everything that contradicts Him— a faith that says, “I will remain true to God's character whatever He may do.” The highest and the greatest expression of faith in the whole Bible is— “Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him” ([Job 13:15](#)).



For Jesus
Robbie

