

SUNDAYS:

Sunday school for all ages 9:45AM

Morning worship 11AM

WEDNESDAYS:

Bible study for all ages 6PM

Choir Practice 7PM



MAY 21, 2025

## PRAYER LIST

### CHURCH FAMILY

Naamon Culver

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Our Nation, State, Community & Schools

Parents-Summer Vacation

High School Graduates

Hannah Collins

Galean England

\*Vickie Barnett's Friend

Sandra Berry

Robert Marler

Kevin Argo

\*Nancy Fouche Nephew

Gorden Comans

\*Leslie McDaniel's Grandfather

Linda Hoagland

Michael Hayes

Judy Pemberton

\*Lois Seifert's Daughter

Christina Lee (& Parents, Courtney & Michael)

\*Family Member of Ben & Heidi Lee

Samuel Motley

\*Kadie Motley's Grandfather

Joy Marler- Cancer

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 Jemison's Mother

Boston Smith

Wyatt Greene

Grant McDaniel

### HOMEBOUND

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

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

### 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

### RECORD FOR SUNDAY

#### May 18, 2025

Sunday School Enrollment 80

Sunday School Attendance 65

Weekly Budget Requirement \$5,903.85

Budget Offering \$3,547.59

Annie Armstrong \$1,945.00

#### Year to Date

Budget Requirement to date \$118,077.00

Budget Offering to date \$110,046.30

Donations to General Fund \$42,430.26

### UPCOMING EVENTS

VBS- June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 5:45-8:15PM

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

- **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.
- **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

### VIOLENT GRACE

ARTICLE BY PAUL TRIPP

**“LET THE BONES YOU HAVE CRUSHED REJOICE.” PSALM 51:8**

Our relationship with the Lord is never anything other than a relationship of grace. It's grace that brought us into His family. It's grace that keeps us in it and it's grace that will continue us in it forever. But the grace that we've been given is not always comfortable grace. Here's why:

As sinners we all become way too comfortable with our sin. The thought that once bothered becomes an action that no longer plagues our conscience. The word that troubled us the first time it was uttered now is accompanied by others that are worse. The marriage that was once a picture of biblical love has now become a relationship of cold-war detente.

Commitment to work degenerates into doing as little as I can for as much pay as I can negotiate. A commitment to a devotional life now become perfunctory and empty duty, more like getting my ticket punched for heaven than enjoying communion with my Lord. Minor, unexpressed irritation, which once troubled my heart, is now fully expressed anger that is easily rationalized away. Sin is like the unnoticed drips of water that silently destroy the foundation of a house.

You see, we all have a perverse capacity to be comfortable with what God says is wrong. So God blesses us with violent, uncomfortable grace. Yes, He really does love us enough to crush us, so that we would feel the pain of our sin and run to Him for forgiveness and deliverance.

David says in Psalm 51:8, “Let the bones You have crushed rejoice.” It's a curious phrase. Crushed bones and rejoicing don't seem to go together. You wouldn't say, "Hooray, I have a broken bone!" But that's very close to what David is saying. He's using the searing pain of broken bones as a metaphor of the pain of heart that you feel when you really see your sin for what it is. That pain is a good thing! Pain is the pathway to true healing.



By Grace  
Robbie

