

LEADERSHIP/STAFF

Elders

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

Deacons

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

Ministers

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

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
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summerdalechurchoffice@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS: OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NEXT WEEK FOR CHRISTMAS

Mon-Thurs: 9AM-1PM
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.

Find us on Facebook@scocalabama

PRAYER LIST

SCOC MEMBERS:

- Bonnie Alvis
- Three Blake: Undergoing cancer treatment at MD Anderson.
- Lyndia Daugherty
- Joe Gill: Recovering from knee replacement on 11/20.
- Diane Keevan & Family: Loss of sister, DeLo Johnson. Diane & Benn have travelled to Tuscaloosa for her service.
- Becky Nicholson
- Misty Reynolds
- Patti Waters

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

- Yvonne Collier
- Tim Howell
- Ella Mae Kellerman - (The 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 in Gulf Shores

FAMILY/FRIENDS:

- Couple in Bayou La Batre that lost their baby.
- Timber Bowles: Yager's nephew: B-cell Acute Leukemia
- Evie & Junie Boulware: Daniel Henry's nieces born premature.
- Diane Chamblee: Geraldean Yager's daughter
- Mark Chaney: Lisa Rider's father: Stage 3 Small Cell Carcinoma Lung Cancer. Undergoing chemo.
- Matt Coxwell - (Ben's brother) Kidney Cancer.
- Ryan Davis: Friend of Jerry/Sandy: 2nd stroke; in therapy.
- Betty Edgar: Loss of husband, Jerry Nelson, last week.
- Lilly Gunn: 17 yr. old Granddaughter of Connie: Multiple surgeries in Boston this month.
- Christina Hartman: Gallbladder surgery 12/18
- Cindy Hatcher: Knee replacement 11/10.
- Jennifer Houston: Louis Smith's daughter
- Cecil Ledbetter: Matilda's brother. Multiple health issues.
- Fred Lincoln: Barbara Howell's nephew. Stage 4 colon cancer.
- Rene McDonald's mom: Rose David: Thyroid cancer.
- Amy Rickard: Stage 4 cancer. Undergoing treatment.
- Debbie Schwartz
- Matthew Shelton: Daniel Henry's cousin: Lymphoma.
- Marcline Underwood: Gary's mother: Eastern Shore Rehab.
- Saylor Wade: Lacy Blake's granddaughter: PURA syndrome.
- Tim Wright - Candy Allen's Father: Cancer

MILITARY:

- Tyler Allen: (Bonnie Coxwell's nephew) Guam
- 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: 12/21

Welcome/Prayer: Robert Tyree

Lead Singing: Eric Whittle

Opening Prayer: Ken Morgan

Comm/Offering: Kile Votaw

- Kelving Farrington
- Tyler Gill
- Keith Hawkins
- Daniel Henry
- London McDonald
- Werner Wittmann

Scripture Reading: London McDonald
Philippians 4:4-9

Sermon: Ray Reynolds

Closing Remarks

Closing Prayer: Marcos Toledo

Sunday PM Devo: Alan Jopson

Security: Micah Allen & Mike Marlowe
(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.



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!

REVIVE OUR JOY

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

I. JOY IS FOUND IN THE GRACE GOD

- A. _____ WITH GRACE (PHILIPPIANS 1:2)
- B. _____ WITH GRACE (PHILIPPIANS 1:7)
- C. _____ WITH GRACE (PHILIPPIANS 4:23)

II. JOY IS FOUND IN JESUS CHRIST

- A. _____ IN CHRIST (PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6)
- B. _____ IN CHRIST (PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4)
- C. _____ IN CHRIST (PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11)

III. JOY IS FOUND IN KNOWING THE TRUTH

- A. _____ IS A KEY (PHILIPPIANS 1:18)
- B. _____ IS A KEY (PHILIPPIANS 3:9-11)
- C. _____ IS A KEY (PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14)

IV. JOY IS FOUND IN REAL CONTENTMENT

- A. BE _____ OF JOY (PHILIPPIANS 4:4)
- B. _____ IN THE LORD (PHILIPPIANS 4:5-12)
- C. FIND THE _____ (PHILIPPIANS 4:13)

NEWS & UPDATES

≡Welcome≡

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.

You may also scan the QR code on the front of this bulletin.



Tomorrow, December 22, we are seeking volunteers to assist residents at the Robertsdale Healthcare with caroling! We will gather at 6:10PM at the nursing home and then take the residents to visit each of the three nursing stations to sing *Rudolph* and *Jingle Bells*. We need at least 6 volunteers. All ages welcome. Please see Rick Schieber to let him know you will be there!



HOLIDAY WEEK CHANGES FOR 2025

WWW.SUMMERDALECHURCH.ORG

(Includes 10AM Classes)

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDWEEK CHANGE FROM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

NEW YEAR'S EVE MIDWEEK CHANGE FROM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

The “Teddy Bear Class” is postponed for the holidays. It will resume Tuesday, January 6, at 10AM!

Evening With Santa & Mrs. Claus!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **12/21: 2PM:** Devo w/ residents @ Country Place in Foley. See Steve Yager if you'd like to join!
- **12/22: 6:10PM:** Caroling w/ Residents @ Robertsdale Healthcare
- **12/23: 6:30PM:** Mid week service
- **12/27-30:** EYC: Please pray for safe travels for youth!
- **12/30: 6:30PM:** Mid week service
- **2/8/26:** Addressing An Audience Class begins. Sign up with Alan Jopson!



PEACE ON EARTH

This time of year, we hear the phrase “peace on earth” everywhere. It's printed on signs, sung in songs, and spoken in greetings. But if we're honest, the world doesn't feel very peaceful. Many families are stressed, schedules are packed, and hearts are heavy. So what does “peace on earth” really mean?

The Bible reminds us that true peace isn't found in perfect circumstances—it's found in a perfect Savior. When the angels announced Jesus' coming, they proclaimed peace because His arrival meant something deeper than a calm week or a quiet home. Jesus came to bring **peace between God and man**.

Romans 5:1 says, “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” That's the peace we need most. And once we have peace with God, He also offers peace **within us**, a steady, guarding peace even when life is loud and messy. Philippians 4:7 calls it “the peace of God... which surpasses all understanding.”

So as the world around us chases peace through distractions, money, or control, we have the opportunity to point people to the real source of peace: **Jesus Christ**. Not seasonal peace. Not pretend peace. Real peace.

My prayer this week is simple: that our homes, our church, and our hearts will be shaped by the peace Jesus gives, and that we will share that peace with everyone around us.

Always remember—you are loved.

Eric



Sonshine Corner

PULPIT MINISTER - RAY REYNOLDS
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GUEST WRITER: STEVEN YAGER

Merry Christmas - Merry Xmas - Happy Holidays. No matter what you say or call this time of year, it is still a celebration. But a celebration of what? Some people across the world are celebrating family. The warmth of getting together to share food and gifts. Some across the world are celebrating the birth of Christ. Some don't celebrate this time of year at all so as not to offend anyone or break any religious rules. But what should we celebrate as a Church? Should we be celebrating family, the birth of Christ or nothing at all? Well, to answer that question we need to get an understanding of where the celebration of December 25th, Christmas, comes from.

The celebration around this time of year dates back to the Roman Empire and the celebration of the winter Solstice. This was the ancient Roman Pagan midwinter festival that honored the Roman god Saturn. These celebrations became so riotous, binge drinking and ungodly that in the 4th century, Pope Julius I selected December 25th as the official date when 'Christians' would celebrate the birth of Jesus. Chosen to increase the likelihood that the celebrations would be embraced by Christians around the world over pagan traditions.

The non-religious celebration is credited to Charles Dickens when he published the classic novel 'A Christmas Carol' in 1843. This book changed the view to a time when kindness and charitable acts were seen as traditional, placing the emphasis of the festival as a time for families to be together. Through the years the Christmas tree was introduced by Queen Victoria's husband Prince Albert, Santa Clause was introduced by a monk named St. Nicholas that gave all his wealth away while traveling the countryside helping the poor and sick. The image we have of Santa Clause comes from a poem written by an Episcopal minister called 'An account of a visit from St. Nicholas', better known to us as 'Twas the night before Christmas'. There are many of our traditions that have been created throughout the years that we celebrate even today.

Now, which way should we as Christians celebrate Christmas? Let's see what the Bible says ... nothing. There is no Bible scripture that says the early Church celebrated Christmas. Therefore, we should not celebrate it as a religious holiday as it takes time out of our worship on the first day of the week, we don't add too worship or scripture (Rev. 22:18; Duet 4:2; Prov 30:6). But is it wrong to celebrate it as a whole in our society? There is no scripture that says it is wrong but if we go based on 1 Cor. 10:23-28 we can see that if we are helping others, as long as it doesn't go against our conscience, then it is ok to do it. Thus, if celebrating Christmas as Christ's birth can help others to see Christ as our Lord and Savior then celebrate it, as long as it doesn't go against your conscious and we are not adding to or taking away from our worship to God on the first day of the week. Now how about celebrating with family and Santa Clause? Well, scripture does tell us to love our neighbor (Mark 12:31; Matt. 22:39; Lk 10:27). Therefore, the time of year that helps us love our neighbor more is a time of year to celebrate.

Celebrating Christmas, December 25th, is something we all need to determine ourselves on how to celebrate. But God's word does tell us to love one another and especially love God. 1 Cor. 13:13 tells us that Faith, Hope and Love will remain no matter what and that Love is the greatest of them all. So as long as we are not adding to God's word and we are celebrating Christmas with love for others then we will remain.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,
Steven

DECEMBER - ELDER OF THE MONTH: ROBERT TYREE

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.



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DIRECTV: Faith Broadcasting Network

Sundays 5PM CST - DirecTV 379

DISH NETWORK: Binge TV

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