

Youth Minister
Tim Moore

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Youth Deacons

Craig Jackson
Johnny Hope
Jonathan Echols
Brandon Payne

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my

joy

complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourself.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-3

Sunday Mornings
7th & 8th Grades
Possessions, Priorities,
Work of Christ

9th -12th Grades
1 & 11 Kings

Wednesday Night
7th & 8th Grades
"Acts" Part 2

9th-12th Grades
Living Under Gods
Authority-Living Worship

Come and join our study
from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

ages 2 thru 6th Grades

Lock In

There will be a Lock In New Year's eve from 7:00 p.m. through New Year's day at 7:00 a.m. The night will include: bowling, video games, basketball, food, and a host of other games. Cost for the night will be around \$10-\$15. We will have a Battle of the Bands.



3rd-6th Grades

LTC Scrapbooking will not meet in December.

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: As of December 6, our KFC and Wiggleworms classes are no longer meeting. 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.

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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.

Sunday 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study Sunday 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Hispanic Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m. Chapel



December 27, 2009

Greeters.....Main Entry: Eddy & Jennifer Sparkman
Main West Entry: Winn Williams, Rusty NelsonCarport: Max & Janet Bartlett
Welcome & Announcements.....Mike Donatson
Scripture ReadingClayton Hale
Song Leader.....Tim Clemmons
Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Echols
LessonKen Forrest
Communion & Contribution.....Jim Yoho, presiding

East Side 2	East Side 1	West Side 1	West Side 2	Alternates
5. David Jones	1. Leon Brown	1. Billy Conquest	5. Mike Burleson	George McElroy
6. John Symonds	2. Ron Esterak	2. Frank Skinner	6. Chuck Paine	Ron Monk
7. Charles Williams	3. Milton Chaney	3. Jim Yoho	7. Neal Cagle	Tony Shadix
8. Jerry Collins	4. Clayton Hayes	4. Roy Bell	8. Brandon Brown	Sean Hope

Closing Prayer.....Ron Esterak
SoundRoomAudio.....Debbie Powell
Video.....Carol Clemmons
Security.....David Andrews
Ushers.....Eddy Sparkman, Rodger Walling
Information Center Attendant.....Peggy Callan

Nursery

Monthly Coordinator.....Monica Nelson
Morning Attendants.....Phyllis Harness, Barbara Nooner
Evening Attendants.....Tracey Andrews, Susie Sisk

Evening Assembly

Greeters...Main Entry..Tim & Lana Moore.....West Main.....David & Tracey Andrews
Song Leader.....Blake Van Winkle
Opening Prayer.....Del Brock
Lesson.....Ken Forrest
Closing Prayer.....Wayne Sisk
Serve Communion.....John Symonds, Clayton Hayes
Sound Room.....Audio.....Debbie Powell
Video.....Carol Clemmons
Security.....Darren Wallace
Information Center Attendant.....Phyllis Harness

Weekly Bible Correspondence Course Graders

Charles & Alyne Williams, Sue Hill, Tracey Andrews, Debbie Wright, Melissa Baker, Phyllis Harness
Assemble Correspondence Lessons for Mailing.....Rick Williams, Jr.

Sunday Bible Class: Mike Callan
Attendance Count for December
Sunday Worship: Ron Monk **Wednesday:** Raymond Burleson

Wednesday, December 30

Information Center Attendant.....Ron Monk
GreetersMonica Nelson
Sound RoomDoug King
Security:Daryl Haga

Sunday, December 27, 2009

Family Matters

BAPTISM:

Justin Childress
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Cullman, AL 35056

KEN'S PEN

Are You Cumbering the Ground?

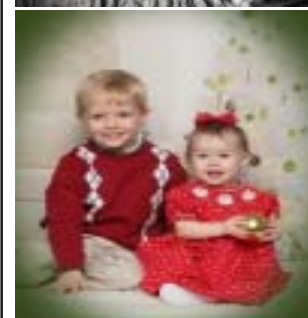
The parable of the barren fig tree (Luke 13:6-9) was originally aimed at the Jewish race in forecast of their impending doom. However, because the basic principles contained therein are applicable for all time, this parable becomes a warning to Christians who themselves are in danger of "cumbering (wasting) the ground" (KJV). Most of us began the Christian life with the hope and intention of doing great things for Christ. Yet, through years of disappointment, we may have lost some of the initial zeal that radiated from us as new Christians.

As this fig tree was planted in a well-tended vineyard (v. 6), so also is the Christian "planted" within the nourishing environment of a local church family (Heb. 10:24; Gal. 6:2). We are given every opportunity for growth as we draw strength from fellow Christians, realizing from whom our ultimate strength is derived (1 Cor. 3:6-9).

Unfortunately, in the process of time, the fig tree had failed to be fruitful. Nevertheless, a final opportunity was given in the hope that additional care would bring about the desired effect (vv. 7,8). This same concern is expressed toward us: The Lord is not willing that any should perish (2 Pet. 3:9); He is merciful in that He has allowed ample time for repentance (Rom. 2:4). Though some may spend a lifetime in avoidance of God's judgment, the time will eventually come...and unannounced! (1 Ths. 5:1-3; Mat. 24:36-42).

As the fig tree is finally cut down because of its failure to produce fruit (v. 9), so also is the Christian called to account for his refusal to bear fruit for the Lord: The unfruitful shall be thrown into the fire and burned (John 15:2-6). Although the forbearance and longsuffering of God may be great, there will come an end to his tolerance of unfaithfulness (Heb. 10:26-31).

As growing and conscientious Christians, we need to keep the thoughts of this parable ever before us, lest we stumble into its fate. Those of us who struggle with the trials of this life should take advantage of the opportunities that we now have, and place our trust in the prize that awaits the faithful (Gal. 6:7-9). A word to the wise is sufficient: There is no hope for the sinner...unless he repents and turns to God!



We Are Family

Ephesians 3:14-15

Prayer Requests

Cullman:
 Jackie Burkett
 Bill Callan
 Margaret Chambers
 E.O. Creel
 Jennifer Garcia
 Buel & Kathleen Godfrey
 Milburn Greer
 George & Phyllis Harness
 Frances Heatherly
 Christine Hope
 Craig Jackson
 Coyal & Ethel Moyer
 Virginia Parker
 Willard & Shelby Pyles
 Judy Sisk
 Manuel Whisenant

Family & Friends:

Anne Andrews, aunt of David Andrews
 Derek Barber, nephew of Gary & Janet Logan
 Cecil & Phyllis Bobo
 Cody Brown, great nephew of Carol Clemmons
 Alicia Chadwick, Godfrey's granddaughter
 Tammy Davis, friend of Rex & Jessica Johnson
 Tommy Drake, neighbor of Rodger Walling
 Carl Griffin, son of Marjorie
 James Guffey, husband of friend of Judy Sisk
 Eloise Harkness, aunt of Denise Griffin & Belinda Hyatt
 Chester Hicks, friend of Del & Sheila Brock
 Trillis Hightower, friend of Mike & Peggy Callan
 Janie Keller, friend of Jackie Donaldson
 Lois Long, mother of Kathy Yoho
 Elva Lee Parker, aunt of Glenda McClroy
 Misty Rainwater, friend of Wendy Tysinger
 Midge Ratliff, mother of Rex Johnson
 Paula Tankersley, friend of Chris Gambrell
 Pride Turner, step-brother of Leslie Echols
 Albert Wallace, father of Darren Wallace
 Phillip Whisenant, son of Manuel
 Mike Woods, cousin of George McClroy
 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
 Ben Michael, grandson of Charles & Maude Rutledge
 Chris Reese, cousin of Rodger Walling
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 Josh Willoughby, son-in-law of Tim & Carol Clemmons

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

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: **Bill Callan** continues his recovery at home. **Nesha Donaldson** is recovering from surgery at home. **Kathleen Godfrey** continues her recovery at home. **Kacy Forrest** is recovering from gall bladder surgery at home. **Gene Lindsey** is undergoing tests. **Angela Higginbotham**, daughter-in-law of Jeanie continues her recovery at home. **Maxine Winn**, mother of Patricia Williams, is recovering from heart surgery at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, TN. **Linda Bucannan**, friend of Wendy Tysinger, has been diagnosed with cancer and will have surgery on December 30 and begin treatments soon after surgery. **Roger Johnson**, grandfather of Kristie Williams, is recovering from pneumonia at home.

WELCOME: Darin & Stacy Suggs, Deven & Olivia, 1740 Warnke Road, Cullman, AL 35055, Phone: 865-804-6448

CONGRATULATIONS: Homer & Virginia Parker will celebrate their 60th Wedding anniversary on December 24th.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will close on Thursday & Friday, December 31 and January 1 for the New Year's Holiday.

PRIMETIMERS DINNER: Our Primetimer members, age 55 and older, are invited to bring a covered dish and join us for our Primetimers Dinner on Tuesday, January 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Angie Jochum from Cullman Parks & Recreation will present information on Senior Spirit activities and events.

ATTENTION Scrapbook Divas! Kristie Williams is heading up the Cullman Church of Christ "Ladies night out" Scrapbooking Club! If you are interested in this, please see the information sheet in the foyer for more information!

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY: January menus are available at the information center in the foyer. The order deadline is Wednesday, January 13. The distribution day is Saturday, January 23. 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.

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL: There will be no Wednesday evening meals until after the first of the year.

Calendar of Events	DECEMBER
	24-25 Office Closed
	31 Office Closed
	JANUARY
	1 Office Closed
	12 Primetimers 5:30 p.m.
	13 Angel Food Ministry Order Deadline
	23 Angel Food Ministry Distribution

some of our families for Thanksgiving and gifts for our students from the GIFT Program. You have shown compassion and kindness to these families by helping them with food, Christmas gifts and clothing for their children. What a wonderful way to minister to the hearts and needs of the families of our community. The families are truly grateful, as are the teachers and staff who work with these precious children.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sparkman, CCPS Counselor

Heather Battles, CCHS Family Service Manager

THANK YOU: Thanks to everyone for the cards, phone calls, and prayers during my recent surgery.

I love you all! Nesha Donaldson



Join us to watch the BCS Championship Game between Alabama and Texas on January 7, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. on the big screen in the teen room. Bring finger foods, drinks and your favorite tailgating chair as we cheer on our favorite team. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Parker.



ER BEARS

Take a break in December

Area Events

Walker County Area Wide Acappella Singing, Friday, January 8, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Sixth Ave Church of Christ in Jasper

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

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 27 Dennis & Patsy Grossman, Michele Westmoreland Leah McGriff, Jason Tielking
- 28 Barbara Nooner, Melanie Talley
- 29 Kent Gable, Rosa Juarez, Jim & Debbie Wright, April Talley
- 31 Mike & Wonda Martin, Cara Gadow

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Bill & Doris Callan, Jeff & Cindy McGriff
- 2 David Jones
- 3 Dewey Sims, Lisa Franklin, Kristen Stroud
- 5 Phyllis Harness, Malorie Swann
- 6 John Symonds
- 7 Brandon Brown, Clara England, Ron Monk
- 8 Sandy Parker, Jeanenne Skinner, Melinda Willingham Ella Thomas
- 9 Raymond & Ann Burleson, Chuck Paine

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

WEEKLY RECORD

Bible Classes.....	235
Morning Assembly.....	394
Evening Assembly.....	152
Wednesday.....	214
Contribution.....	\$10,462
Weekly Budget.....	\$15,612
Budget to Date Total.....	\$796,212
Average Weekly Contribution to Date.....	\$12,817
Year to Date 2008 Contribution.....	\$676,121
Year to Date 2009 Contribution.....	\$653,680

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
 Childhaven
Clayton Hayes
 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 Hestia
 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
Barnie Westmoreland
 Benevolence
Frank Whitman
 Announcements
 Contribution