

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

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

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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Thursday: 9AM-1PM
After 1PM: Appointment Only

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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:

- Bonnie Alvis
- Three Blake: Radiation treatments for 2 weeks.
- Lyndia Daugherty
- Joel Frame: Upcoming surgery 1/15 at Providence.
- Matilda Knapp: Injured her back.
- Becky Nicholson
- Hilda O'Clair: Surgeries last week on neck/back.
- Misty Reynolds
- Jo Smith: Pneumonia
- 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:

- Johnathan Boley family: 4 yr old who died tragically in Jasper.
- Timber Bowles: Yager's nephew: B-cell Acute Leukemia
- Evie & Junie Boulware: Daniel Henry's nieces born premature.
- Johnnie Brown: Friend of Sandy Daugherty: Surgery last week.
- Diane Chamblee: Geraldean Yager's daughter
- Mark Chaney: Lisa Rider's father: Lung Cancer.
- 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.
- 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.
- Lorraine Merchant: Cancer: Hospitalized with bleeding.
- Amy Rickard: Stage 4 cancer. Undergoing treatment.
- Debbie Schwartz
- Matthew Shelton: Daniel Henry's cousin: Lymphoma.
- 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:

- 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

GROWING IN CHRIST

EPHESIANS 4:11-16

1) _____ BY THE HEAD
Matthew 28:18, Ephesians 4:8-10, 5:23, Colossians 1:17-18

- A. The Lord _____ (v.11)
B. The Lord _____ (vs.15-16)

NOTES:

2) _____ FOR FUNCTION

II Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 13:21, James 2:14-26, II Peter 1:3

- A. _____ The Body of Christ (v.12)
B. _____ The Body Together (v.16)

NOTES:

3) _____ IN LOVE

John 13:34-35, 15:12-13, I Corinthians 13, I John 4:7-11

- A. Seeking _____ (v.13)
B. Seeking _____ (v.16)

NOTES:



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!



Visitor Registration

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.



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

You may choose lodging elsewhere if preferred.

Please register on the website here:

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

If you are planning to attend Lads to Leaders this year please fill out the registration form linked here in the QR Code. This will help Andrea register us.

Please have this done by Sunday January 25th.

LADS2
LEADERS



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesdays: 10AM:** Ladies Teddy Bear Class.
- **1/11:** Area Wide @ Spanish Fort COC. Leave @ 2:40PM
- **1/18: 2PM:** Devo w/ residents @ Country Place in Foley.
- **1/22: 6:15PM:** Devo w/ residents @ Robertsdale Rehab.
- **1/24: 8AM:** Men's Breakfast @ Mama Lou's in Robertsdale.
- **2/1:** Family 1st & fellowship meal.
- **2/1:** Elders Meeting, immediately following 12PM service.
- **2/8:** Addressing An Audience Class begins. Sign up with Alan Jopson!
- **2/11-15:** Marriage Retreat.



Summerdale
Youth Group

Growing in
Faith, Hope and Love

MORE THAN A MOMENT

What a wonderful and powerful weekend EYC was. There's something special about being surrounded by thousands of believers, singing together, hearing God's Word preached, and watching hearts respond. Events like that can give us a real spiritual high—our faith feels strong, our focus feels clear, and we come home fired up to live differently.

But if we're honest, that fire can start to fade once we get back into normal life. School starts back. Work piles up. The routine returns. And before long, what felt so strong in that moment can feel distant. In a way, it's a lot like the New Year. We start January with big goals and good intentions—then life hits, and those resolutions can fizz out just as quickly.

That's why what we do after the moment matters. In 1 Corinthians 15:58, Paul says, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." The key word is **steadfast**. Not perfect. Not always fired up. But faithful. Consistent. Rooted.

God often uses big moments to wake us up, but He grows us through the ordinary days where we keep showing up—where we keep praying, keep worshiping, keep opening our Bibles, and keep serving even when it's inconvenient. Spiritual growth is rarely one dramatic leap: it's usually a lot of small steps taken overtime.

So here's my encouragement this week: don't let what God stirred in you fade into the background. Hold on to it. Build on it. Let it turn into habits. Let it shape your home. Let it strengthen your faith.

New year. Same faithful God. Let's walk with Him—steadily and on purpose.

Always remember—you are loved.

Eric



Sonshine Corner

PULPIT MINISTER - RAY REYNOLDS

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GROWING IN CHRIST:

EMPOWER, EQUIP, & EDIFY

This year I'll be directing my sermons and classes to help us focus on spiritual growth. Last year we focused on getting back to the Bible. What's next? We need to move on to spiritual maturity. Think about your role in the body of Christ, the Lord's church. **Ephesians 4:11-16** emphasizes that we are not an organization but a healthy organism that naturally develops. What do we need to grow in Christ?

There are three key concepts that can help us grow in Christ: empower, equip and edify. First, we are EMPOWERED by the Head (The Source of Life). We cannot manufacture spiritual growth. We are Empowered only when we are connected to the Head, Jesus Christ. He is the one who gives the gifts (v.11) and He is the source of the body's energy to "work properly" (v.16). We move from unstable "children" (v.14) to empowered adults through our connection to Him.

Second, we need to be EQUIPPED for Function (The Role of the Parts). A body has many parts, and they all need to function. We are not meant to sit; we are meant to serve. The role of church leadership (v.11) is to ensure every member is Equipped—given the tools, knowledge, and confidence—to find their unique "joint" or function within the body.

Third, believers must be EDIFIED in Love (The Healthy Outcome). When the body is connected to the Head and the parts are working, the natural result is Edification—a building up. This isn't just numerical growth; it is growing into the "stature of the fullness of Christ" (v.13). The evidence of an edified church is that it operates "in love" (vs.15-16).

Growing in Christ is not a destination we reach, but a lifelong journey that transforms the very fabric of our character. Much like a seedling requires consistent nourishment, sunlight, and deep roots to weather a storm, our spiritual lives require intentional cultivation to withstand the pressures of the world. When we prioritize this growth, we move beyond a surface-level acquaintance with God and enter into a vibrant, living relationship. This maturity allows us to trade our anxieties for His peace and our limited perspective for His divine wisdom, ensuring that our faith remains resilient regardless of our circumstances.

Furthermore, our spiritual development is the primary way we learn to reflect the heart of Jesus to those around us. As we "abide in the vine," the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, and patience—begin to manifest naturally in our interactions. We find that our reactions shift; where there was once irritation, there is now grace, and where there was selfishness, there is a newfound desire to serve. Growing in Christ equips us to be effective ambassadors of His message, showing the world a tangible example of His transformative power through our actions and attitudes.

Finally, staying stagnant in our faith often leads to spiritual drift and a loss of purpose. The Christian walk is designed for forward motion; when we stop seeking more of Him, we become susceptible to the distractions and values of a secular culture. By committing to spiritual disciplines—such as prayer, studying Scripture, and engaging in community—we keep our hearts aligned with God's kingdom. This growth ensures that our lives are not just busy, but meaningful, as we become more attuned to the specific calling and "good works" He has prepared for us to walk in.

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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