

LEADERSHIP/STAFF

- Elders
 - James Anderson
 - Ben Coxwell
 - Benn Keegan
 - 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 ReynoldsPULPIT MINISTER
 - Eric WhittleYOUTH & FAMILY
 - Billy LambertGTKYB MINISTRY
 - Steve YagerOUTREACH 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:

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.



PRAYER LIST

- SCOC MEMBERS:
- Bonnie Alvis
 - Three Blake: Undergoing cancer treatment at MD Anderson.
 - Lyndia Daugherty
 - Kelvin Farrington: Hospitalized this past week for blood clots in his lungs; improving.
 - Joe Gill: Recovering from knee replacement on 11/20.
 - Diane Keegan & Family: Loss of sister, DeLo Johnson, 12/2.
 - Becky Nicholson
 - Misty Reynolds
 - Patti Waters

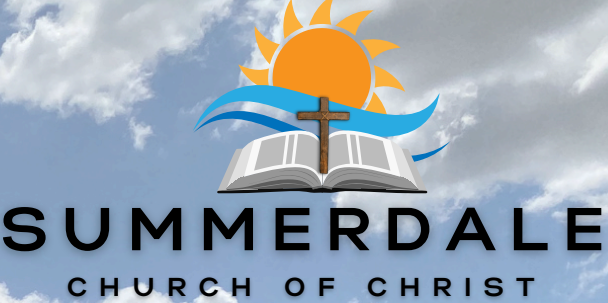
- SHUT-INS: PLEASE SEND CARDS, CALL, & VISIT WHEN POSSIBLE.
- Yvonne Collier
 - Tim Howell
 - Ella Mae Kellerman - (The Seagrass Village in Daphne)
 - Lamar & Mary Kelley: Mary is on hospice.
 - Paul & Rosemary Kitchens
 - Joyce Norris
 - Linda Smith
 - Tina Welch
 - Myra Wright - Haven Memory Care in Gulf Shores

- FAMILY/FRIENDS:
- 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.
 - Lilly Gunn: 17 yr. old Granddaughter of Connie: Surgery on heart, kidney & brain in Boston next month.
 - 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: Diagnosed w/Thyroid cancer. Waiting for options.
 - Amy Rickard: Stage 4 cancer. Undergoing treatment.
 - Debbie Schwartz
 - Matthew Shelton: Daniel Henry's cousin: Lymphoma.
 - Marcline Underwood: Gary's mother: Eastern Shore Rehab.
 - Mary Voirol: Christina Hensel's mom: Mass in lungs; testing.
 - 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



ORDER OF WORSHIP: 12/7

Welcome: Robert Tyree

Lead Singing: Jared Phillips

Opening Prayer: James Anderson

Communion/Off. Lead: Eric Whittle

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

Scripture Reading: Chase Joiner

Matthew 5:9-12

Sermon: Ray Reynolds

Closing Remarks

Closing Prayer: Rick Schieber

Sunday PM Devo: Eric Whittle

Dec. Security: Micah Allen & Michael 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 PEACE

MATTHEW 5:9-12

- I. OUR GOD IS A GOD OF PEACE
- HE IS THE PRINCE OF _____ (ISAIAH 9:6)
 - HE WANTS US TO HAVE _____ WITH HIM (ROMANS 5:1)
 - HE WANTS US FILLED WITH _____ & PEACE (ROMANS 15:33)
 - HE PROVIDES A PEACE THAT SURPASSES _____ UNDERSTANDING (PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7)
 - HE GIVES PEACE IN EVERY _____ (II THESSALONIANS 3:16)
- II. OUR WORLD DOES NOT EMBRACE PEACE
- PEACE FROM A _____ HEART (ISAIAH 50:7)
 - PEACE FROM A _____ CONSCIENCE (ROMANS 8:31-35)
 - PEACE FROM A _____ MIND (PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7)
 - PEACE FROM A _____ WILL (TITUS 3:1-7)
 - PEACE FROM A _____ SOUL (HEBREWS 13:20-21)

- III. OUR ROLE IS TO BE PEACE-MAKERS
- BE AT PEACE WITH YOUR _____ (MATTHEW 5:44)
 - BE AT PEACE WITH YOUR _____ (GALATIANS 3:28)
 - BE AT PEACE WITH YOUR _____ (EPHESIANS 4:3)
 - BE AT PEACE WITH YOUR _____ (COLOSSIANS 3:18-21)
 - BE AT PEACE WITH YOUR _____ (I PETER 3:8-12)

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.

All visitors, new members, as well as those with a December birthday/anniversary are invited to be first in line for our meal!

FAMILY 1ST SUMMERDALE CHURCH OF CHRIST

BIBLE CLASS @ 9 AM

MORNING WORSHIP @ 10 AM

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL @ 11 AM

AFTERNOON SERVICE @ NOON

Sunday, December 7

Speaker: Ray Reynolds

REVIVE OUR
PEACE

Everyone Is Welcome!



YOU'RE INVITED

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, 12/9

1:00PM at the home of
Diane Keegan.

Please RSVP to Diane or sign
the list up front if you plan
to attend!



Alan Jopson's "Addressing An Audience Class" will restart on 2/8/26, & will be accepting 8 participants. The deadline to sign up is 1/23/26. Please contact Alan to reserve your spot!
704.236.3376 or
Alan.jopson@outlook.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesdays: 10AM:** Ladies Teddy Bear Class in the fellowship hall. See Rebecca Wittmann for info.
- **12/9: 1PM:** Ladies Luncheon @ the home of Diane Keegan. Please RSVP to Diane!
- **12/10: After 10AM Bible class:** White Elephant party. Bring finger food & "gently used" wrapped gift.
- **12/12:** Whales West trip for 6th grade & under.
- **12/13: 5PM:** Supper w/ Santa & Mrs. Claus
- **12/17: 10AM-2PM:** Red Cross Blood Drive
- **12/17:** Teen & Youth Christmas Parties: See Eric/Andrea for info.
- **12/21: 2PM:** Devo w/ residents @ Country Place in Foley. See Steve Yager if you'd like to join!
- **12/27-30:** EYC: Please pray for safe travels for youth!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR ANNUAL:

EVENING WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS

FREE FOOD
LETTERS TO SANTA

BRING YOUR
FAMILY FOR
STORY TIME,
PHOTOS,
& MORE!
(DON'T FORGET YOUR
CAMERA.)

SATURDAY, 12/13
5:00PM

SUMMERDALE CHURCH OF
CHRIST FELLOWSHIP HALL
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SYG

Summerville Youth Group

Growing in
Faith, Hope and Love

THE GREATEST GIFT

This time of year, much of the world turns its attention—at least briefly—to the birth of Jesus. While there's no biblical evidence that Jesus was born in December, we as Christians should embrace this season as an opportunity to talk about the greatest gift mankind has ever received: Christ Himself.

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." God didn't send Jesus to earth just to be celebrated as a baby in a manger. He sent Him to be our Savior, to rescue us from sin, to walk among us, and to give His life so that we could be made new.

In a world full of shopping lists, decorations, and distractions, this season gives us a unique chance to redirect the conversation—to talk to our kids, our neighbors, and our friends about what really matters. The message of Jesus isn't just seasonal—it's eternal.

This is also a great time to teach our children that Jesus is more than a holiday symbol—He is the foundation of our faith. The gift of Christ wasn't wrapped in paper but in purpose. He came to bring peace, hope, and salvation to a broken world—and that message is worth sharing every day of the year.

So as the world around us reflects—however imperfectly—on Jesus' birth, let's take this opportunity to reflect on His mission. Let's live with gratitude. Let's speak with boldness. Let's give like people who have been given everything.

Because the greatest gift we've ever received... is Christ.
Always remember—you are loved.

Eric



Sonshine Corner

PULPIT MINISTER - RAY REYNOLDS

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THE HOLIDAY IN-BETWEEN: NAVIGATING FROM THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS

We find ourselves in between the two most popular holidays of the year: Thanksgiving and Christmas. The moment the Thanksgiving turkey is carved and the last bit of pumpkin pie is devoured, a curious transition begins. It's that wonderfully strange, often overwhelming, season known simply as the "Holiday In-Between."

Thanksgiving is designed to make us pause. It challenges us to consider our blessings as we are getting closer to the end of the year. We gather with loved ones, we intentionally list our blessings, and we offer a collective, national prayer of thanks. It is a vital practice. But for the Christian, gratitude is not meant to be a seasonal event; it is meant to be a perpetual state of being.

The Apostle Paul gives us a command, not a suggestion, in his first letter to the church at Thessalonians: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (I Thessalonians 5:16-18). Notice that Paul says, "In everything give thanks." Not just for the abundant harvest, the successful career, or the good health, but even in the difficult moments. This doesn't mean we are thankful for the suffering, but that in the midst of it, we can still recognize the sovereignty and faithfulness of God. If we are to live out God's will by giving thanks in everything, we need to cultivate a lifestyle of gratitude that goes beyond the dining room table.

Instead of waiting for a holiday, start each day with a simple acknowledgment of God's grace. Before you check your phone, before you worry about the day's tasks, take a moment to thank God for the small, easily overlooked blessings: the warm bed, the fresh coffee, the sunlight, the breath in your lungs. This resets your focus from lack to blessing.

Christmas is designed to help us share. Our greatest reason for thanks is not temporary or material; it is eternal. This is why thanksgiving should come before we start giving. Paul said, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57). The true victory is Christ's triumph over sin and death. If we have nothing else—no job, no home, no feast—we still have the immeasurable gift of salvation. Keeping the cross at the center of our lives guarantees a perpetual wellspring of thankfulness. It makes a bad day bearable and a good day glorious.

We must not allow this "in-between" to turn into the season of wants. The shopping lists start, the ads bombard us, and the spirit of acquisition replaces the spirit of appreciation. Gratitude acts as a powerful guardrail against the sin of complaining and the trap of materialism. When we intentionally list what we have, we starve the desire for what we don't have. And when we see the great gifts of God, we magnify our God by sharing those blessings with others. Have a great week!!!

You Are Loved,
Ray

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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