

LEADERSHIP/STAFF

Elders

- James Anderson
- Ben Coxwell
- Benn Keewan
- 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:  
Monday - Thursday: 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: Stopping trial; radiation treatments for 2 weeks.
- Lyndia Daugherty
- Joel Frame: Upcoming surgery 1/15 at Providence.
- Becky Nicholson
- Hilda O'Clair: Hospitalized last week; upcoming neck/back surgeries on Monday/Wednesday.
- Misty Reynolds
- Patti Waters

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

- Yvonne Collier
- Tim Howell
- Ella Mae Kellerman - (Seagrass Village in Daphne) Upcoming procedure for torn muscle.
- 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.
- 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: 1/4

Welcome: James Anderson  
Lead Singing: Eric Whittle  
Opening Prayer: Robert Tyree  
Comm/Offering Lead: Jason DuLaney  
Serving:  
Dallion Blake  
Cole Linam  
Mike McLean  
Johnnie Myers  
David Stidham  
Marco Toledo, Jr.  
Scripture Reading: Chase Joiner

Sermon: Billy Lambert  
Closing Remarks  
Closing Prayer: Rick Schieber

Sunday PM Devo: Eric Whittle

Security: Tommy Smith & Curte Stitt  
(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!

SERMON NOTES  
BILLY LAMBERT

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## NEWS & UPDATES

**≡Welcome≡  
to Family 1st!**

*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.*

*We ask all visitors, new members, as well as those with a January birthday and anniversary to be first in line for our fellowship meal, immediately following worship!*



### Great Smoky Mountains Marriage Retreat

February 11-15, 2026

Music Road Resort  
303 Henderson Chapel Road  
Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

Please make your own lodging reservations by calling 800.429.7700 or visiting

Music Road Resort's website:  
[www.musicroadresort.com](http://www.musicroadresort.com)

You may also choose lodging elsewhere if preferred.

Please register on the website here:  
[www.smokymountainmarriage.com](http://www.smokymountainmarriage.com)  
or scan the code to the left.

Our own Ray Reynolds will be one of the keynote speakers this year!

Scan Me To  
**REGISTER**



**WE ARE SO BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO TAKE OUR HIGH SCHOOLERS TO THIS SPIRITUALLY ENRICHING EVENT EACH YEAR!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **1/6: 10AM:** Teddy Bear Class resumes.
- **1/18: 2PM:** Devo w/ residents @ Country Place in Foley. See Steve Yager if you'd like to join!
- **2/8:** Addressing An Audience Class begins. Sign up with Alan Jopson!

### BUT THEN GOD



This past weekend at EYC, we stayed at the Embassy Suites, and our room was on the 4th floor. I'm terrified of heights, and open-atrium hotels are tough for me: the hallway runs along an interior balcony that looks straight down into the center. Even after walking it for two days, I still wasn't "used to it."

That anxiety spiked even more on the last night of EYC, atrium singing night, when about 3,200 people would exit worship at once and rush back to their rooms. I could feel the pressure rising. The hallway I needed to walk, the very thing that made me anxious, was about to be crowded and congested.

So I did what fear often pushes us to do: run. I decided I would leave at the invitation, not because I didn't care, but because I wanted to "get it over with" and avoid the stress of getting through the crowd to my room. And in my head, I justified it: "They're solid. They won't need me." But then God!

In that moment, I had to choose: leave according to my plan, or stay, because two from my group needed me right then. They responded to the invitation and needed prayer and support. Suddenly it wasn't about my comfort anymore; it was about serving the Lord. So I stayed.

And when it was time to head back, I still had to walk that hallway. The situation didn't change, but my heart did. God gave me a calm I hadn't been able to produce all night. It was as if He was reminding me, "I know your fears. I understand your anxiety. And I'm here with you in it."

Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Be anxious for nothing, and the peace of God, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." That night, I saw it firsthand, not because I suddenly became fearless, but because I chose to serve even while I was afraid, and God met me with peace.

I don't know what "4th-floor hallway" you're facing, what situation you're tempted to avoid, what anxiety you're trying to outrun, but I do know this: when we put God's will first and bring our burdens to Him, He is faithful to be present. The hallway may still be there, but we don't have to walk it alone.

Eric



## Sonshine Corner

PULPIT MINISTER - RAY REYNOLDS  
[churchofchristsummerdale@gmail.com](mailto:churchofchristsummerdale@gmail.com)

### AFTER CHRISTMAS SYNDROME: FINDING CHRIST IN ALL THE SEASONS

Hello. My name is Ray Reynolds and I suffer from A.C.S. This is commonly known as "After Christmas Syndrome." The gifts have been unwrapped. My trash cans are full. The leftovers are gone. The tree is down. The lights and ornaments have been put away. Our friends and family have stopped calling, sending cards, and visiting for the holidays. Another Christmas has come and gone. I wonder if you are suffering from the post-holiday blues?!?

We often experience a slump because we treat Christmas like a finish line. We put all our emotional energy into December 25th. However, the message of Emmanuel is that God is with us—not just during , but on a mundane Tuesday in January. Instead of mourning the end of the festivities, thank God that the same Jesus we celebrated in the manger is walking with you into the New Year. The decorations are temporary; His presence is permanent.

As we look toward the New Year, the world pressures us to "reinvent" ourselves. If we aren't careful, our resolutions can become a burden of works-based righteousness. We feel like we have to earn a "better version" of ourselves. Paul said, "*He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus*" (**Philippians 1:6**). Instead of a long list of self-improvement goals, ask God for a "Holy Intention." What is one way He wants to grow your heart this year? Focus on grace-driven change rather than willpower-driven perfection.

There is something spiritual about clearing out the physical and mental clutter of the previous year. As you pack away the ornaments, use it as a symbolic time to "*lay aside every weight*" (**Hebrews 12:1**). We also took the initiative to clean out our closets this year at the same time. Reflect: What did God teach you in 2025? Release: What hurts or failures do you need to leave at the foot of the cross? Receive: What new thing is God doing in your life?

The New Year isn't just about a new calendar; it's about the mercies of God that are "*new every morning*" (**Lamentations 3:22-23**). If you're feeling the blues, it may be because you're looking backward at what's over. Turn your gaze forward. God is already in your 2026. He has already prepared the "*good works*" for you to walk in. The best way to beat the blues is to ask, "Lord, who can I serve today?"

The star didn't stay over the stable forever; it led the wise men out on a journey. Let this post-Christmas season be the start of your journey into everything God has planned for you this year. Don't get discouraged. Shake off that "After Christmas Syndrome" by seeking the Lord first in EVERY season. Let's keep that spirit all year long.

As we begin this new year, my wish is that we will grow more spiritual in 2026. I will be focusing my sermons and classes on "Growing in Christ" and considering **Ephesians 4:11-16** throughout the year. I want to focus on three key aspects of our spiritual growth: equipping, empowering and edifying. Let's build on the strengths we have in Christ and grow closer to Him and one another. I pray we have an amazing 2026 with our church family.

Happy New Year! Have a great week!

You Are Loved,  
Ray

### JANUARY - ELDER OF THE MONTH: JAMES ANDERSON

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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### 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](http://www.gettingtoknowyourbible.com)

