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“What in the Word?”

BELIEVERS SHOULD BE LOVING

1 John 4:7-8 (NIV)

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Romans 8:25 (NKJV)

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

Senior Adult 2025 Mission Trip to Livingston, Montana September 13-20, 2025 (currently full)

Sixteen of us will embark on our Senior Adult Mission trip to work with Pastor Darryl Brunson and his wife Veronica. They are Alabamians and chose to move to this unique part of our nation to bring others to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. They are North American Mission Board (NAMB) church planters and have established “EXPEDITION Church” by the grace of God. Pray for us and them as we prepare to go.

Happy Birthdays Nifty Nineties! May 2025



Pat Harrison
9537 Heathrow Drive
Montgomery, Alabama 36117-5113

May 5

Richard Madison
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Montgomery, Alabama 36106-2613

May 22

Linda Webb
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Montgomery, Alabama 36116-1170

May 25



National Infantry Museum Columbus, Georgia

Our Senior Adults will travel to the National Infantry Museum in Columbus, Georgia on Friday morning, July 11, 2025. You will have plenty of time to view the museum inside and outside (if you like). We will watch one of the movies in their beautiful theatre. We will take one charter bus, so we can take 50 folks. You'll need to register with Mary Virginia Crum at (334) 241-5180. This event is FREE! You will, however, need to either bring a brown bag lunch or purchase your “dutch” lunch at the museum. We'll leave from Scott Street at 8:00 a.m. and return around 4:00 p.m.



May 2025 Happy Fifty + Years Anniversary

Jim and Katie Palmer	56 years	May 17
Donnie and Nancie Robinson	51 years	May 25

*Please note the deadline is the 15th day of the month preceding the anniversary month. Please call 241-5180 and leave the information.



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Contact Debby McLaughlin
if you would like to serve
as a volunteer visitor for our
IN-HOME MINISTRY (334) 312-7406.

CELEBRATORS 2025

Our annual trip to **Celebrators Conference**
will be **October 13-16, 2025 in**
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

We have already secured our reservations for 30
participants. If you would like to go, please contact
Mary Virginia Crum at (334) 241-5180.

The cost per person is \$450.00 and includes the
conference, hotel, all breakfasts and transportation.
Each of you will pay for your lunch and dinner.

Headliners include:

Phil Waldrip, David Jeremiah, The Collingsworth
Family, Karen Peck and New River, Mark Lowry and
Friends, David Phelps and Band, Jonnie R.
(comedian), and Charles Billingsley

SR ADULT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Chairman: Christine Philley

Vice-Chairperson: Sandra White

Event Assistant: Joe Davis & Richard Pierce

S.M.A.R.T. Team: Ken Sandstrom & Jim Johnson

In-Home Ministry Flowers: Ginger McMichael &
Lou Ann Darby

In-Home Ministry Coordinators:
Scott & Debby McLaughlin

New Opportunity

Would you please consider
writing an encouraging
note, or sending a sweet
card to one of our In-
Home Ministry church
members? This would be a
wonderful way to minister
to some of our church
members who are unable
to attend Sunday School or
worship services.



Here's one:
Patty Roper

4401 Narrow Lane Road, Rm. 135
Montgomery, Alabama 36111

Upcoming Events

Restoration 2025

We have planned a NEW event for Friday, October
10, 2025. This will be called "Restoration 2025." We
have quite a number of folks in our church who have
restored antique vehicles, motorcycles and other
means of transportation. We invite everyone to join
us from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for looking at
these restored "beauties," food, and a brief lesson on
becoming restored through Christ. This is a free
event. We encourage you to bring a lawn chair and
join us at the Perry Street Parking Lot.

SAVE THE DATE!!



Our JOY Singers completed another wonderful year of
exalting our Lord through the ministry of music. Our
Spring Worship Concert was well attended and magni-
fied the Lord. We will take a summer break and resume
our regular rehearsal schedule on Monday August 11 at
10:00 a.m. in room 347. There is plenty of room for you
to become a new member. We would love to have you!

Next Level Ministry – Our "REACH-IN" Ministry is a wonderful, simple way for you to minister
to others. Handwritten notes mean a lot to the recipient.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV)

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."