



# NEWS & UPDATES

## Welcome

Thank you for choosing to worship with us!

Visitors: You are our honored guests! Please fill out the card in your welcome bag & drop it in the collection plate. Or, you may scan the QR code on the front of this bulletin.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TUESDAYS 10AM:** "Sowing Sisters" meet in the fellowship hall.
- **7/9: 6:15PM:** Devo w/ residents @ Robertsdale Healthcare.
- **7/19: 2PM:** Devo w/ residents @ Country Place in Foley.
- **7/5: Family 1<sup>st</sup>:** NO Potluck meal (Due to VBS cleanup)
- **7/12: 4PM:** Elders, Deacons & Ministers Meeting.
- **9/11-13:** TLC Ladies Conference in TN: Registration deadline has ended.



# Sonshine Corner

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## THE DANGER OF GIVING GOD YOUR LEFTOVERS

The Book of Malachi introduces us to a community of believers struggling with apathy. They weren't necessarily building altars to foreign gods like their ancestors did before the Babylonian exile; instead, they were guilty of something much more subtle and insidious: giving God their leftovers. But if you look closely behind the sharp rebukes of this prophetic book, you don't just see a disappointed Creator. You see a God of staggering, overwhelming generosity. To fully appreciate the radical grace of the Lord, we have to look directly at the danger of the blemished offering, the audience Malachi was trying to wake up, and the deep love that drives God to demand our absolute best.

To understand the weight of Malachi's message, we have to understand his audience. These were the Jewish remnants who had returned to Jerusalem from their captivity in Babylon. They had successfully rebuilt the temple. The grand promises of the earlier prophets—visions of immediate glory, prosperity, and the visible kingdom of God on earth—had filled their hearts with high expectations. But decades passed, and reality set in. Jerusalem remained a small, struggling outpost under the shadow of the massive Persian Empire. Crops failed, poverty crept in, and life felt painfully mundane.

Disappointment quickly curdled into cynicism. They began to ask, "Does God even care? Is it worth it to serve Him?" This spiritual exhaustion led directly to a toxic compromise in their worship. They kept up the outward appearance of religion, but the heart was completely gone.

The most striking symptom of their spiritual decay was happening right at the sacrificial altar. Under the Law of Moses, God strictly commanded that any animal brought for a sacrifice had to be flawless—without spot, blemish, or deformity. This wasn't because God was overly meticulous; it was because the offering was meant to reflect the perfection of God and the ultimate, flawless sacrifice of the coming Messiah. But Malachi's audience started cutting corners.

The Lord confronts them directly through the prophet (**Malachi 1:6-7**). When the priests ask for proof, God exposes their half-heartedness with a biting, practical analogy (**Malachi 1:8**). The Lord is deserving of our time, our energy, and our finances. It is a spiritual tragedy to give God what costs us absolutely nothing, He deserves our best!

You Are Loved,  
 Ray

### JUNE - 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.

### 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  
 COWBOY CHANNEL: SUNDAYS 7:30AM CST  
 -DIRECTV (CHANNEL 603)  
 -DISH (CHANNEL 232)  
 FOUNDATIONS TV: MON-SAT: 7AM, 4PM, 10PM  
 GREATER LOVE TV: 9:30AM  
 HEARTLAND TV: 6:30AM  
 Stream 24/7 on our YouTube Channel  
 www.gettingtoknowyourbible.com



## JOIN US FOR VBS 2026!

# DIGGING THROUGH GOD'S WORLD

DISCOVER. UNEARTH. BELIEVE.

**JUNE 28 - JULY 1**  
SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY

**DINNER SERVED:**  
5:45 PM

**VBS:**  
6:30 - 8:20 PM

**SUMMERDALE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1070 Hwy 59 S.  
Summerdale, AL 36580

KIDS WILL EXPLORE EACH NIGHT:				NIGHTLY BIBLE ADVENTURES			
BIBLE STORIES	OBJECT LESSONS	HANDS-ON CRAFTS	FUN GAMES	<b>DAY 1</b> DANIEL & THE LION'S DEN I WILL OBEY GOD	<b>DAY 2</b> THE FIERY FURNACE I WILL TRUST GOD	<b>DAY 3</b> QUEEN ESTHER I WILL SERVE GOD	<b>DAY 4</b> THE WRITING ON THE WALL I WILL HONOR GOD

**FREE FAMILY DINNER EVERY NIGHT!**  
 PARENTS ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR AN ADULT BIBLE CLASS WHILE CHILDREN ENJOY VBS ACTIVITIES.

**COME DISCOVER THAT GOD IS STILL KING—EVEN WHEN THE WORLD AROUND US CHANGES.**

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## welcome

TO THE SCOC FAMILY

# TO Terri Goff!

WE ARE SO THANKFUL TO HAVE YOU!

## Congratulations

TO OUR NEWEST GRADUATES OF THE ADDRESSING AN AUDIENCE CLASS

**MICAH ALLEN**

**JOSH MOECK**

**STEVE YAGER**

1 If you'd like more information on upcoming classes, please see Alan Jopson.

ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS ARE

## welcome

TO COME

# EAT EARLY

EACH NIGHT AT **5:15**

THIS WILL ALLOW YOU TO HAVE MORE TIME TO GET BACK TO YOUR ASSIGNED AREAS ON TIME.

## COMMUNITY BLESSING BOX

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED • LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN

Our Blessing Box is here for anyone in our community who may need a helping hand.

**DONATIONS WELCOME:**

- Non-perishable foods
- Paper products
- Hygiene items
- Diapers & baby wipes

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**

- Check expiration dates
- Consider Alabama summer heat
- No perishable or meltable items

*"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."* GALATIANS 6:2

Thank You! Together we can be a blessing to our neighbors and show the love of Christ in a practical way.

**SUMMERDALE CHURCH OF CHRIST** Located on the north side of the Fellowship Building, close to the parking lot. Thank you for helping us share God's love with our community!

### YOUTH CRAFT & SNACK SUPPLIES OF THE MONTH: JUNE

## WHITE CARDSTOCK PAPER 8.5X11 INDIVIDUAL/SINGLE SERVE BAGS OF CHEEZIT CRACKERS

## GTKYB

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE  
 www.gettingtoknowyourbible.com  
 The Podcast with Billy Lambert

**WATCH GTKYB ON GBN MON-SAT @ 4:30AM CST**

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