

# THE PLACE OF GRACE

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

## VISITORS

### **We Are Glad You Are Here!**

Please scan QR code & fill out form. You may also fill out a guest card. Thank you for coming today!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Nov. 24:** Montreat Service  
**Nov. 24:** Youth Friendsgiving  
**Dec. 8:** Children's Xmas Party  
**Dec. 15:** Church-Wide Xmas Party  
**Dec. 22:** Church-Wide Xmas Carolling  
**Dec. 25:** Special Devotional  
**Dec. 28-Jan. 1, 2025:** Youth Spiritual Retreat, Eastpoint, Florida

## MEMORY VERSE

**I Timothy 1: 17: (NIV)**  
"Now to the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

## Positively Possible

**with Austin**

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through the little hole at the end. Eventually, the butterfly stopped making progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and it could go no farther. The man decided to help the butterfly, so he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily, but it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! As a matter of fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly. What the man in his kindness did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening was God's created way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

You may be in a struggle and want to be set free, because you think that would be better. Well, God may not change our circumstances, but He is quite possibly changing you in the midst of your circumstances. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord knowing that your labor is not in vain.

## Girls' Devo

The girls' devo will be today, at 4:15 PM, in RM. 49. This will be the last girls' devo for 2024. Ladies, please come and encourage these young girls.

## Youth Group Friendsgiving

The youth group will be having their Friendsgiving, tonight, after evening services. This will be a joint devotional time with the youth group from Chisholm Hills.

## OUR SHEPHERDS

GREG ALLEN - S.O.M.  
STEVE CLARK  
BEN MCGUIRE  
BRIAN MCMANUS  
KEN VANHORN  
MARK WILLINGHAM

(SHEPHERD OF THE MONTH)

## OUR DEACONS

JUSTIN BECKMAN  
KEVIN CLEMONS  
MIKE DAVIDSON  
GREGG ELROD  
A.J. GOOCH  
DAVID GOOCH  
WILL HODGE  
JAMEY MEDLEY  
RONNIE PUTNAM  
TIM THOMPSON  
DAVE SCHMIDT  
MARK VANHORN

## PREACHING MINISTER

AUSTIN JOHNSON

## YOUTH MINISTER

JOHN BIRDWELL

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTER

MICHAEL SHIFFLET

## ADULT CURRICULUM

DAX HOLT

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LINDA YOUNG

## OFFICE MANAGER

MONNIE ROSS

## For the week of 11/17/2024

In-Person Attendance

AM Attendance

Worship: 305 Bible Class: 240

PM Attendance

Worship: 245 Wednesday: NA  
Contribution: NA

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(Monday - Thursday)

## **Thank You**

"Thanks so much to the group who came and sang to us last week. It really lifted us up, and was so good to see some of our church family. Lori really enjoyed your visit too! As well as singing some of her favorite songs. It was very much appreciated. With love, Rayford, Rhoda, and Lori Gist."

"Thank you for all the kind acts and prayers during the sickness and passing of my sister, Dianne Price. In Christian love, Jim and Gale Morrison."

## **Responses**

Jan Reeves responded to the invitation this past Sunday morning asking for prayers for her sister, Carol Adams, who is very sick. Chryl Linam responded Sunday evening asking for prayers for herself and Randy, as they are undergoing health issues. Please keep these in your prayers.

## **2024 Chili Champ**

Mark Willingham is our 2024 Chili Champ and Bob Harrington is our 2024 Chili Champ Runner-Up! Mark won with his chili named "There's Always a First Time," and Bob came in runner-up with his chili named "Wendy's Great Value."

## **Reception**

A reception honoring Don and Leisa Williams will take place next Sunday evening, Dec. 1, in the Fellowship Hall, after evening services. Don will also be preaching at our evening service. Don and Leisa will soon be moving to Tennessee and we would like to honor them for their long-time service to this congregation.

## **Bible Readings**

There will be Bible Readings taking place at the building, on Dec. 3, from 5-7 PM, Dec. 7, from 8-11 AM, Dec. 15, from 3-5 PM, and Jan. 4, from 8-11 AM. Please see Alex Bayes for more details.

## **Children's Christmas Party**

There will be a Children's Christmas Party, (complete with Santa!) on December 8th, after evening services. There will be games, prizes, visits and photos with Santa, and pizza with hot chocolate. This is going to be a Happy Holiday time!

## **49'ers Christmas Party**

There will be a 49'ers Christmas Party, hosted by the Vaughns and the Crunks, on Friday, December 13, at 6:00 PM. Please bring finger foods and 3 favorite things gifts (there will be more details about the favorite things gifts discussed in class).

## **Church-Wide Christmas Party**

There will be a Church-Wide Christmas Party on December 15th, in the Fellowship Hall, following evening services. Please be sure to bring finger foods, drinks, and desserts.

## **In Home Bible Studies**

We are in need of 12 families willing to HOST an in-home Bible study this coming year. The host does not have to lead the study. We also need people who would be able to LEAD a home Bible study. Please see Alex Bayes if you need for more details, or are willing to host, or lead.

## **Meals for Sick/Shut-Ins**

The sign-up sheet for **December**, to provide meals for our sick and shut-ins, is on the foyer table. Please be sure to sign up if you can help with this. Thank you for all of your help!

## **Prayer & Sick List**

Janice Blackstock, Joan Cooper, Larry Cox, Myron & Carole Crunk, Marva Forsythe, Linda Fritts, Rayford, Rhoda and Lori Gist, Jewell Gooch, Larry & Becky Jeffreys, Leo & Hazel Martin, Jeremy McFall, Mike Medley, Clanton & Carolyn Poole, Gerald Reeves, Jesse Sain, Janice Schmidt, Margaret Smith, Skipper Thomas, Millie Vandyke, Nora Vincent, Doyce Wade

- Clanton Poole: Was at NAMC a last week due to a fall at home but has now been released.
- Louise Woodfin: Has been released from Rehab and is now at home.

## **Assisted Living/Shut-Ins**

Linda Barnes, Glenda Campbell, Don & Ruth Deaton, Eleanor Martin, Gene McDaniel, Gladys Parker, Martha Smith, Jerry Trousdale

### **Men To Serve**

#### **Sun. Morning - 11/24/24**

Preside: Kevin Vaughn  
First Prayer: Greg Allen  
Last Prayer: Ronnie Putnam

#### **Sun. Evening: 11/24/24**

Preside: Kevin Vaughn  
First Prayer: Tim Thompson  
Last Prayer: Zach Thompson

#### **Wed. Evening: 11/27/24**

Special Thanksgiving Devo

### **Classes**

**Aud:** Sun. - Ephesians: Christ & the Church  
Wed. - The Gospel of Mark

**Rm. 49:** Sun. - The Life of Abraham  
Wed. - The Book of Daniel

**Rm. 31:** Ladies: Sun. - Mirror, Mirror: The Many Faces of the Women of the Bible

**Rm. 203:** Sun. - Sermon on the Mount  
Wed. - Spiritual Mental Health

**Rm. 205:** College: Sun. - Spiritual Mental Health  
Wed. - TBD

### **Youth Group Christmas Party**

There will be a Youth Group Christmas Party on December 7th, at 5:30 PM, at the Durham's house. Be sure to plan to come. They are planning to have a Gingerbread decorating competition!