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From Where I Sit . . .

"TALENTS ARE GIVEN TO BE USED"

The story is told of a lazy boy who went with his mother and his aunt on a blueberry-picking hike into the woods. He carried the smallest pail possible. While the others were working hard to pick as many berries as they could, he spent most of his time chasing butterflies, playing in the stream, and watching the fluffy white clouds pass by. As the day grew to a close, he realized he would have to turn in his pail with the berries he had picked. He decided to make it look like he had picked more berries than he had. He took his pail filled it half way with moss and the other half with the berries he had picked. When he turned his pail in, it appeared to be running over with the berries he had picked. His mother was so proud and bragged on him for the effort that he had put into picking the berries that day. When it came time to reap the benefits of the labor of picking those berries, his favorite pie, he could hardly wait. He was so surprised to find that a special pie had been baked for him and for him alone. He could see the berries oozing through the homemade crust, he could not wait to dig in and fill his belly. You can imagine the disappointment when his spoon broke through the crust only to reveal the moss that he had placed within his pail.

The Parable Of The Talents found in Matthew 25: 14 - 30, "[14] *For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. [15] 'And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. [16] 'Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. [17] 'And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. [18] 'But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. [19] 'After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20] 'So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' [21] 'His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' [22] 'He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' [23] 'His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' [24] 'Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. [25] 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' [26] 'But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. [27] 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. [28] 'Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. [29] 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. [30] 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth,'" instructs us that God places talents with each of us to use for the benefit of His cause. He expects us to use these talents to the best of our ability. If we sit on these talents and do nothing, we are hurting ourselves and the cause of God. What if God only gave to us what we worked for, would it be pie filled with berries or a lot of moss? Thank God, that He does not reward us according to the amount of work that we produce. God rewards us according to our faith and to His grace, Galatians 2: 16, "[16] *knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.*" The Parable Of The Talents teaches us that we must work for the cause of God because of what He has given us through His marvelous grace, Ephesians 2: 10, "[10] *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*" Wouldn't be a shame to not want to work for God who gives us so freely of His grace and His mercy through the death, the burial, and the resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.*

... Randy Brown



Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

Tim Allen had back surgery for a broken disc on Friday, December 1st and is doing well. Please keep Tim in your prayers as he recovers from surgery.

Roxie Wright received her biopsy results and they have diagnosed her with High Grade B-Cell Lymphoma. She had her port put in on Monday, December 4th and will have her first chemo treatment on Friday, December 8th. Please keep her in your prayers.

Jill Russell had the second part of the previous surgery on Monday, December 4th and is doing well. She may be able to go home Wednesday, December 6th. Please pray as she continues to recover.

Alex Baird had blood work done on Tuesday, December 5th and his calcium levels continue to be low. He will have labs done again on Friday, December 8th. Surgery is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7th to remove the fibula bone. Please keep Alex in your prayers.

Margaret Crawford is having heart problems and will have an ablation on Monday, December 11th. Please keep her in your prayers.

Rita McCormack is at Crestwood Hospital with Afib. Doctors are trying to treat with IV medication but if it doesn't work they will shock her heart. Prayers are appreciated.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Buck and Betty Walker

Euyless Holcomb

LeeAnn Manning

Kim Brown

Cindy Davis

Vicki Shelton

LaRue Anderson

Tammy McGuire

Jo Reed Brumley

Crimsyn Cornett, wife of Calvin Cornett (soccer coach).

Codi Sims, daughter of Duane and Joan Sims.

Herbert Barnes, brother of Charlene Cobb.

Phillip Stewart, friend of many in the congregation, 3190 Co. Rd. 11, Scottsboro, 35768.

Pam Devenport, Scott Grant's mother, 93 Lorelei Dr., Fayetteville, OH 45118.

Sandy Roden, uncle of Chris Epps, 1857 Valgreen Lane, Hoover, AL 35226.

Nettie Murrah, Tracy Brumley's mother.

Viola Manning, aunt of Vicki Shelton & Arlene Allen.

Bob Milk, brother-in-law of Robin Shelton.

Trent McCormack, US Navy

Jordan Holt, US Navy-Reserve

Abigail Holt, US Navy

Nathan Bridges, US Air Force-Reserve

Paige Chrisman, US Air Force

Nathaniel Doan, US Marine Corps

Anthony Worst, US Marine Corps

Noah Linville, US Navy Academy

Caleb Baker, US Navy

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

Cloverdale Manor	Rosewood Manor	Southern Estates
412 Cloverdale Rd. <u>Scottsboro, 35768</u>	1513 Co. Park Rd. <u>Scottsboro, 35769</u> Jaxie Hargrave Debra Kime Dot Bean	212 E. Stewart Rd. <u>Scottsboro, 35769</u>

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Martha Nan Baker

Nell Anderson

Ruth Spurgeon

Mark Little

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Calendar of Upcoming Events—

Dec 10 – AM Speaker: Connor McDaniel, youth minister candidate

– Area Wide Devo @ Broad Street @ 5 PM, The Patience of Job

– TWIGS Ornament and Cookie Swap @ 2 PM at Melissa Hamilton's Home, sign up on bulletin board

Dec 17 – Rosewood Singing @ 1 PM, ALL AGES

– Elders and Deacons Meeting @ 4:30 PM

Dec 20 – Christmas Charities Due

Dec 22 – Christmas Caroling with Junior Leaders @ 5 PM, ALL AGES, sign up on bulletin board

Dec 23 – Christmas Charities Delivery @ 9 AM

Dec 24 – PM Service @ 1 PM

Dec 31 – PM Service @ 1 PM

– Lads to Leaders Hotel and Registration Sign up Deadline, sign up sheets on bulletin board

One Measure Of Our Love	Wed. Bible Study..... 148 Sunday Bible Study..... 116 Sun. A.M. Worship..... 220 Sun. Night Worship..... 140 Contribution..... \$15,677.50 Budget..... \$9,047.00
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Broad Street needs several men to stay after services on Wednesday, December 6th to help move tables and chairs in the MPR for the upcoming area wide devo. Please meet in the MPR after services if you are able to help.



- Dec 10 - AM Speaker: Connor McDaniel, youth minister candidate
 - Broad Street Area Wide @ 5 PM
 - TWIGS Ornament and Cookie Swap @ 2 PM at Melissa Hamilton's Home, sign up on bulletin board
- Dec 15 - Teen Progressive Dinner @ 6 PM, teen sign up on bulletin board, leave church building @ 5:45 PM
- Dec 17 - Rosewood Singing @ 1 PM
- Dec 20 - CYC Registration Deadline, sign up on bulletin board
- Dec 22 - Junior Leader Christmas Caroling @ 5 PM, all are welcome to join, sign up on bulletin board
- Dec 23 - Christmas Charities Delivery @ 9 AM
 - GIFTS Christmas Party @ 11 AM
- Dec 31 - Lads to Leaders Hotel and Registration Sign up Deadline, sign up sheets on bulletin board



Broad Street will be hosting the Area Wide Devo on Sunday, December 10th at 5 PM. Youth groups will meet at 5 PM for a song service and we will have our traditional services at 6 PM. We will have finger foods after evening service in the MPR. Some suggested food items to bring are chicken fingers, meatballs, sliders, brownies, and cookies. All are welcome to join the youth for the song service at 5 PM.

Join us on Saturday, December 9th @ 5 PM for glow in dark games, supper, fellowship, and devo at our annual Youth Devotional at the Dovers home. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for those attending and to bring food. Connor McDaniel, a youth minister candidate, and his wife, Natalie, will be joining us for the event. In case of rain, please bring board games and/or card games to play.



The Junior Leaders class (1st Grade - 5th Grade) are having a community sock drive for Jackson County DHR foster children. They will collect socks (all sizes) until Friday, December 22nd. There is a box in the foyer for those who would like to donate. Several businesses in town are also allowing the Junior Leaders to have boxes at their stores. Please ask Kesley Blizzard if you have any questions.

NO PUPPET PROGRAM - Area Wide Devo



Join us for TWIGS on Sunday, December 10th @ 2 PM at Melissa Hamilton's home for an ornament and cookie swap. Please bring an ornament and plate of cookies to swap. All ages are welcome. Sign up on bulletin board.

Christmas Charities gifts should be wrapped with the card securely attached to the outside of the package and returned to the building by Wednesday, December 20th. Delivery of the gifts will be on Saturday, December 23rd. If you want to help deliver, please meet at the building by 9 AM.



The CYC registration deadline will be on Wednesday, December 20th. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Broad

Street has reserved one large cabin for all this year. If you do not plan to stay in the cabin, please make a note on the sign up sheet.

If you would like to add your cell phone number to the Call Multiplier so you can receive text messages (in addition to the voice messages), please call the church office or let Wendy Baird know.



GIFTS will be leaving church parking lot at 11 AM on Saturday, December 23rd. Please remember to bring your money for ice skating, lunch at Taco Mamma's, and shopping at Jones Valley. Sign up sheet is posted on bulletin board. Price of ice skating will be announced at a later date. Ashley Dover is trying to get a group rate.

Broad Street welcomes our new sister in Christ, Eliza Roberts. Eliza was baptized at the PM services on Sunday, December 3rd. We rejoice with Scott, Kirstin, Adalyn and the rest of her family.



ELDERS

DAVID PRECISE 256-574-3790 PAT RUSSELL 256-259-0800
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DEACONS

Josh Baird	Rick Baird	Jo Reed Brumley
David Dover	Joel Gardner	Nick Ledbetter
Joe Manning	Roger Myers	Nelson Page
John A. Porch	Dave Precise	Mark Price
Scott Roberts	William Underwood	Russell Wilhelm

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WORSHIP..... Sunday 9:55 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.
BIBLE STUDY..... Sunday 9:00 A.M.
and Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
LADIES BIBLE CLASS..... Tuesday 10:00 A.M.

Those to Serve...

SUNDAY, December 10, 2023

Announcements: Nick Ledbetter

Song Leader: Preston Dover

Prayer: Kenneth Beard

Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: Buddy Holt

1W- Bill Parks

1E- Roger Myers

2W- Phillip Chaney

2E- Ragan Myers

3W- Ralph Cook

3E- John Hollis Myers

4W- Ron Graham

4E- Nelson Page

5W- David Dover

5E- J.J. Bagley

6- Major Ledbetter

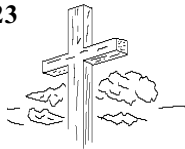
7W- Chuck Davis

7E- Tripp Ledbetter

Speaker: Connor McDaniel

Closing Prayer: Ted Crona

Ushers: Ron Graham & J.J. Bagley



P.M. SERVICE:

Song Leader: Preston Dover

Scripture: Joseph Gardner

Prayer: Abram Stewart

Speaker: Randy Brown

Lord's Supper: Nelson Page & Roger Myers

Closing Prayer: Kyle Price

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: December 13, 2023

Scripture: Major Ledbetter

Song Leader: Kenneth Beard

Prayer: Russell Wilhelm

CONTACT ELDER: Brad Wilhelm

OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH:

Joel Gardner

If you are unable to serve, please call:

Dave Precise 256-599-6668

Requires
First Class
Stamp Here

*The Word of God (the Bible) never changes.
If you go to worship to hear something other
than His Word,
You have gone for the wrong reason.
If you hear something other,
You are at the wrong place.*

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*¹⁰My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord,
as an example of suffering and patience. ¹¹Indeed we count them
blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and
seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very
compassionate and merciful.*

James 5:10-11