



# The Messenger

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, FEB. 08	MONDAY, FEB. 09	TUESDAY, FEB. 10	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11	THURSDAY, FEB. 12	FRIDAY, FEB. 13	SATURDAY, FEB. 14
8:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 5:00 DLife / Daniel Study 5:00 Choirs/Missions		9:00 Golden Notes Alt 10:00 Ladies Joy Class 12:00 Movie Standing Firm 6:00 King's Kids 6:30 Movie Standing Firm	5:00 Golden Notes 6:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 Youth Kinect 6:45 Church Choir	4:00 Senior Adult Dinner & Program		
SUNDAY, FEB. 15	MONDAY, FEB. 16	TUESDAY, FEB. 17	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18	THURSDAY, FEB. 19	FRIDAY, FEB. 20	SATURDAY, FEB. 21
8:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 12:00 Youth Winter Jam 5:00 DLife / Daniel Study 5:00 Choirs/Missions		9:00 Golden Notes Alt 10:00 Ladies Joy Class 6:00 King's Kids	11:30 Comm. Luncheon 5:00 Golden Notes 6:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 Youth Kinect 6:45 Church Choir	10:00 Hymn Sing at The Harbor 6:00 WOVEN Gathering Table		7:30 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Youth Brunch

### SCRIPTURE FOR FEBRUARY

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)

### GIVING THEIR TIME AND TALENT

#### Deacons On Call

February 08 Robin Caswell (334) 734-1049  
Jim Chaffin (334) 332-3641  
February 15 David Dismukes (334) 319-3821  
Tracy Donald (334) 750-9651

#### Sunday Morning Nursery

February 08 Mike and Morgan Brown  
February 15 Reagan Thornton, Morgan Brown

### FACTS & FIGURES

Budget Needs Weekly..... 23,995.27  
**01/18/2026**  
Budget Giving..... 15,339.02  
Designated Giving..... 130.00  
Budget Giving YTD..... 937,934.24  
Building Debt..... 815.00  
Sunday School..... 148  
8:00 AM Worship..... 132  
10:45 AM Worship..... 212

**01/25/2026**  
Budget Giving..... 20,102.50  
Designated Giving..... 8,251.00  
Budget Giving YTD..... 958,036.29  
Building Debt..... 1,290.00  
Sunday School..... 171  
8:00 AM Worship..... 98  
10:45 AM Worship..... 207

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Carol Garner



### Pastor's Thoughts Dr. Rusty J. Sowell

This week, I'm reflecting on the "Power of Prayer" and how important it is to each of us, knowing that someone is praying for us, calling our name before the Lord Himself. Personally, over the years, how humbling it was and still is when someone shares with me, "I've been praying for you." Each Wednesday night, scores of people gather both in-house and online to seek the Lord on behalf of many. The Power of Prayer, Prayer Warriors! Given these dark and difficult days, let's commit ourselves to be strong and faithful Prayer Warriors for the Glory of God. I trust to see you in church this Sunday.

### God's Love in Action — Valentine's Week

"We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19, NIV). This month, let's share God's love in simple ways - a kind note, a prayer, a helping hand. Look for ways to bless someone around you!

### Assoc. Pastor-Student Ministry Rev. Chuck Adams

**The last few weeks in youth we have been in the book of Philippians with this week being Chapter 2 vs. 1-4. which states...**

**1** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2** then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. **3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

We can all take these verses to heart... in this passage the Apostle Paul appeals to the like-mindedness, love, fellowship, and compassion of the church as a result of their union with Christ. That his joy may be completed through the unity of the body, by getting rid of all selfishness, by showing humility in every way and taking care of others first. This could easily be one the best descriptions of what it means to

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

#### Senior Adult Pacesetters

- ◇ Feb. 4, 4:00 pm, Senior Adult Dinner with Program by Trussville Ensembles, West Campus.
- ◇ Feb. 23, 11:00 am, Meet and Eat at Karvela's Pizza, 704 1st Ave., Opelika.

#### Churchwide

- ◇ Feb. 10, 12:00 am / 6:30 pm, Movie *Standing Firm*
- ◇ Feb. 18, 11:30 am, Community Luncheon, doors open at 11:00 am. Menu: Chicken Tenders

#### Youth

- ◇ Feb. 15, Winter Jam, BJCC Birmingham
- ◇ Feb. 21, 10:00 am, Youth Brunch, Child. Church Mod

#### Women's Ministry

- ◇ Feb. 4, 10:00, Missionary, Jennifer Freedman speaking at JOY Class, Book of Acts. All invited.
- ◇ Feb. 19, 6:00, Gathering Table

#### Men's Ministry

- ◇ Feb. 21, Men's Breakfast

#### Music Ministry

- ◇ Feb. 19, Hymn Sing at The Harbor, Opelika

be the church as Jesus intended it to be. I believe that the point of our placing others above ourselves is shown when we cultivate a heart for telling people about our Savior. If we truly love someone we will tell them about Christ... If we truly like someone we will tell them about our Savior... If we just met someone and have not formed an opinion of them yet, we should tell them about the God who gave His Son for their salvation... in fact, if we don't like a person at all but we value them as Paul asks us to here, we will tell them about Jesus!! It is the single greatest calling we have as church and I pray that we take every opportunity to fulfill it! Love you all and hope to see you Sunday!!

- **Winter Jam** is February 15th get with me asap if you have not signed up yet!
- **Wednesday Night Kinect** is from 6:00 to 8:00... food, fun and fellowship for all 7th - 12th grades!!