

CHURCH FAMILY

James Earl Greene Naamon Culver Ray McAllister

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Our Nation, State, Community & Schools Ashland Berry *Larry Nordquist's cousin Mark Adkins Linda Hoagland **Michael Hayes** Judy Pemberton *Lois Seifert's Daughter Christina Lee (& Parents, Courtney & Michael) *Family Member of Ben & Heidi Lee Sarah *Christina Dick's Mother Samuel Motley *Kadie Motley's Grandfather Betty Lee- Cancer Danny Stone- Cancer *CR Beggs 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 David Hodge-Cancer *Naamon Culver's Great Nephew Mark Roberts *Fred Bouchet's Cousin Connie Jemison *Alan Iemison's Mother **Boston Smith** Wyatt Greene Grant McDaniel

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

Joyce Arnold-Columbiana Health and Rehab *Jo Landers' Classmate Judy Greene- Coosa Valley Medical Center Adrian Reynolds-Col. R. Howard State Veterans Home

HOMEBOUND

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

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

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 Gail Rhodes

RECORD FOR SUNDAY

April 6, 2025	
Sunday School Enrollment	80
Sunday School Attendance	36
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$5,903.85
Budget Offering	\$3,957.00
Annie Armstrong	\$1,060
Year to Date	
Budget Requirement to date	\$82,653.90
Budget Offering to date	\$74,143.94
Donations to General Fund	\$25,000.00

Should you have an announcement to be put in the bulletin or someone to put on the prayer list, call the church office at 205-672-2512 or let Rosemary Bouchet know



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sponsor an Easter Lily for Easter Sunday: \$10 each and you can take yours home after Easter Service April 20th.
- Help us reach our church goal of \$2,500 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.
- How Can We Pray for You? Check out our Prayer Wall located by the Sanctuary doors. The Prayer Team will pray over your requests each week whether they are anonymous, spoken, or unspoken.
- FBCV Kids, Join us on April 16th 6-7:30 for Journey to the Cross. Bring a Friend!
- Men's Bible Study-Sundays 5PM

- 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 meet your needs.
- The preschool committee has compiled an Amazon Wish List to update the classrooms. Any donation, great or small, would be appreciated! Weekday Preschool Ministries Wish List:



FROM THE PASTOR

WHY CANNOT I FOLLOW THEE NOW ARTICLE BY OSWALD CHAMBERS

PETER SAID UNTO HIM, LORD, WHY CANNOT I FOLLOW THEE NOW? - JOHN 13:37

There are times when you cannot understand why you cannot do what you want to do. When God brings the blank space, see that you do not fill it in, but wait. The blank space may come in order to teach you what sanctification means, or it may come after sanctification to teach you what service means. Never run before God's guidance. If there is the slightest doubt, then He is not guiding. Whenever there is doubt — don't. In the beginning you may see clearly what God's will is — the severance of a friendship, the breaking off of a business relationship, something you feel distinctly before God is His will for you to do, never do it on the impulse of that feeling. If you do, you will end in making difficulties that will take years of time to put right. Wait for God's time to bring it round and He will do it without any heartbreak or disappointment. When it is a question of the providential will of God, wait for God to move.

Peter did not wait on God, he forecast in his mind where the test would come, and the test came where he did not expect it. "I will lay down my life for Thy sake." Peter's declaration was honest but ignorant. "Jesus answered him...The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied Me thrice." This was said with a deeper knowledge of Peter than Peter had of himself. He could not follow Jesus because he did not know himself, of what he was capable. Natural devotion may be all very well to attract us to Jesus, to make us feel His fascination, but it will never make us disciples. Natural devotion will always deny Jesus somewhere or other.



By Grace Robbie

