

LEADERSHIP/STAFF

Elders

- James Anderson
- Ben Coxwell
- Benn Keevan
- Billy Lambert
- Curte Stitt
- Robert Tyree

Ministers

- Ray Reynolds
PULPIT MINISTER
- Eric Whittle
YOUTH & FAMILY
- Billy Lambert
GTKYB MINISTRY
- Steve Yager
OUTREACH MINISTRY

Deacons

- Micah Allen
- Tyler Gill
- Daniel Henry
- Terry Nicholson
- Ray Reynolds
- Dan Robinson
- Casey Tomecek
- Steve Yager

Secretaries

- Sandy Daugherty
- Christy Gill

TIMES OF SERVICE:

SUNDAYS

AM Bible Classes - 9AM
Worship - 10AM
PM Bible Classes - 5PM

(Infant nursery & Sensory Room are located near the front entrance. Ask a Greeter at the Welcome Table to show you!)

WEDNESDAYS

Adult Bible Class- 10AM
Bible Classes - 6:30PM

WEBSITE / LIVESTREAM:

www.summerdalechurch.org

LOCATION/CONTACT:

1070 Hwy 59 S. - PO Box 314
Summerdale, AL 36580
Office Directory: 251-989-7748
Fax: 251-989-6253
Office Email:
summerdalechurchoffice@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9AM-3PM
After 1PM: Appointment Only

ONLINE GIVING:

summerdalechurch.org/give
You may also scan the QR code:



Cindy Hatcher is available for counseling appointments in person or via ZOOM. Call 251-263-3100 for an appointment.

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PRAYER LIST

SCOC MEMBERS: PLEASE ADD THESE NEW NAMES TO YOUR PRAYER LIST:

- Larry Cason had shoulder replacement on 2/17.
- Tyler Gill: Oral surgery this past Friday.
- Andy Gordon: Home; still struggling w/ multiple issues.
- Terry Lyle had gallbladder surgery 2/18.

SHUT-INS & HOMEBOUND: PLEASE SEND CARDS, CALL, & VISIT WHEN POSSIBLE.

- Yvonne Collier
- Tim Howell
- Ella Mae Kellerman - (Seagrass Village in Daphne)
- Lamar & Mary Kelley: Mary is on hospice.
- Paul & Rosemary Kitchens
- Joyce Norris
- Linda Smith
- Tina Welch
- Myra Wright - Haven Memory Care

FAMILY/FRIENDS:

- Leslie Beckley: Robert Anderson's sister: Ovarian Cancer.
- Timber Bowles: Yager's nephew: B-cell Acute Leukemia
- Diane Chamblee: Geraldean Yager's daughter
- Mark Chaney: Lisa Rider's father: Lung Cancer.
- Matt Coxwell - (Ben's brother) Kidney Cancer.
- Lilly Gunn: 17 yr. old Granddaughter of Connie.
- Jennifer Houston: Louis Smith's daughter
- Gardner Kesterson: 4 yr old at SCA w/ Leukemia.
- Cecil Ledbetter: Matilda's brother. Multiple health issues.
- Fred Lincoln: Barbara Howell's nephew. Colon cancer.
- Rene McDonald's mom: Rose David: Thyroid cancer.
- Lorraine Merchant: Cancer.
- Danny Morgan: Ken's brother
- Shawna Page: Ray's sister: Uterine Cancer; awaiting surgery.
- Amy Rickard: Stage 4 cancer. Undergoing treatment.
- Debbie Schwartz
- Rhonda Smith: GTKYB listener.
- Marcline Underwood: Gary's mother: Eastern Shore Rehab.
- Saylor Wade: Lacy Blake's granddaughter: PURA syndrome.
- Tim Wright - Candy Allen's Father: Cancer

MILITARY:

- Fischer Carr - Hawaii
- Jared Phillips - US Coast Guard
- Zane Rider
- Gisela Santos - Stationed in Japan.
- Gabriel & Destiny Stephens - Air Force, stationed in TX.

MISSIONARIES:

- Jeff Abrams (Ukraine)
- Andy Erwin (McGarvey College of the Bible)
- Wayne Pruette (Guyana)

If you need to add or take someone off the prayer list, please email Christy by 3PM Wednesday: summerdalechurchoffice@gmail.com



SUMMERDALE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

ORDER OF WORSHIP: 3/1

Welcome/Prayer: Benn Keevan
Lead Singing: Ray Reynolds
Opening Prayer: Marco Toledo, Jr.
Communion/Off. Lead: Eric Whittle
Serving:

- Micah Allen
- Dallion Blake
- Ben Coxwell
- Kelvin Farrington
- Keith Hawkins
- Johnnie Myers

Scripture Reading: Chase Joiner
Ephesians 5:22-29
Sermon: Billy Lambert
Closing Remarks
Closing Prayer: Wayne Herring

Sunday PM Devo: Alan Jopson

March: Mike Marlowe & Robert Tyree
(Contact Robert Tyree if unable to work security.)

***If you are not able to serve at the time you've been scheduled, please contact Tyler Gill ASAP so someone else can be assigned.



Visitor Registration

Welcome Visitors!

Please fill out one of our Connection Cards, located on the Welcome Table, (also in your Visitor Bag) or you may scan the QR code with your smartphone to fill it out online. We'd love the opportunity to get to know YOU!

THE WONDER OF Married Love

Ephesians 5:22-29

I. SACRIFICIAL LOVE. (v.28)

II. CARING LOVE (v.28)

III. UNBREAKABLE LOVE (v.31)

NEWS & UPDATES

Welcome

FAMILY 1ST

at Summerdale Church of Christ

Speaker: Billy Lambert

MARCH 1ST

BIBLE CLASS @ 9 AM
MORNING WORSHIP @ 10 AM
FELLOWSHIP MEAL @ 11 AM
AFTERNOON SERVICE @ NOON



Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

Visitors: You are our honored guests!

Please fill out the card in your welcome bag & drop it in the collection plate as it passes. Or, you may scan the QR code on the front of this bulletin. All visitors, new members, and those with a March birthday/anniversary are asked to be first in line for our meal!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesdays: 10AM: Ladies Teddy Bear Class.
- 3/1: Wedding shower for Hayden & Haley Joiner immediately following 12PM service.
- 3/22: Teen Area Wide @ Eastern Shore Church of Christ. Leave @ 2:30PM.
- 3/22: 2PM: Devo w/ residents @ Country Place in Foley.
- 3/29: 3:30 PM: VBS Meeting. See Eric for Details
- 3/29: Teen Devotional after PM Service. Details to come.
- 4/2-5: Lads 2 Leaders Convention
- 4/12: 4PM: Teacher's Meeting: ALL teachers encouraged to attend!



Summerdale Youth Group
Growing in Faith, Hope and Love

THE DISCIPLINE OF THE WORD

Our theme this year is "Growing in Christ," and growth is never accidental. Anything that grows—whether it's a garden, a marriage, or a faith—grows because it is nurtured consistently over time. That's why, for the month of March, I want to focus our bulletin articles on a simple but powerful theme: **Spiritual Disciplines**. These are the steady habits God uses to grow His people—things like being in the Word, prayer, worship, and service. They may not always feel "exciting," but they are

the roots that keep faith strong when life gets busy, hard, or distracting. Our goal isn't to create a burst of motivation that fades in a week. It's to develop consistency—so that we can truly grow in Christ in a lasting way.

And this matters for our kids and teens as much as it does for adults. Our young people are growing up in a world that is loud, confusing, and full of competing voices. If we want them to stand firm, they need more than good memories from church—they need deep roots in God's truth. And those roots are grown through discipline.

One of the most important spiritual disciplines in the Christian life is simply this: **spending time in God's Word**. Not occasional, not when life is hard but consistently diving into God's word and letting it shape our hearts, strengthen our faith, and guide our steps.

Psalm 1 paints a powerful picture of what happens when a person is rooted in Scripture. It says the blessed man's "delight is in the law of the Lord," and that he "meditates day and night." The result? "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water... and whatever he does shall prosper" (Psalm 1:2-3). That doesn't mean life will always be easy. It means your life will be **stable**. Nourished. Grounded. Fruitful.

But let's be honest, Bible reading takes discipline. We're busy. We're distracted. We're tired. And if we wait until we "feel like it," we won't do it much at all. That's why it's called a discipline. It's choosing what we need most, even when it's not the easiest choice.

The Word of God doesn't just give us information, it brings transformation. It teaches our kids what is true when the world gets confusing. It gives our teens wisdom when they feel pressure, temptation, or doubt. It reminds all of us who God is and whose we are.

And if we want our kids to love the Word, they need to see us loving it too. They need to grow up in homes where the Bible isn't just something we carry to church—it's something we open, read, and live by. Parents, grandparents, and church family, your example matters more than you realize.

So here's the challenge for this week: make time for the Word. Start small if you need to. Read a chapter a day. Read with your family. Ask your child what they learned in class. Encourage your teen to bring their Bible and take notes. But don't neglect the discipline that keeps your roots deep. Because when we are rooted in the Word, we are rooted in the voice of God.

Always remember—you are loved.

Eric

Sunshine Corner

PULPIT MINISTER - RAY REYNOLDS
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**WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH (PART 2):
RESTORING THE NEW TESTAMENT
PATTERN OF COMMUNION & PRAYER**

Have you ever wondered why we do what we do in worship? Studying the worship of the 1st-century church offers a window into a period of profound simplicity and sincerity, stripped of the complex traditions and institutional layers that developed over the following millennia. Their practices prioritize authentic community and shared life, reminding us that worship was originally centered on intimate gatherings and mutual support rather than large-scale production. By returning to these foundations, we can rediscover a radical devotion that thrived on conviction and spiritual vitality, even in the face of significant cultural and political pressure.

Last week we focused on the singing of the early Christians. We noted the profound simplicity of the worship. Singing was done without the accompaniment of musical instruments. Worship was simple, personal and effective. In this article I want to focus on communion (the Lord's Supper) and prayer.

In many religious groups, "Communion" is a monthly, quarterly, or even yearly event. However, when we look at the pattern of the early church, we find a different frequency. "Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them..." (Acts 20:7). Because every week has a "first day," we believe the New Testament example directs us to partake of the Lord's Supper every Sunday.

The Lord's supper or communion (I Corinthians 10:16) consists of two things: (1) unleavened bread (without yeast) and (2) the fruit of the vine (grape juice, unfermented wine). It is the highlight of our week—a time to quiet our minds, examine our hearts, and remember the staggering price paid for our sins. The purpose of the Lord's Supper is to bring to our remembrance the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus on the cross for our sins (Matthew 26:26-29). We must be very careful when we partake of the communion that we discern the blood and body of Jesus so that we partake in a worthy manner (I Corinthians 11:23-30). Christians are to eat the Lord's Supper every first day of every week (Acts 20:7).

Worship is a conversation. In prayer, we speak to God. In the preaching of the Word, God speaks to us. Our prayers are not recited from a book or repeated by rote tradition. They are the sincere outpourings of the congregation led by men of the church, addressed to the Father in the name of Jesus, our Mediator (I Timothy 2:5). Prayers offered to God are to be a part of our public worship as well as our private daily devotions. Both help us grow stronger in the Lord.

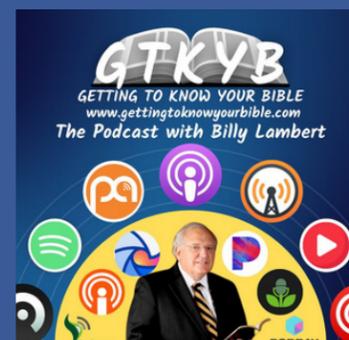
There are many examples of prayer in the New Testament (I Timothy 2:1-8, Philippians 4:6, etc.). In our prayers to God we give thanks and praise His name. In our prayers we can pray for our needs and for the needs of others. Jesus gave us a "model" prayer in Matthew 6:5-15. He did not intend for us simply to repeat this prayer by rote but gave it as an example by which we could pattern our own prayers. Jesus Christ is our mediator and high priest. Therefore, our prayers must be addressed to God in the name of Jesus (John 16:23, I Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 4:14-16, I John 2:1-2).

Weekly communion and prayer centers a believer's identity in grace and gratitude, creating a spiritual "reset" that helps maintain a sense of peace amidst the chaos of the work week. These acts of worship serve as a continuous mental and spiritual anchor, transforming mundane daily tasks into opportunities for mindfulness and connection to a higher purpose. Don't miss a Sunday! Have a great week!

You Are Loved,
Ray

MARCH - ELDER OF THE MONTH: BENN KEEVAN

If you have a concern that needs to be brought to the attention of the elders, please contact the Elder Of The Month, who will be listed in the newsletter each week.



WHERE CAN I FIND GTKYB?

GTKYB Podcasts: Most Platforms
PRAY TV: WEDNESDAY 10:30AM
PRAY RADIO: M-F 12PM CST
YOUTUBE MUSIC
BBSRADIOTV.COM - STATION 2: M-F 1:30PM-1:59PM
DIRECTV: Faith Broadcasting Network
Sundays 5PM CST - DirecTV 379
DISH NETWORK: Binge TV
Sundays 9AM CST
GREATER LOVE TV: Most Streaming Platforms
The Heartland Network
Stream 24/7 on our YouTube Channel
www.gettingtoknowyourbible.com



Plastic, candy filled Easter egg donations accepted & appreciated!

Senior Sunday will coincide with our Family 1st on Sunday May 3rd.

Senior families: Please turn in your pictures if you would like to be included in the slideshow. Deadline is Sunday, March 22nd. Please give them to Andrea, Eric, or Christy!

CRAFT & SNACK SUPPLIES OF THE MONTH:
WATER COLOR PAINTS
SINGLE SERVE CHIP BAGS
ROARING WATERS CAPRI SUNS

