

Tuesday, November 17

We will meet on Tuesdays at Berkley Bobs for Bible study from 5-6 pm. Come and enjoy a little pick-me-up with The Word and a cup of Joe.



3rd-12th Grades  
Sunday, November 22

Parent meeting after morning services at the home of Tim & Jana Thrasher. Lunch will be provided.

**CAVING TRIP**

We have rescheduled our caving trip for Wednesday, November 25th, the day before Thanksgiving. Meet at the church building at 8:00 a.m. You will need to bring a helmet (bicycle helmet works great), good hiking shoes, flashlights with extra batteries, a backpack if you like, lunch and about \$10.00 - \$15.00 for admission fee and food afterwards. Call me if you have any questions.

**Children's Ministry**



**C.H.O.W. (Children's Hour of Worship)**  
Meets every Sunday morning from 9:00 -10:00 a.m.  
Age 3-K meets in room A4 and 1st-5th grades meets in room A2.

**Sunday Night Change**

Beginning December 6, our KFC and Wiggleworms classes will no longer meet. A special thanks is in order for all of the couples who have contributed their time and talent to help make this program a real joy for our children. However, due to the tremendous success of our recently launched CHOW endeavor, the evening breakout is no longer deemed necessary.

**Wiggleworms**

Will not meet on Sunday, November 15.

**Kids For Christ**

Will not meet on Sunday, November 15.

ages 2 thru 6th Grades

**Youth Minister**

Tim Moore  
tim.moore@cullmanchurchofchrist.com

**Youth Deacons**

Craig Jackson  
Johnny Hope  
Jonathan Echols  
Brandon Payne

**Girls & Mom's Retreat**  
The Titus Project  
Saturday, November 14  
There is a girls and mom's retreat planned for Saturday, November 14th from 8 am. - 2 pm. at the building. Several activities are planned for the day including Bible classes and discussions, lunch and even a self defense class! You can sign up in the teen room or at the information desk. There will be a nominal cost for the retreat to cover the cost of t-shirts, lunch and self defense class.



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**Sunday, November 15**  
Meet at the building from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for the teen care group. Come and invite your friends for our devo, food and fun!

**Sunday Mornings**

7th & 8th Grades  
"Take Charge"

9th -12th Grades  
"The Life of David"  
We study from 10:15-11:00 am.

**Wednesday Night**

7th & 8th Grades  
"Acts" Video Series

9th-12th Grades  
"The Battle Within"  
Come and join our study from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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**RADIO PROGRAM**  
WFMH am 1340: Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

**OUR ASSEMBLIES**  
Children's Hour of Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study Sunday 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday 10:15 a.m.  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.



**November 15, 2009**

Greeters..... Main Entry: Mike & Peggy Callan  
Main West Entry: Bobby & Annette Ellenburg ..... Carport: Mary Glenn Guthery  
Welcome & Announcements..... Stephen Donaldson  
Scripture Reading ..... Sean Hope  
Song Leader..... Del Brock  
Opening Prayer..... Charles Balch  
Lesson ..... Ken Forrest  
Communion & Contribution..... Tim Thrasher, presiding

East Side 2	East Side 1	West Side 1	West Side 2	Alternates
5. Gary Logan	1. Max Bartlett	1. Rodney Chambers	5. Hunter Griffin	Stephen Burleson
6. Jay Hale	2. Theron Bishop	2. Mike Donaldson	6. Darren Wallace	Sean Hope
7. Kelly Key	3. Mike Callan	3. Tim Donaldson	7. Barnie Westmoreland	Zack Jackson
8. Don Voce	4. Daryl Haga	4. Jeff Sanford	8. Jesse Johnson	Billy Conquest

Closing Prayer..... Roy Bell  
Sound Room ..... Audio..... Debbie Powell  
Video..... Wayne Sisk  
Security..... George McElroy  
Ushers..... Jonathan Echols, Rusty Nelson  
Information Center Attendant..... Jennifer McClellan

**Nursery**

Monthly Coordinator..... Barbara Nooner  
Morning Attendants..... Debra Hudson, Rita Fromhold

**Evening Assembly**

Care Group Ministry..... Meet in Homes

**Weekly Bible Correspondence Course Graders**

Michele Westmoreland, Gwenda Freeman, Carol Echols,  
Kathleen Godfrey, Ron Monk, Sandra Watts, Debra Hudson, Ann Voce

Assemble Correspondence Lessons for Mailing..... Eddy Sparkman

Sunday Bible Class: Mike Callan Attendance Count for November  
Sunday Worship: Eddy Sparkman Wednesday: Raymond Burleson

**Wednesday, November 18**

Information Center Attendant..... Ron Monk  
Greeters ..... Debra Hudson  
Sound Room ..... Doug King  
Security: ..... Ron Monk

Sunday, November 15, 2009



**KEN'S PEN**

**Boundless Affection for God**

How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways. When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, You will be happy and it will be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, Your children like olive plants around your table. Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the LORD.

Psalm 128:1-4

"Affection" describes the fond or tender feelings that we have toward somebody or something, sometimes as opposed to reason. We are not usually reserved in providing the "nosey" with a list of reasons for certain affections, but the truth is that we may or may not subscribe to those reasons when faced with contradictory rationale. In other words, our primary affections are maintained whether anyone else likes them or not.

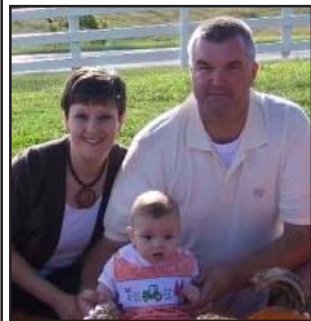
For some reason, however, this deep sense of connection does not usually surface when we begin to talk openly about our affection for God. Though it is technically correct to point to the fact that "We love Him because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19), it is likely that such rehearsed expressions are not the only reasons that we stay drawn near to His side. Feelings of closeness with the Father may come as a result of a developed relationship with the Father through prayer and meditation.

In fact, as we initially learn of Him technically, we are drawn closer to Him emotionally. David (a man after God's own heart) said that "The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb" (Psa. 19:8-10). This is the essence of what "spirit and truth" (John 4:24) is all about.

A demonstration of the transformation made in the life of the developing believer is concentrated in Jesus' own statement concerning the "great commandment." He says that the embodiment of true commitment in loving God is "with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength" (Mark 12:33). Such boundless affection creates longing for God's judgments (Psa. 119:20), daily meditation (Psa. 119:97), sensual elation (Psa. 119:103), and unwavering devotion (Psa. 119:167).

**Care Group Sunday  
November 15**

Care Groups will meet, Sunday, November 15. If you are not part of a care group and would like to participate please contact Jim Yoho.



# We Are Family

*Ephesians 3:14-15*

## Prayer Requests

**Cullman:**  
 Jimmy Dale Burgess  
 Jackie Burkett  
 Margaret Chambers  
 E.O. Creel  
 Jennifer Garcia  
 Milburn Greer  
 George & Phyllis Harness  
 Craig Jackson  
 Jennifer McClellan  
 Coyal & Ethel Moyer  
 Marion Owens  
 Virginia Parker  
 Willard & Shelby Pyles  
 Judy Sisk  
 Manuel Whisenant

## Family & Friends:

Earl Acuff, brother of Kathleen Godfrey  
 Derek Barber, nephew of Gary & Janet Logan  
 Cecil & Phyllis Bobo  
 Alicia Chadwick, Godfrey's granddaughter  
 Tammy Davis, friend of Rex & Jessica Johnson  
 Robbie Downs, aunt of Brandon Payne  
 Tommy Drake, neighbor of Rodger Walling  
 Larry Gambrell, son of Lee Gambrell  
 Carl Griffin, son of Marjorie  
 Janie Keller, friend of Jackie Donaldson  
 Lois Long, mother of Kathy Yoho  
 Misty Rainwater, friend of Wendy Iysinger  
 Midge Ratliff, mother of Rex Johnson  
 Patricia Reynolds, neighbor of the Whitmans  
 Ruth Staley, mother of Anita Forrest  
 Cindy Swann, friend of Sue Graves  
 Albert Wallace, father of Darren Wallace  
 Phillip Whisenant, son of Manuel  
 Mike Woods, cousin of George McElroy  
 Maxine Winn, mother of Irish Williams  
 Nora Wright, mother of Jim

To maintain a current list, prayer requests for family and friends are included for one month. Please complete a prayer request card at the information center or in the back of the pews or call the office with an update.

## Military Personnel

Nicholas Black, friend of George & Mary Hodge  
 Justin Creel, grandson of E.O. Creel  
 Taylor Davis, friend of Sherry Fincher  
 Tyler Duke, grandson of Charles & Maude Rutledge  
 J. Hasenbein, son of Roger & Wrenda Humphrey  
 Tim Howard  
 Amanda Hung, daughter of Brad & Sandra Jones  
 Adam Johnson, son of Les & Jeanelle Johnson  
 Joshua Jones, nephew of Kelly England  
 Chris Reese, cousin of Rodger Walling  
 Michael Reese, cousin of Rodger Walling  
 Josh Willoughby, son-in-law of Tim & Carol Clemmons

Congregation Meeting in Iraq: <http://ourchurch.com/member/b/baghdadoc>

## HOMEBOUND

Doris Taylor Battles, Lee Brock, E.O. Creel, Marjorie Griffin, Francis & Lillie Bea Heatherly, Tappie Lou McCleskey, Nora Wright, mother of Jim

## Cullman Health Care

Carl Griffin, Floyd Burgess

## Woodland Health Care

John & Reba Beall, Hattie Moyer, sister of Coyal Moyer

## Hanceville Nursing Home

Norman Carlisle

## Morning Side

Ruby Mitchell, Elbert & Clara England, Homer & Virginia Parker, Manuel Whisenant

## Folsom Center

Myrtle Mitchell

## Summerford Nursing Home

Christine Hope

**REPORTED SICK:** Jennifer Latham is in maternity room 2 at CRMC. Pearl Jernigan is scheduled for an arteriogram at CRMC on Thursday, November 12. Margaret Chambers continues her recovery from a fall at home. George Harness is now at Hanceville Nursing Home for therapy. Francis Heatherly is recovering from stint surgery at home. Cody Brown, 10 lb. 11 oz. newborn great nephew of Carol Clemmons, is having health problems and prayers have been requested. Janie Keller, friend of Jackie Donaldson requests prayers as she undergoes testing at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Tammy Davis, friend of Rex & Jessica Johnson, is in ICU at Decatur General. Midge Ratliff, mother of Rex Johnson is at CRMC waiting to be transferred to Princeton for a new pacemaker. Al Burks, friend of Kristie Williams, is undergoing radiation treatments. Jason Hancock, friend of Kristie Williams, underwent brain surgery on November 3. Anne Andrews, aunt of David Andrews, suffered a fall and broke her pelvic bone.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Peggy Dixon in the death of her mother, Mary Gwen McEwen on Friday, November 6. The funeral was held Sunday.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Paul & Marcy Manning are the proud grandparents of a 6 lb. 3 oz. girl, Lillian Rae, born on November 8, to Joel & Wendy Hoomes of Birmingham.

**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY:** The distribution day is November 21. If you can help with distribution, please see the sign up sheet at the information center in the foyer. Contact Dennis Grossman with any questions.

**THANK YOU!** Oh my goodness, words can't express how you have all warmed our hearts! We are so thankful for your calls, support, encouraging words, and especially your PRAYERS. Thanks to your prayers, Warren will be back on the field. He has a lot of inflammation in his lower back that has to calm down first. Again, thank you. Please continue to pray.

Sincerely, Cindy McGriff

**THE TUESDAY CLASS** will meet November 17 at 10:00 a.m. in room A-3.

**THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE** will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 22 in room A-3.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL:** There will be no meals Wednesday, November 18 & Tuesday, November 24.

**MID-WEEK SERVICE** will be held on Tuesday, November 24, beginning at 6:30 p.m. the week of Thanksgiving. Everyone will meet in the worship center for a special Thanksgiving service. There will be no classes on this night.

**PIE FELLOWSHIP:** Following our special Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 24, we will have a pie fellowship. Bring your favorite pies and don't forget drinks.

**COMMUNITY BILLBOARD:** United Way of Cullman County will have the 6th Annual Taste of Cullman and silent auction on Tuesday, November 17, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Cullman Church of Christ building. You may purchase a \$15 ticket in advance from United Way located in the Old Train Depot. All proceeds go to United Way of Cullman County's 18 agencies. Special edition LIVE UNITED tie dye t-shirts are available for \$10. All proceeds will go to the 18 United Way of Cullman County's Partners. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jacqueline Schendel at United Way - 739-2948.

Calendar of Events	NOVEMBER
	17 Tuesday Class
	24 Tuesday Class
	24 Mid-week Service-No classes
	24 Pie Fellowship
	26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday Church Office Closed

sharing our house for worship with our Hispanic brethren in Cullman as we worship together. We opened our home, our building, to the community. The County School Administrators used our building to meet and plan as well as the State 9-1-1 EMA directors. Fellowship meals offered us the opportunity to be together and the community was through our Angel Food Ministry. Receptions were held to celebrate upcoming marriages. Our Children's Hour of Worship continues to grow and reach out into our community. Some are attending our church just because their children have the opportunity to participate in CHOW and they saw it on our website. We wish to thank Tony Shaddix for all his hard work in keeping our website current, active and up to date. Care groups met at the building to study and fellowship. We had baptisms at the jail through the jail ministry as well as during worship and we had seniors served and many other ministries supported. But most importantly, Bible teaching occurred and God was worshipped. What a special house we are blessed with. Additionally we adjusted our service times and as a result, our Bible Study attendance has seen a significant increase. We also adjusted the order of our worship service to better accommodate our guests and we have seen improvement in our men's service who come early to help us prepare to make our worship the best it can be, but we still have room for improvement. It is such an honor to serve in worship and we appreciate the talents of all the men who take part. We had to discontinue our TV production due to our current contribution shortage but we hope to get that going again soon. But as one door closed another opened as Jimmy Dale and Debbie Burgess blessed us with the opportunity to broadcast our worship service live over AM 1340 in Cullman. We are uniquely blessed with all the different talent and skills that exist in our church family. We realize many families are struggling in our current economy and many are searching for employment and the elders continue to pray for each family. We are financially stable even with our contribution not meeting budget, however, as a result we have had to ask deacons and ministry leaders to reduce their budgets by 20%. As we reviewed the budget this past week, the reductions are achieving what is required and what we anticipated and we appreciate the understanding and support of all the deacons and ministry leaders that are working with us during this difficult time in our economy. So many are also stepping up to make in-kind donations of time, resources and service to eliminate our need for further reductions. We had asked the congregation to consider an increase in their contribution of 15% which would allow our church family to meet budget. For those who can and have we thank you so much. If you haven't, we would ask you to prayerfully consider what you can do. We also realize those families struggling can't right now, so others may be in a position to do more and step in for them. We aren't requesting equal giving, but equal sacrifice as a family. If we all do our part, no one suffers and the Lord is glorified. From time to time we all must review our priorities and we thank and praise everyone for your continued generosity to our church family and the Lord's work. "You are the light of the world, a city set on a hill cannot be hid". Matt 5:14. We are what the world sees when they see Jesus and we always want to do our best for Him..... We love you all, you are in our prayers and please call on us if we can serve you in any way.

The Elders



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November 15-22 Sew

## Area Events

First Annual Ladies Day at the Blessing Church of Christ, Albertville. Speaker: Sheila Butt, November 21, 8:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Area Wide Singing at Tenth Street Church of Christ, Opelika, AL, Friday, November 20, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Ladies Day at Oneonta Church of Christ, Saturday, November 14, Registration - 8:15 a.m. Speaker: Cheryl Arabie

Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat, February 17-20, 2010, Speakers: Phillip Hines, Hartselle, AL and David Shannon, Mt. Juliet, TN

## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 15 Katherine Hudson
- 16 Coyal & Ethel Moyer, Darren & Kelly Wallace
- 17 Lane Donaldson
- 18 George McElroy
- 19 Donna Gossett, Sue Graves, DeWayne Graves
- 20 Bobby Ellenburg
- 21 Kelsey Yancey
- 22 Hali Foshee, Don Voce, Kyle Watts
- 23 Sharon Craig
- 24 Dewell Jones, Makayla Swann, Drew Van Winkle, Garrison Sharpe
- 25 Mike Martin
- 26 Stephen Skinner
- 27 Diana Sims, Elise Payne
- 28 Amber Washington

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed please call the church office with this information.

WEEKLY RECORD	
Bible Classes.....	278
Morning Assembly.....	339
Evening Assembly.....	162
Wednesday.....	226
Contribution.....	\$12,933
Weekly Budget.....	\$15,612
Budget to Date Total.....	\$702,540
Average Weekly Contribution to Date.....	\$12,391
Year to Date 2008 Contribution.....	\$587,435
Year to Date 2009 Contribution.....	\$557,578

ELDERS \*contact elder for month  
 Max Bartlett  
*Facility & Grounds*  
*Family Life & Edification*  
 Del Brock  
*Worship*  
*Education Ministry*  
*Family Life & Edification*  
 Raymond Burleson  
*Finance*  
*Facility & Grounds*  
*Family Life & Edification*  
 John Symonds  
*Facility & Grounds*  
*Family Life & Edification*  
 Jim Wright  
*Technology*  
*Outreach & Evangelism*  
*Administration*  
*Family Life & Edification*  
 Jim Yoho\*  
*Outreach & Evangelism*  
*Family Life & Edification*  
*Care Group Ministry*

DEACONS  
 Rodney Chambers  
*Building & Grounds*  
*Tweenagers*  
 Milton Chaney  
*Outreach*  
 Jerry Collins  
*Adopt-A-Mile*  
*Special Project Grounds*  
*Library*  
 Bob Echols  
*Missions*  
 Jonathan Echols  
*Missions*  
*Jr. & Sr. High Education*  
*Wiggleworms*  
 Chris Gambrell  
*Announcements*  
*Elementary Education(1st - 6th Grades)*  
 Gene Green  
*Missions*  
*Welcome Home*  
*Ladies Ministry*  
 Dennis Grossman  
*Angel Food Ministry*  
*Web Site*  
 Clayton Hayes  
*Childhaven*  
*Disaster Relief*  
*Benevolence*  
 Johnny Hope  
*P.M. Worship Preparation*  
*Janitorial Services*  
*Heating & Cooling*  
*Van Maintenance*  
*Building & Grounds*  
*Jr. & Sr. High Education*  
*Worship Appointments*  
 Craig Jackson  
*Jr. & Sr. High Education*  
*Heating & Cooling*  
 Doug King  
*Special Singing*  
*A.M. Worship Preparation*  
*Computer Audio Visual*  
*Advertising*  
*TV Production*  
 Matt Manning  
*Grounds*  
*Special Projects*  
 Rusty Nelson  
*Contribution*  
*College Class*  
*Benevolence*

DEACONS (continued)  
 Brandon Payne  
*Web Site*  
*Jr. & Sr. High Education*  
*Adult Education*  
 Gary Powell  
*Fellowships*  
 Milt Ruebush  
*Primetimers*  
*Cream of the Crop*  
*Information Center*  
*Greeters*  
 Jeff Sanford  
*Security & Keys*  
*Benevolence*  
*Special Fellowship*  
*Multipurpose Room*  
 Tony Shadix  
*Web Site*  
*Kids for Christ*  
*Tweenagers*  
 Dewey Sims  
*Special Singing*  
*Home Worship*  
*Jail Ministry*  
*Benevolence*  
*Visitation*  
*Prime Timers*  
*Homebound Visit*  
 Eddy Sparkman  
*Correspondence Ministry*  
*Budget*  
*Policy & Administration*  
 Tim Thrasher  
*Childhaven*  
*Evangelism Classes*  
*LTC*  
*Adult Education*  
*Vacation Bible School*  
 Jason Tielking  
*Correspondence Ministry*  
*Pictorial Directory*  
 Charles Williams  
*World Bible School*  
*Benevolence*  
*Prime Timers*  
*Homebound Visit*

## MINISTRY LEADERS

Mike Callan  
*Heating & Cooling*  
 Marilyn Campbell  
*Information Center*  
 Billy Conquest  
*Contribution*  
 Mike Donaldson  
*Announcements*  
 Nesha Donaldson  
*Budget & Finance*  
 Dale Earwood  
*Greet Guests*  
 Bobby Ellenburg  
*Bible Correspondence Course*  
 Phyllis Harness  
*School Supplies*  
*ER Teddy Bears*  
 Roger Hestla  
*Jail Ministry*  
 Debra Hudson  
*Bridal & Baby Showers*  
 Wrenda Humphrey  
*Food Teams Coordinator*  
 Jessica Johnson  
*Library*  
 Alice Lackey  
*Seniors Program*  
 Monica Nelson  
*Nursery*  
 Barbara Nooner  
*School Supplies*  
 Sandy Parker  
*Vacation Bible School*  
 Stephen Skinner  
*Announcements*  
 Rodger Walling  
*Contribution*  
*Disaster Relief*  
*Seniors Program*  
 Bernie Westmoreland  
*Benevolence*  
 Frank Whitman  
*Announcements*  
*Contribution*

**OUR MISSION: loving God, loving people and serving the world**