

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

WEDNESDAYS:  
Bible study for all ages 6PM  
Choir Practice 7PM



JANUARY 8, 2025

## PRAYER LIST

### CHURCH FAMILY

James Earl Greene

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Our Nation, State, Community & Schools

Garry Hall

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](http://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 5, 2025

Sunday School Enrollment 73

Sunday School Attendance 22

Weekly Budget Requirement \$5,903.85

Budget Offering \$4,074.00

Lottie Moon \$1,107.00

#### Year to Date

Budget Requirement to date \$5,903.85

Budget Offering to date \$4,074.00

Donations to General Fund \$25,000.00

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bridal Shower for Jessica Malone-** January 11th at  
2PM here at FBCV



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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

### DOES MY SACRIFICE LIVE?

BY OSWALD CHAMBERS

ABRAHAM BUILT AN ALTAR THERE AND . . . BOUND HIS SON ISAAC. —[GENESIS 22:9](#)

Abraham's intentions in offering his son to God were good, but it was not the offering God wanted. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," the angel of the Lord told Abraham. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son" ([Genesis 22:12](#)). God didn't want Isaac's death; he wanted Abraham's life.

We make a version of Abraham's mistake. We think that the ultimate thing God wants from us is the sacrifice of death. What God wants from us is the sacrifice through death that enables us to do what Jesus did: sacrifice our lives. The idea isn't "I am willing to go to death with Jesus," but "I am willing to be identified with Jesus's death so that I may sacrifice my life to God." Nowhere in Scripture does God ask us to give things up simply for the sake of giving them up. He asks us to give things up for the sake of the only thing worth having: a life with him.

God disciplined Abraham to show him the error of his belief, and the same discipline goes on in our lives. The goal is to loosen the ties that constrict the life of Christ in us, so that we can enter into a relationship with him. We may be challenged and disciplined until we finally understand: it is of no value to God to give him our lives for death. He wants us to be a living sacrifice, to let him have all our vibrant, vital powers. This is the offering that is acceptable to God.

For the King  
Robbie

