

# FAITH NOTES

**Gadsden Cumberland Presbyterian Church**

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## CHURCH STAFF

### **PASTOR**

**Rev. Daniel Barkley**

### **WORSHIP LEADER**

**David Gramling**

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTER**

**Debbie Bobo**

### **SECRETARY**

**Dana Brown-Vaughn**

### **SESSION MEMBERS**

**Chris Bobo**

**Jonathan Edwards**

**Scott Hutchinson**

**Lisa Kirby**

**Glenda Langley**

**Mike Ray**

### **ELDER of the MONTH**

**Chris Bobo**

### **GREETERS**

**Lisa Hilburn**

**Carol Lumpkin**

### **USHERS**

**Sid Moyer**

**Mike Ray**

**Randy Nickels**

**Mike Kirby**

## *Church Family and Friends,*

We are now right in the thick of it. The "Holiday Season." It is a time of year that we seek to be perfect in everything we do. The kids, they sure don't want to end up on the naughty list. So during this wonderful time, they do strange things, like clean their rooms without being asked. The cooks tell themselves I must make everyone's favorite treats and dishes, served on the perfect platter to show my love and dedication for all. Their kitchens overflow with fudge and casseroles. For the decorators, the house has to be perfectly adorned and trimmed with all the best lights and gadgets. "Santa" has to hit every store within a hundred-mile radius, to find the perfect gift for our little angels, for our dear friends and loved ones, for the one who will not survive unless I, I mean, Santa, gives them exactly what they wished for.

We drive ourselves mad sometimes, don't we?! The reality is that must-have gift we fought three people at the Walmart for will, in a few days or weeks, end up on a shelf, unseen and unused, possibly broken. The kids will lose interest, their beds will return to their natural-unmade state, the sheer volume of food prepared will spoil, simply because we cannot possibly eat that much in such a short amount of time. The labor of cooking, decorating, and shopping will only serve to drain our energy and divert our focus from what truly matters.

The truth of the matter is, there is only one perfect gift. And that gift has already been given. James reminds us ..."Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning...." - James 1: 17 (NKJV)

The good and perfect gift from the Father will never spoil or fade. The gift of a Savior who would bring salvation and everlasting peace will not disappoint, will not be forgotten. God's great love for us is made perfect in Christ Jesus. I am certainly not telling your kids not to behave, I am not saying we can't enjoy good food. Please don't accuse me of telling you not to decorate your house or shop for gifts for your loved ones. All of these things are wonderful if, if, we will keep them in their proper place. Not killing ourselves trying to pull off the perfect Christmas, but doing these things as reminders of the best and most perfect gift, a Savior born as a babe in a manger.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, and reminding you of the reason we live and we celebrate,

*In Christ, Rev. Daniel*





**PRAYER REQUEST**

**RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS**

*(This list will be purged every two to three weeks, unless indicated otherwise in your prayer request.)*

- \*Tara Rodriguez
- \*Jamie Roberts
- \*Emily Carroll
- \*Janice Spivey
- \*Jeanelle Pearson
- \*Lucille Williams
- \*Corky Payne
- \*Jo Atchison
- \*Donald Jarrells
- \*Patti Bryan
- \*Barbara Watson
- \*Christie Walker
- \*Ricky Sims

- \*Gene Kilpatrick
- \*Don Richards
- \*Sandra Lowler
- \*Gina Payne
- \*Anne Batie
- \*Patrick Turner
- \*Joey Urso
- \*Harvey Kiser
- \*Aimee Collier
- \*Tyler Adams
- \*Dwight Benson
- \*Bobby Goodwin
- \*Brandy Gorham

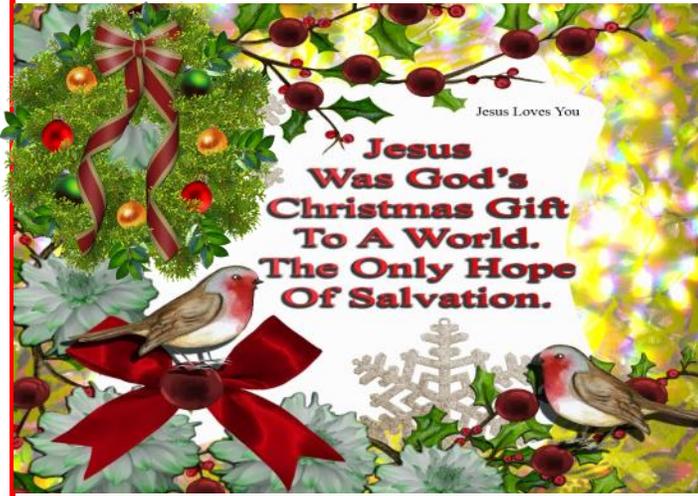
**LONG-TERM PRAYER NEEDS**

- \*Jerry & Carol Stombaugh
- \*Ginny Acton
- \*Ava Gallahair
- \*Greg & Jennifer Dobbins
- \*Walter Westbrook
- \*Charlotte Davis
- \*Elaine Ray
- \*Dale Mayo
- \*Sherry Tanner
- \*Jimmy St. John
- \*Tim Warren
- \*Our military personnel, police, fire, and rescue
- \*The children & families of The Children's Home
- \*Sonny Brady
- \*George Girling
- \*Marie Hendricks
- \*Marion McCowan
- \*Nell Hall
- \*Carson McGraw
- \*Michael Moyer
- \*James Miller
- \*Larry Gramling

**OUR ASSISTED LIVING, NURSING HOME  
And HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

- \*Milton Roe— *Piedmont Health Care Center in Piedmont, AL*
- \*Willodean Gilbert— *Meadowood Retirement Village*
- \*Peggy Chastain— *she has moved; not sure where yet*
- \*Ann Corley— *Cherokee Village in Centre, AL*

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