

May 7, 2023



"If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

(James 1:26-27, ESV)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

**JC Chappell** ~ cancer in hip/nodules in lungs, Grandview

**Jewel Heron** ~ moved to rehab for continued recovery

**Jacob Mason** ~ recovering from baseball injury

**Randy Thomason** ~ recovering from cataract surgery

**Jake Vaughn** ~ recovering from broken wrist

**Mattie Vaughn** ~ received a nerve block

**Aubrey Bearden** ~ member at Adamsville, recovering from heart surgery

**Birmingham Firefighters** that were injured recently

**Father of Brian Johnson** ~ recovering from a fall

**Grandfathers of Lauren Hogeland** ~ Barkley (hospice) & Smart (GI bleed)

## ELDER CONSIDERATIONS:

Our Elders are asking us to consider the addition of **Kelly Horn & Brian Johnson** to the Eldership. If you have any questions or concerns about this decision, please see one of the Elders by Next Sunday, May 14. If no objections, they will begin serving on Sunday, May 21.

## THANK YOU NOTE:

"We estimate about 25,000 people visit the Gardendale Magnolia Festival every year. We are grateful that Decatur Highway presents art classes for the kids, including the supplies & volunteers. It is a huge help to the festival & you have elevated the quality of this area of the festival. We thank you for your willingness to serve your community." **Magnolia Festival Team**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Today	<b>Friends &amp; Family Day with Potluck Lunch</b>
Today	<b>Graduation Recognition</b> ~ during potluck lunch
May 10	<b>Ladies' &amp; Men's Bible Class</b> ~ 10:00 am
May 14	<b>New Elders Concerns/Questions Due</b>
May 14	<b>Kids Bible Time</b> ~ 5:00 pm
May 17	<b>Ladies' &amp; Men's Bible Class</b> ~ 10:00 am
May 21	<b>New Elders Begin Serving</b>
May 21	<b>Teen Parent Meeting</b> ~ after Bible class time
May 21	<b>Kids Bible Time (Last class until Fall)</b> ~ 5:00 pm
May 21	<b>Middle Adult Fellowship</b> ~ after pm service
May 24	<b>Ladies' &amp; Men's Bible Class (Last class until Fall)</b> ~ 10:00 am

**Last Week's Attendance: AM - 240 PM - 145**

**Contribution: \$ 9,600**

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Thinking of You Greeting:** James & Betty Barkley and Harles Smart. Please sign.

**Agape Coin Cans:** Available for pick-up at the welcome desk. Return by Next Sunday, May 14.

**Food Pantry:** We are in need of non-perishable food items for our outdoor food pantry. Please place items directly into the box or leave in the kitchen.

**Friends & Family Day:** Will be Today. We will have a potluck Luncheon following morning service. Our evening service will be a singing night at our regular time of 5:00 pm.

**Graduation Recognition:** Will be Today during the Friends & Family Day potluck luncheon. Our graduates: Dawson Mann, Ryan Tucker & Brodie Woods.

**Kids End of School Bash:** Will be Saturday, May 27 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm for those 6th grade & under. We have reserved a pavilion at the soccer fields (playground & waterpark available). Pizza & popsicles will be provided, bring your own drinks.

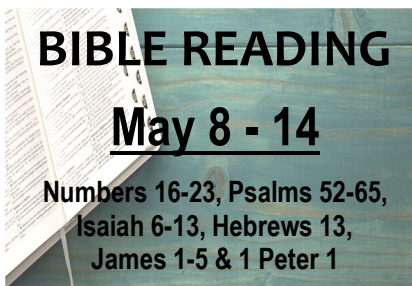
**Kids Bible Time:** Will meet Next Sunday, May 14 at 5:00 pm for those 2nd grade & under.

**Ladies' & Men's Bible Class:** Will meet This Wednesday, May 10 at 10:00 am.

**Magi Box Project:** The boxes are given to children around the world by local evangelists to share the love of God & message of Jesus with them. Boxes are available in the foyer. Please fill it with items from the list, add \$7 for postage & return by Sunday, May 28. If you are unable to fill a box, you can "sponsor" one for \$30. For more info, see Karen.

**Middle Adult Fellowship:** Will be Sunday, May 21 after pm service. We will be having taco salad. See sign up to bring menu items.

**Teen Parent Meeting:** Will be Sunday, May 21 after Bible class in room 103. They will discuss the upcoming summer activity schedule.



## SERVICE TIMES

### Sunday

Worship.....9:00 AM  
Bible Class .....10:15 AM  
Worship.....5:00 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Class.....7:00 PM

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# WELCOME

We are so happy that you joined us today. It is a privilege to worship God with you. If you are seeking for a church home, we would love for you to consider Decatur Highway. Please take the time to stop by our welcome desk in the foyer for more information about our church family. If we can assist you in any way, please see one of our elders, members or staff. Thank you again for joining us. We hope to see you again very soon.



## SERMON NOTES

### PURE RELIGION

*Text: James 1:21-27*

I. B \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_

II. P \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_

III. C \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_

IV. S \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_

