

SUNDAYS:

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

WEDNESDAYS:

Bible study for all ages 6PM
Choir Practice 7PM



JANUARY 15, 2025

PRAYER LIST

CHURCH FAMILY

James Earl Greene
Naamon Culver

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Our Nation, State, Community & Schools
Wayne Gowens
*Joy Cribbs' Father
Tom Nordquist
*Larry Nordquist's Son
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

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

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

RECORD FOR SUNDAY

January 12, 2025

Sunday School Enrollment	73
Sunday School Attendance	45
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$5,903.85
Budget Offering	\$4,103.18
Lottie Moon	\$1,785.00

Year to Date

Budget Requirement to date	\$11,807.70
Budget Offering to date	\$8,177.18
Donations to General Fund	\$25,000.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bridal Shower for Jessica Malone- February 1st at
2PM here at FBCV



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **How can we Pray for You? Check out our Prayer Wall located by the Sanctuary doors.**
- **Men's & Women's Bible Study-Sundays 5PM**
- **Children's Drama- Sundays 5PM- Children and Youth- meet in the Sunday School classrooms until warmer weather. Unlimited Classroom open for younger children. New play is Heavenly Express planned for April 6th - speaking and non-speaking parts.**
- **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.**

FROM THE PASTOR

THE CURE FOR THE BUSY MIND BY CHARLES STANLEY

In her book *Invitation to Silence and Solitude*, Ruth Haley Barton writes, "We are starved for intimacy, to see and feel and know God in the very cells of our being. We are starved for rest ... We are starved for quiet, to hear the sound of sheer silence that is the presence of God himself." I felt this ache for God on a cellular level, just as Barton suggests, so I decided to follow her advice and focus on a daily practice of silence, contemplation, and stillness. It took some time to establish, but a year later, I've settled into a routine that quiets my mind.

Connecting with the Lord is a struggle, yet I desperately crave His presence.

First, I gather a few things in a small basket—my Bible, various journals, a small wooden cross, and whatever spiritual growth book I'm reading—and carry it to my back deck as the sun rises over our one great oak. Bird chatter often punctuates the silence, but otherwise, God and I are alone without interruption.

Holding the wooden cross in my hand as a physical reminder, I sit in silence for 10 minutes and allow myself to feel the Lord's love. This small practice has honed my ability to sense and experience His presence.

Centering my thoughts on God's love every morning in silence is a rhythm I treasure and look forward to daily. Every morning, I arrive in prayer with the expectation that God will be there, and if my heart doubts and my mind forgets, I return to the truth I've written in my journal.

Silence is a spacious place where God is free to move—and I am free from my usual frenzy of overthinking, distraction, and activity. It's taken a year for this to become a grounding and disciplined practice in my life, but I've learned silence is a spacious place where God is free to move—and I am free from my usual frenzy of overthinking, distraction, and activity. I can't think my way into experiencing God's love, peace, or presence. Turning off this part of my overactive brain for a few minutes every day has been a relief.



Great Words
Robbie

