

LEADERSHIP/STAFF

Elders

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

Deacons

- Micah Allen
- Tyler Gill
- Daniel Henry
- 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-3PM
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: PLEASE ADD THESE NEW NAMES TO YOUR

PRAYER LIST:

- Charles Schwartz: Colon surgery on 4/1.
- Ryan Stitt: Liver failure.
- Patti Waters: Severe ankle fractures. Multiple surgeries.

SHUT-INS & HOME-BOUND: PLEASE SEND CARDS, CALL, & VISIT

WHEN POSSIBLE.

- Yvonne Collier
- Tim Howell
- Ella Mae Kellerman - (Seagrass Village in Daphne)
- Lamar & Mary Kelley: Mary is on hospice.
- Paul & Rosemary Kitchens
- Joyce Norris
- Linda Smith
- Tina Welch
- Myra Wright - Robertsdale Health Care

FAMILY/FRIENDS:

- Margaret Allen: Bonny Coxwell's mom: Health issues.
- Leslie Beckley: Robert Anderson's sister: Ovarian Cancer.
- Timber Bowles: Yager's nephew: B-cell Acute Leukemia
- Avery Bullington: Joe Gill's great nephew.
- Diane Chamblee: Geraldean Yager's daughter
- Mark Chaney: Lisa Rider's father: Lung Cancer.
- Matt Coxwell - (Ben's brother) Kidney Cancer.
- Family of Bonnie Fleetwood: (McCaleb's relative) Passed away.
- Lilly Gunn: 17 yr. old Granddaughter of Connie.
- Jennifer Houston: Louis Smith's daughter
- Gardner Kesterson: 4 yr old at SCA w/ Leukemia.
- Family of Leah Khan (Ann Waller's lifelong friend) Killed in house fire along with another friend.
- Cecil Ledbetter: Matilda's brother. Multiple health issues.
- Fred Lincoln: Barbara Howell's nephew. Colon cancer.
- Rene McDonald's mom: Rose David: Thyroid cancer.
- Lorraine Merchant: Joe's sister: Kidney disease.
- Danny Morgan: Ken's brother
- Shawna Page: Ray's sister: Undergoing cancer treatment.
- Tom Pemberton: Recently visited & request prayers.
- Amy Rickard: Stage 4 cancer. Undergoing treatment.
- Judy Robinson: Dan's mother: Health issues
- Debbie Schwartz
- 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:

- Cody Brill: (Stephens' cousin) Iran
- Fischer Carr - Hawaii
- Jared Phillips - US Coast Guard
- Zane Rider
- Gisela Santos - South Korea
- 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: 4/5

Welcome: Billy Lambert
Lead Singing: Jared Phillips
Opening Prayer: Robert Tyree
Comm/Offering: Jason DuLaney
Serving:

- Mitchell Cartwright
- Wayne Herring
- Bill Madison
- Mike McLean
- Tim Smith
- Curte Stitt

Scripture Reading: Chase Joiner
Luke 24:1-12

Sermon: Ray Reynolds

Closing Remarks

Closing Prayer: Rick Schieber

5PM Service: Singing

April Security: Joe Gill & Mike Timphony (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!

THE STORY OF Cleopas & Mary

1. Where Did Jesus Find Cleopas & Mary?

- A Time of _____
Luke 24:21, John 20:19
- The Middle of An _____ Conversation
Luke 24:15, Matthew 11:2-3, Luke 7:19-20
- A _____ Spiral of _____
Luke 24:13, John 20:25, Job, Jonah

2. What Did Jesus Do With Cleopas & Mary?

- Jesus Opened the _____
Luke 24:27, Acts 5:42, 8:35, 17:18, 18:5, 28:23
- Jesus Exercised Divine _____
Luke 24:28, Matthew 4:3-4, 26:53-54, 27:12-14, 41-42
- Jesus Revealed Himself in the _____
Matthew 14:19, 26:26, Mark 6:41, 14:22, Luke 9:16, 22:19, John 21:12-13

3. How Can Their Story Impact You?

- _____
Matthew 28:5-6, Romans 5:3-4, James 1:2-4, I Peter 4:12-13
- _____
Luke 24:32, Matthew 5:8, Mark 12:30-31, Luke 6:45
- _____
Luke 24:33, 36-53, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Romans 1:16, 10:17, Acts 2:38-39, 22:16

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.

TONIGHT @ 5PM:

SPRING GOSPEL SINGING
A NIGHT OF JOY & PRAISE

GOSPEL SINGING
ON EASTER SUNDAY NIGHT
APRIL 5

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† HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! †

CONGRATULATIONS
Class of
2026

- Landon Butler
- Chase Joiner
- Josh Gable
- Timmy Kent
- Brett Grover
- London McDonald

SENIOR SUNDAY IS 5/3!

SNOOK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IS COLLECTING ALUMINUM CAN TABS FOR GARDNER KESTERSON, BENEFITING THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE. TABS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FRONT DESK AT THE SCHOOL OR BROUGHT TO CHURCH & GIVEN TO BONNY COXWELL

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesdays: 10AM: Ladies Teddy Bear Class.
- 4/2-5: Lads 2 Leaders Convention - PRAY FOR OUR GROUP!
- 4/12: 4PM: Teacher's Meeting: ALL teachers & helpers asked to attend!
- 4/19: 2PM: Devo w/ residents @ Country Place in Foley.
- 5/3: Senior Sunday & Family 1st!



Summerdale Youth Group
Growing in Faith, Hope and Love

A RISEN SAVIOR, A LIVING MISSION

In John chapter 20 we see an amazing event. Mary Magdalene returns to the tomb of Jesus days after His death. When she arrives, she realizes that the stone has been removed and that Christ's body is no longer there. She is confused, distraught, and probably frightened.

Then she sees a man, whom she supposes is the gardener, approaching her. Unknown to her, it is not the gardener but the Lord Himself. When she realizes this, her first reaction is to cling to Jesus. I think we can all relate to her reaction. We would want to embrace our Lord, realizing that He is no longer dead.

But Jesus says something that is quite puzzling. He tells her in verse 17, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" At first this seems like an odd thing to say. After all, just a few verses later Jesus compels Thomas to "put his hand inside His wounds." Obviously, this form of Jesus can be physically touched, so what was Jesus trying to tell Mary?

What He was actually saying is a profound and relevant statement for Christians today. The English translation here is often simplified to reflect physically grabbing or holding onto, but Jesus was telling Mary that she could not expect Him to stay here, nor could she expect the same relationship as before. You see, Jesus was going to return to the Father. His mission on earth was complete, but it was not the end, only the beginning: the beginning of His church. A new mission and a new relationship were about to begin.

Notice that after He told her not to cling to Him, He immediately told her to "go tell My brethren." Jesus was saying, "You are now to be My witness to everything you have seen here, and My story must be told."

The lesson for us is clear. Jesus' resurrection is not something to cling to or keep to ourselves. We must go and tell the whole world about it (Matthew 28:18-20). So, as we celebrate Easter, and as the whole world stops to remember a risen Savior, it is our job to tell others more about Him, and about how they can one day be with Him if they will obey His gospel.

May God bless us all as we work together to bring this wonderful news to a lost and dying world.

Always remember you are loved, Eric



YOUTH CRAFT & SNACK SUPPLIES OF THE MONTH: APRIL
WATER COLOR PAINTS
WHALES SNACK CRACKERS
ROARING WATERS CAPRI SUNS



Sunshine Corner

PULPIT MINISTER - RAY REYNOLDS
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SHOULD WE CELEBRATE EASTER? A LOOK AT HISTORY AND OUR HEARTS

Over my 30 years in ministry I've fielded a lot of questions about our modern holidays. Most of us realize that December 25th isn't Jesus's literal birthday (He was likely born in the spring), and that the date of Easter shifts every year. This often leads to a deeper, more personal question: Is it actually okay for a Christian to celebrate these days? How do we even know which day is correct in celebrating that holiday? The word "holiday" literally comes from "holy day," but the history behind how we got here is a bit messy.

In the early days of the church, practicing your faith openly was a death sentence. To survive, early religious leaders were strategic. They began linking Christian celebrations to existing pagan festivals. By observing the Resurrection during the same week as a local pagan holiday, Christians could worship in relative safety, hidden in plain sight.

While this was a clever way to spread the Gospel and save lives, it meant "layering" Christian truth over secular traditions. For example, the festival of the Norse goddess Eastre (or Ostara) happened right around the vernal equinox. Because this was also near the time of the Passover and the Resurrection, missionaries slowly nudged the celebration toward a spiritual focus. Eventually, the name "Easter" stuck, and the holiday spread worldwide.

You might wonder where the bunnies and colored eggs come in. Historically, rabbits and eggs were symbols of fertility used to celebrate the "rebirth" of spring. Eggs were even dyed the colors of the sun to represent the Aurora Borealis. Today, we see these symbols everywhere, often without knowing their origins. In 325 AD, the Council of Nicaea officially stepped in to standardize things, decreeing that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. That is why the date jumps around between March 22 and April 25 every year. In the complete works of Josephus, he tells us that Jesus died on April 3 and raised from the dead on April 5 (page 420). This happened in 1953 and 2015 but will not happen again until 2037 and 2048.

So, how should we respond? With all this "pagan" history, it's easy to feel conflicted. Do we avoid the holiday altogether? Do we hide the eggs but skip the bunny? Whenever I feel stuck on these "grey area" issues, I go back to the words of the Apostle Paul in **Romans 14:5-8**: "One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord... If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." This passage applies to matters of opinion. We have some liberty to choose what we think in these matters.

Here is my personal take: History matters, but intent matters more. If you celebrate: Do it with a heart full of gratitude for the empty tomb. Use the symbols of spring to talk about the new life we have in Christ. If you choose not to: Do it out of a sincere desire to keep your worship pure, but do so without judging those who feel differently. At the end of the day, the calendar date is secondary to the reality of the Resurrection. Whether you're hunting eggs with your grandkids, eating deviled eggs and potato salad, or spending the day in quiet reflection, do it all for the glory of God.

Have a great week!

You Are Loved,
Ray

APRIL - ELDER OF THE MONTH: BILLY LAMBERT

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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- 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
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