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"The Shepherds' Corner" 04/05/2024

When 900 Million People Are Watching

Ninety-percent of all people deal with some level of stage fright (Vijay P. Sharma). How do you feel when all eyes are on you? Do your palms get cold and clammy? Do you become nervous and anxious? Do you blush, tremble, shake or feel nauseated?

There is at least one stage where the vast majority of people feel no fright at all. This stage is Facebook. Facebook recently exceeded 900 million active users. Potentially, then, depending on your privacy setting, up to 900 million people are watching what you say and do. Many who would be very careful in front of a crowd may post on Facebook with reckless abandon.

God has called his people to be different (1 Cor 6: 9-11; 2 Tim 2: 21). God has called us to be a light in the darkness (Matt 5:14-16). The question for us is, do our Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Pinterest accounts reflect this? Here are several categories to consider:

What do we say and post? Could someone look at our profiles and see bad language, gossip, slander or crude and crass speech? (2 Cor 12: 20; James 3.

What people and activities do we "like" (support)? Do we "like" celebrities, athletes, artists and others with trashy reputations? Do we support movies, music, TV shows, video games or other things that are not Christ like? (Rom 12:2).

What pictures are on our profiles? Do any pictures show us engaging in sin or less than godly behaviors? (Ro 13:13-14). Do any show us hanging with people or in places a Christian should not be? (1 Cor 15: 33). Do any pictures on our profiles display immodesty or promote lust? (1 Tim 2:9-10; Rom 13:13; Matt 5:28).

Remember, 900 million people are watching on earth and One is watching in heaven.

Brent Pertrillo Huntington Park Church of Christ Shreveport LA



WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS WEEK COME AND JOIN US!

WEEK OF 4/14/2024 THROUGH 04/17/2024

4/14/2024 SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES 9AM

Class: "My Bible"
Teacher: Robert Guinn
Where: Auditorium

Class: "Questions from Daily Bible Reading"

Teacher: Alan Watkins Where: Fellowship Hall Class: "The Barnabas Factor" Teacher: John Cooper Where: Classroom 2

Teenage Bible Class (6 - 12 Grade)
Teacher: Keith Jett
Where: Teen Room

The Bridge - Nursery Thru 5TH Grade

SUNDAY WORSHIP

4/14/24 10AM Worship Service - In the Auditorium 5:00PM Worship Service OR WATCH LIVE STREAM ON:

FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/DecaturCoC/

YOUTUBE: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmt9ZXk_fXzu6pGl4H5UpQA

4/17/2024 WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASSES 6:30 PM

Class: "The Go Statements of Jesus"

Where: Auditorium Teacher - Jere Spurlin

Class: "Book of John"
Where: Fellowship Hall
Teacher - Alan Watkins
Class: "Let Us Sing"
Where: Classroom 2
Teacher: Robert Guinn
Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class Where: Room 5/6 Teacher - Donna Lamp

Teenage Bible Class (6th - 12 Grade)

Where: Teen Room Teacher - Keith Jett

The Bridge - NURSERY THRU 5TH GRADE

EVERYONE WELCOME!

APRIL PRIVILEGE TO SERVE LIST

April 2024 Sunday 10AM Service Order

Service	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Welcome	Keith Jett	Alan Watkins	Keith Hammonds	Robert Guinn
Opening Prayer	Philip Miller	Roger Kalonick	Joel Biship	Jeff Etheredge
Song Leader	Jere Spurlin	John Cooper	Robert Guinn	Jere Spurlin
Shepherds Prayer	Tim Simpson	Jere Spurlin	Dan Whitson	John Cooper
Lord's Supper Devo	Robert Guinn	Andy Harrison	Steve Gober	AC Connor
Scripture Reading	Mike Pirtle	Andy Nash	Steve Wilson	Bill Hardwick
Lesson	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins
Closing Prayer	Dennis Powers	Joey Gray	Gene Owens	Buddy Burchell

April 2024 Sunday 5PM Service Order

Service	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Welcome	Steve Gober	Mark Henderson	Jeff Ellis	Mitchell Etheredge
Opening Prayer	Will Ellis	Sam Allison	Allan Dillard	Steve Gober
Song Leader	Andy Harrison	Dan Whitson	Mark Henderson	Nathan Ellis
Scripture Reading	Terry Strong	Cory Wells	Philip Miller	Mike Pirtle
Lesson	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins
Closing Prayer	Tom Inman	Keith Hammonds	Steve Underwood	Daniel Underwood

April 2024 Wednesday Night Service Order

Service	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
Song Leader	Robert Guinn	Nathan Ellis	Witt Ellis	Mark Henderson
Invitation	Keith Jett	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins	Alan Watkins
Announcements	Keith Hammonds	Jere Spurlin	Tim Simpson	Dan Whitson
Closing Prayer	Keith Hammonds	Jere Spurlin	Tim Simpson	Dan Whitson

Monthly Greeters:

Sunday AM - Spurlin & Garrett

Sunday PM - Hammonds & Gibson

Wednesday - R. Terry & Hardwick

2024 MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS (if you can help organize a month, please sign list on bulletin board or contact the Office. Thanks!)

MONTH FOOD COMMITTEE GAME NIGHTS FELLOWSHIP MEAL MONTHLY DEVOS

	TOOD COMMITTEE	GAINE MIGHTS	TELECOTTOMIC MEMBER	
JANUARY	Ruby Truitt			
	Lynda Holbert			
	Felicia Moody	Guinn	Guinn	No Devo this Month
FEBRUARY	Debbie Wiggins			
	Janice Watkins	Prentice	Guinn	
MARCH	Sonia Nash			
	Carole Pirtle		Guinn	Jett
APRIL	Carol Etheredge			
	Sonia Nash		Guinn	
MAY	Ann Copeland			
	Kitty Ferrell			
JUNE	Ginger Spurlin			
	Adonis Whitlow			
JULY	Tylerann Betterton			
	Kelley Wells			
AUGUST	Amy Henderson			
	Janet Smith			
SEPTEMBER	Janelle Connor			
	Sherry Morgan			
	Renae Fields			
OCTOBER	Lynda Holbert			
-	Felicia Moody			
NOVEMBER	Diane Warren			
	Nancy Gray			
DECEMBER	Donna Lamp			
	Cathy Stillwell			

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE LESSON OUTLINE (04/14/2024)

AM I CENTERED ON CHRIST? Psalm 118:8

INTRO:

- 1. The shortest chapter in the bible? **Psalm 117**
- 2. The longest chapter in the bible? Psalm 119
- 3. The middle chapter in the bible? **Psalm 118**
- 4. What does it mean to make God the center of my life? John 17:20-23; Matt. 6:33; 16:24
- 5. We need to establish the right habits.
- 6. It might look something like the following.

I. FOCUS ON PRAYER AND BIBLE READING.

- A. This may mean setting times throughout the day specifically for prayer and Bible reading. **Psalm 1:1, 2**
- B. Remember, the goal is to keep Jesus at the center and become aware of His presence throughout the day.

II. CHOOSE TO REFLECT.

- A. Think about your day; what did I do? What could I have done differently? Was pleasing God in my thoughts? **Mark 6:31**
- B. Talk to God about it and ask for what is needed. Pour your heart out to Him.

III. FOSTER RELATIONSHIPS.

- A. This includes being present with your family. Eph. 5:25; 6:4
- B. Serve in the congregation alongside our church family.
- C. Be at peace with others. Rom. 14:19; 12:18

IV. NURTURE SELF-CARE.

- A. Commit to good health and life-giving activities.
- B. Taking care of ourselves is biblical. Matt. 22:39

V. REMIND YOURSELF OF GOD'S LOVE.

- A. God's love doesn't change. Rom. 5:8; 1 Pet. 5:7
- B. Learn to offer yourself grace. Titus 2:11; Eph. 2:4-10

CONC:

- 1. The center verse tells us the primary principle of living a God-centered life. **Psalm 118:8**
- 2. What will I do tomorrow to be more Christ-centered every day?

Remember In Our Daily Prayers

OUR SICK

keep her in your prayers.

lican had a severe stroke and is in ers. NICU at Huntsville Hospital. Please **Our Sympathy** to Kim Rochester Bobby Roy, Sandra Stancil, Harper keep her in your prayers.

problems and bronchitis. Send cousin of Doyle Rochester. Send Taylor, Betty Thomas, Freddy cards to - 1917 Patterson St. S.W., cards to - Kim Carmon, 726 West Thomas, Abel Vonada, Albert Decatur, AL 35601. Please keep her 4th St., Monroe, MI 48161. Please Vinsant. in your prayers.

Benford Masterson, a member at prayers during this time of loss. Beltline and former principal at Nungester Elementary, had a lung Ed & Winda Anderson, Dan biopsy on Monday for the possibility Chenault, Robbie & Aloma Clark, of cancer. Benford and his wife Re- Terri Davis, Troy & Faye Demastus, ba live at Brookdale. Please keep Mitch & Bonnie Elswick, Harold & them in your prayers.

Whitson had another biopsy done this week. Send cards to - 1442 Perkins Rd., Winder, GA 30680. Please keep her in your prayers.

lerann Betterton is having heart issues. Her mother, Shelia Satter- Vinson, Bill & Diane Warren, Dana field came home from the hospital. Watts, Doug Weatherspoon, Teresa Send Cards to-James & Shelia Wells, Doyle Whitlow, Virginia Satterfield, 2422 Woodland Street Woodall, Jane Yeager. S.E., Decatur, AL 35601. Please keep them in your prayers.

Doris Betterton, the mother of Donny Betterton had foot surgery on March 31 and is non weight bearing for 2 weeks. His father, Johnny Betterton will be having hip replacement surgery on April 23. Send cards to - Johnny & Doris Betterton, 52 Broadhead Drive, Decatur, AL 35603. Please keep them in your prayers.

Theresa Lambert, a friend of Kelley Ives, Chloe James, Ricky Johnson, Dianne (Beall) Vanhook is having a Wells had surgery on Tuesday for Rudy Kirchner, Atticus Lane, Tim stint put in her heart today. Please her cancer and is doing good. They Martin, Darryl Macon, Ruth think they got it all with clear mar- McCaskey, Mike Miller, Monica Rita King, the sister of Norene Mul- gins. Please keep her in your pray- Parker, Charlotte Pereira, Tamaya

Carmon in the passing of her hus- Struntz, Cheryl Stubbs, Becky Jan Kalonick is home with sinus band, Gary Carmon. Kim is the first Swanger, David Taylor, Samuel keep Kim and all the family in your

OUR MEMBERS

Paula Fagan, Dickie Goode, Effie Diane Russ, the sister of Marilyn Hammonds, Mary Harris, Lynda Holbert, Malcolm Jones, Roger & Jan Kalonick, Jane Lee, Bill McWhorter, Norene Mullican, Carolyn Nash, Tanya Ramos, Jennifer James Satterfield, the father of Ty- Robbins, Jamie Sparkman, Mack Stillwell, Thelma Struck, Daven

FRIENDS OR RELATIVES OF **OUR MEMBERS**

Tiffany Allen, Jack Amos,, Kim Anderson, Doug Andrews, Jonna Barrier, Dillion & Patti Bayes, Will Bennett, Sue Bevis, Billy Tom Blankenship, Judy Boles, Nellie Caldwell, James Colonel, John Cordes, Larry Burress, Raymond Driggers, Beth Gardner, Donna Hammonds, Betty Hawkins, Shane Haynes, David

Plott, Jo Robbins, Peggy Robinson,

SHUT-INS

Pauline "Polly" Baker, Marian Bradford, Betty Bunch, Patsy Cagle, Mary Harris, Jane Hartselle, Austin Inman, Jean League, Widdy Riley, Shirley Smith, Wanda Smith, Charlotte Taylor.

IN MILITARY SERVICE

Riley Fagan, Zac Hanford,

NURSING HOME ADDRESSES

- 1. Country Cottage (256) 301-1800 2515 Old Moulton Road Decatur, AL 35603
- 2. Decatur Health & Rehab USA 2326 Morgan Avenue Decatur, AL 35601 (256) 340-5765
- 3. Falkville Nursing Home 10 West 3rd Street Falkville, AL 35622 (256) 784-5291
- 4. NHC Healthcare (256) 974-1146 300 Hospital Street Moulton, AL 35650
- 5. Summerford Nursing Home (256) 784-5275 4085 Hwy 31 S.W. Falkville, AL 35622
- 6. River City Care & Rehab (256) 355-6911 1350 14th Ave. S.E. Decatur, AL 35601



This is the current listing of our Shut-In Members along with their address and phone number. Please check on them by calling or dropping a card in the mail to let them know they are missed and being thought about.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	PHONE NO.
Polly Baker	2867 Vaughn Bridge Rd., Hartselle, AL 35640	256-778-3027
Marion Bradford	2005 13th St. S.E., Decatur, AL 35601	256-353-4674
Betty Bunch	1307 Pennylane S.E., Decatur, AL 35601	256-350-3045
Patsy Cagle	1714 Westmeade St. S.W., Decatur, AL 35601	256-353-3525
Della Carmon	649 Piercefield Drive, Richmond Hill, GA 31324	
Beverly Fite	2110 Birch St. S.E., Decatur, AL 35601	256-476-3565
Mary Harris	1009 Line Street, Apt. 123, Decatur, AL 35601	256-353-2110 / Cell – 256-306-1103
Jane Hartselle	1121 9 th Ave. S.E., Decatur, AL 35601	256-353-7832
Austin Inman	2306 Duncansby Dr. S.W., Decatur, AL 35603	256-318-6154
Widdy Riley	210 Wilson St. N.E., Apt. 2031, Decatur, AL 35601	256-303-4567
Shirley Smith	C/O Legacy Village of Jacksonville, Room 314, 1116 James Hopkin Rd. Jacksonville, AL 36265	256-345-2986
Wanda Smith	1420 Danville Rd. S.W., Decatur, AL 35601	256-353-6693
Virginia Woodall	1541 Berkely St. S.W., Decatur, AL 35603	256-686-2760

Events Current

2ND QUARTER SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES AS OF 04/07/24

Following is a list of the 2nd Quarter Sunday Morning Bible Classes and Teachers that began on April 7:

- "My Bible" Teacher: Robert Guinn (Auditorium)
- "The Barnabas Factor" Teacher: John Cooper (Room 2)
- "Questions from Daily Bible Reading" - Teacher: Alan Watkins (Fellowship Hall)
- Teenage Bible Class (6 12 grade) - Teacher: Keith Jett (Teen Room)
- The Bridge: (Nursery 5th Gr.)

2ND QUARTER WEDNESDAY **NIGHT BIBLE CLASSES AS** OF 04/10/24

Following is a list of the 2nd Quarter Wednesday Night Bible Classes and Teachers that began on April 10:

- "The Go Statements of Jesus -Teacher: Jere (Auditorium)
- Guinn (Room 2)
- "Book of John" Teacher: Alan Watkins (Fellowship Hall)
- "Ladies Bible Class" Teacher: Donna Lamp (Room 5/6)
- Teenage Bible Class (6 12 grade) - Teacher: Keith Jett (Teen Room)
- •The Bridge: (Nursery 5th Gr.)

BROOKDALE CEDAR SPRINGS DEVO

Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 1:30 PM

LADIES PLANNING MEETING

This meeting will be on Sunday, April 14 at 4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, contact Jeanne Simpson.

LADIES TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

This class meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is April 16. Alan Watkins is the teacher.

GAME NIGHT

Our next Game Night is scheduled for Saturday, April 20 at 5:30 PM in the Annex. Please bring sides, desserts and drinks. If you have any questions, contact Robert Guinn.

LADIES TUESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Spurlin This class meets every other Tuesday night. Our next meeting • "Let Us Sing" - Teacher: Robert is April 23 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

> **CONGRATULATIONS** to Travis & Amber Hunt on the birth of their daughter, "Rylee Brooke Hunt". She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was born on April 4. All are doing well. Proud Grandparents are Randall & Cindy Terry and Great-Grandfather is Bob Pruitt.

THRIVE CONFERENCE

Place: Decatur Church of Christ Date: Friday, April 26 **Time:** 5:00 PM – 9:45 PM

And

Date: Saturday, April 27 **Time:** 8:15 AM – 4:30 PM (snacks provided on Friday night and breakfast & lunch provided on Saturday)

AREA WIDE YOUTH RALLY

Date: Saturday, April 27 **Time:** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Place: Decatur Church of Christ (Rally food will be provided)

LADIES RETREAT IN NOVEMBER

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for all ladies who want to go on the ladies retreat in November. The dates of the retreat are Nov. 14 - 17 at Smith Lake. There are 24 spaces available. Please sign the sheet if you want to go. If you have any questions, contact Suzanne Garrett.







Ladies' Day

Crestview Church of Christ 2001 US Hwy 31 Boaz, AL 35957

Date:

Saturday, April 13

Time:

9:00 - 12:00 PM (with lunch to follow)

Guest Speaker:

Amber Spann

Theme:

"When Life Gives You Lemons"

Grief Seminar

Beltline Church of Christ 2159 Beltline Rd. S.W. Decatur, AL 35601

Speaker:

Jeff Jenkins

Theme:

Hope for the Hurting

Dates:

Saturday, April 13

9:00 - 9:30 AM - Registration 9:30 - 10:15 AM - Session 1 10:30 - 11:30 AM - Session 2 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Lunch 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM - Session 3 1:15 PM - Questions & Answers

Sunday, April 14

9:00 - 9:45 AM - Bible Study Session (You are not alone - Revelation 1) 10:00 - 11:15 AM - Worship Hour Session - (A glimpse into glory -Revelation 2) Please RSVP to help with planning:

Please RSVP to help with planning office@beltlinechurchofchrist.org 256-353-1876

Gospel Singing

Madison Church of Christ 556 Hughes Road Madison, AL 35758 April 21 5:00 PM

Stay around following the singing and eat with us as we grow together in fellowship.

Gospel Singing

Morrison Church of Christ 201 S. Main Street Morrison, TN 37357 Friday, April 26 7:00 - 9:00 PM Refreshments served after singing

APRIL 2024

Widdy Riley

Sam Allison

April Castaneda

14th – Bill Hardwick

16th - Elizabeth Guinn

19th -Sonia Nash

21st - Cory Wells Jessi Watts

22nd - Draven Vandiver

23rd - Harper Loyd

24th -Jane Hartselle **Bobby Malone**

28th -**Becky Ellis**

Happy birthday!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 AM	Fellowship Meal 5:00 PM In the Annex Singing Night 6:30 PM	4	5	6 Walk4Water Wilson Morgan Park 8:30 AM
7 Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM L2L Banquet 6:00 PM Annex	8	9 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 AM Ladies Class 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall	10	11	12	13
Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM Ladies Planning Meeting 4:00 PM Fellowship Hall	15	16 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 AM	17	18	19	Youth & Family Game Night 5:30 PM
21 Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM	22	23 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 AM Ladies Class 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall	24	25	26 THRIVE Conference Decatur CoC 5:00 - 10:00 PM	THRIVE Conference Decatur CoC 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM Thrive Area Wide Youth Rally 5 - 7:00 PM
28 Devo at Brookdale Cedar Springs 1:30 PM	29	30 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 AM				