



SHADES MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

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real people, real faith, real life

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OUR MISSION AT SHADES IS TO GLORIFY GOD, TO REACH PEOPLE WITH HIS TRUTH AND LOVE AND TO EQUIP BELIEVERS TO BECOME FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST.



I have thoroughly enjoyed the summer sermon series on the book of Proverbs. I appreciate the many comments of our members who have shared the insights they have gained from a systematic reading of this great book in the Bible. Though the series is over, I recommend that we all add a daily reading of Proverbs to our other devotional readings... never hurts to have additional vertical wisdom for horizontal living!

people to attend. I urge all of us to not be shy in issuing invitations! This could be the start of a spiritual awakening in Birmingham...something that has been passionately prayed for years. So let's all do our part and make plans to attend and invite others to come with you. Don't miss this opportunity...this blessing!!

This Sunday I will begin a new sermon series on the Sermon on the Mount entitled "**The Kingdom**" that will take us through the remainder of this year. Jesus made the Kingdom of God the central focus of his teaching, preaching, ministry and life. In the Sermon on the Mount we will gain a greater understanding of this and how that affects our daily lives.

As in any good movie there seems to be a "prequel"! So for the first four Sundays we will have a "prequel" entitled "The King is Here" and study Matthew chapters three and four that set up the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). We will be introduced to John the Baptist and then the early ministry of Jesus that leads up to the greatest sermon ever preached.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday morning at Shades...and hopefully see you on Friday and Saturday at the Bartow Arena.

This weekend is the **Festival of Hope** with Franklin Graham. I remember being in the meeting on April 3, 2014 with many other Birmingham pastors and lay leaders as the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association presented the opportunity of coming to Birmingham. There was a great amount of prayer and seeking God's face on this. In the days that followed we were thrilled when the Graham organization finalized the plans and the date!

Shades has been "all in" since day one. Our facilities have been used for counselor training and other administrative needs. Some of our members are working in an administrative capacity at the temporary Graham offices at the old Central Park Baptist Church. We gave \$25,000 to cover the expenses of establishing and operating this office as they prepared for the festival. Hundreds of our people will be serving as counselors, ushers and volunteers.

All of this is important and necessary...**but the most important thing is that we invite lost**

Sunday Morning Worship
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Bible Study
8:00 a.m.
& 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study
6:00 p.m.

FOR A FULL LISTING OF WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS, VISIT WWW.SHADES.ORG/EVENTS.

Welcome, New Members

Baptism

- 60 Connor Davis
- 61 Pat McIntyre
- 62 Debbie Gentry
- 63 Sam Swiney
- 64 Melonee Hatfield
- 65 Trent Hatfield
- 66 Mary Nelson Litty
- 67 Charlotte Brown

Membership by Baptism

- 3 Deborah Gentry
- 4 Trent Hatfield
- 5 Melonee Hatfield
- 6 Nathan Lare
- 7 Janet Jones
- 8 Katie Cleveland

Baptism in Correct Order

- 3 Mejra Shea Merritt
- 4 Leah Allen
- 5 Patrick Thomley
- 6 Katie Glenn
- 7 Taylor McGill
- 8 Corbin Smith

By Profession of Faith

- 53 Connor Davis

By Letter

- 80 Hannah Jenkins
- 81 John Zent
- 82 Jane Zent
- 83 Mark Atchison
- 84 Carman Atchison
- 85 Ryan North
- 86 Rachelle North
- 87 Bill Fron
- 88 Becky Fron
- 89 Jacob Simmons
- 90 Suzanne Simmons
- 91 Rickey Armstrong
- 92 Nancy Armstrong
- 93 Timothy Bond
- 94 Kristina Bond
- 95 John Hubbard
- 96 Bailey Albritton
- 97 Mitchell Hutson
- 98 Katie Roberts
- 99 Eli Perez
- 100 Faye Floyd
- 101 Tori Harris
- 102 Kevin Farrar
- 103 Aimee Farrar
- 104 Kimberly Ford
- 105 Oren Ford
- 106 Andrew Clay
- 107 Kayla McGaugh
- 108 Jerry Cotney

By Statement

- 22 Jody Roberts
- 23 Hannah Perez
- 24 Dennis Jones

By Watchcare

- 16 Jay Madison

Special Gifts

Acknowledge gifts to the Church
in memory of:

Reagan Benedict
Fred Kent
Betty Kirkland
Perry Mathis
Virginia Shackelford

Acknowledge gifts to the Hand-IN-Hand
Special Needs Ministry in memory of:

Don Brown
Phyllis Darden
Fred Kent
James Mitchell
Charlotte Price
Clara Strozier
Bettye Watson
Mary Alise Vandergriff

IN MEMORIAM

Mable Christine "Christy" Baker
4/29/2015

Jim Mitchell
5/17/2015

Huel Franklin
5/22/2015

Lisa Winnige
6/3/2015

Virginia Shackelford
7/3/2015

Donna Hankins
7/17/2015

Our Very Newest

Davis Swann
Davis, son of Tripp and Megan Swann,
was born April 30, 2015.

Audrey Grace Searcy
Audrey, daughter of Rob and Julia
Searcy, was born June 16, 2015.

Raleigh Flynn Lugo
Raleigh, son of Troy and Whitney Lugo,
was born June 28, 2015.

Reese Elizabeth Shaw
Reese, daughter of Rob and Erin Shaw,
was born June 29, 2015.

Sullivan Marie Lewis
Sullivan, daughter of Patrick and Taylor
Lewis and granddaughter of Jim and
Debbie Sullivan, was born July 1, 2015.

Hunter, Maggie and Lucy Osborne
Hunter, Maggie and Lucy, triplets of
Jonathan and Stacey Osborne, were
born August 4, 2015.

Our Christian Sympathy To

George Baker in the death of his wife,
Mabel Christine "Christy" Baker.

Peter and Christina Shaw in the death of
Peter's cousin, Vernon Wesley Adkins of
Homewood, AL.

Don and Jane Blair in the death of Don's
brother, Charles Gene Blair.

James Hild, Sr. in the death of his son,
James Hild, Jr. of Birmingham, AL

Rena Cummings in the death of her son,
Joseph Bart Cummings of Birmingham,
AL.

Karen Mitchell in the death of her husband,
Jim Mitchell; Rob and Ginny Bensinger
in the death of Ginny's father; Pete
Mitchell in the death of his father; Anna
and Jay Bensinger in the death of their
grandfather.

Johnny and Elsie Ray in the death
of Johnny's aunt, Nell Simmons of
Birmingham, AL.

Cindi Bedford in the death of her father,
Huel Franklin, longtime member of
Shades.

Aaron and Heather Bishop in the death of
Heather's grandmother, Murline Johnson
of Evansville, IN.

Blaine and Kara Bishop in the death of
Kara's father, Richard Reagan Benedict;
Nathan (Alex) Bishop, Luke Bishop
and Anna Bishop in the death of their
grandfather.

Clyde and Carolyn Yeager in the death
of Clyde's sister, Katherine Nelson of
Birmingham, AL.

William and Cynthia Schneider in the death
of Cynthia's mother.

Tom and Joanie Aderholt in the death of
Joanie's mother, Chapple Barnes of
Birmingham, AL; Anna Aderholt and
Angel (James) Baker in the death of
their grandmother; Bo, Benjamin and
Bella Baker in the death of their great
grandmother.

Whit and Jo Ann Montgomery in the death
of Jo Ann's mother, Kathleen Polk of
Prentiss, MS.

Family and friends in the death of Lisa
Winnige, Shades member.

Scott and Reagan Emfinger in the death of
Reagan's mother, Brenda Ann Money
of New London, AL; Elizabeth, Emerson
and Evan Emfinger in the death of their
grandmother.

Jean Ritter in the death of her husband,
Curtis Ritter. Mr. and Mrs. Ritter are
former members of Shades.

Keith and Emily Hynds in the death of
Emily's father, George W. Johnson, III
of South Carolina; Hannah and Joshua
Hynds in the death of their grandfather.

Bob Hart in the death of his brother, William
P. Hart; Gary and Marcia Hart in the
death of Gary's uncle.

Duwayne and Sabrina Hagen in the death
of Duwayne's father, Steve Hagen of
Florence, AL; Kasey and Ashley Kate
Hagen in the death of their grandfather.

Judy Shackelford in the death of her mother, Virginia Shackelford, longtime member of Shades.

Sam and Katie Perkins in the death of Katie's brother, John Laws of Lawrenceville, GA; Lee and Christy Parker in the death of Christy's uncle; Caroline and Lindsay Parker in the death of their great uncle.

Buck and Suzie Ambrose in the death of Suzie's brother, Merrill Yarbrough of Sunrise, FL.

Family and friends in the death of Donna Hankins, Shades member.

Richard and Connie Allman, former members of Shades, in the death of Connie's mother, Elsie May Morrow of Springfield, VA. Mrs. Morrow was also a former member of Shades.

Sunday Attendance

MAY

Morning Worship, May 3	2133
Bible Study, May 3	2054
Morning Worship, May 10	2347
Bible Study, May 10	1992
Morning Worship, May 17	2340
Bible Study, May 17	2287
Morning Worship, May 24	1969
Bible Study, May 24	2083
Morning Worship, May 31	2177
Bible Study, May 31	2147

JUNE

Morning Worship, June 7	1970
Bible Study, June 7	2033
Morning Worship, June 14	1909
Bible Study, June 14	1875
Morning Worship, June 21	1976
Bible Study, June 21	1809
Morning Worship, June 28	2074
Bible Study, June 28	2001

JULY

Morning Worship, July 5	1732
Bible Study, July 5	1460
Morning Worship, July 12	2105
Bible Study, July 12	2054
Morning Worship, July 19	2196
Bible Study, July 19	1993
Morning Worship, July 26	2018
Bible Study, July 26	1951

Christian Stewardship

MAY

Budget Offerings	\$ 608,040
Designated Offerings	\$ 290,977
Total	\$ 899,017

Budget

2015 Goal	\$ 7,500,000
Received for the Month	\$ 608,040
Received Year to Date	\$ 2,752,445

Make Jesus Known

2015 Goal	\$ 1,000,000
Received for the Month	\$ 70,676
Received Year to Date	\$ 387,364

Chapters

Pledged	\$ 7,264,900
Received for the Month	\$ 142,551
Received Year to Date	\$ 708,380
Total Given	\$ 4,182,122

JUNE

Budget Offerings	\$ 493,789
Designated Offerings	\$ 214,830
Total	\$ 708,619

Budget

2015 Goal	\$ 7,500,000
Received for the Month	\$ 493,789
Received Year to Date	\$ 3,246,234

Make Jesus Known

2015 Goal	\$ 1,000,000
Received for the Month	\$ 64,620
Received Year to Date	\$ 451,984

Chapters

Pledged	\$ 7,264,900
Received for the Month	\$ 101,681
Received Year to Date	\$ 810,061
Total Given	\$ 4,283,804

JULY

Budget Offerings	\$ 529,938
Designated Offerings	\$ 236,663
Total	\$ 766,601

Budget

2015 Goal	\$ 7,500,000
Received for the Month	\$ 529,938
Received Year to Date	\$ 3,776,172

Make Jesus Known

2015 Goal	\$ 1,000,000
Received for the Month	\$ 69,940
Received Year to Date	\$ 521,924

Chapters

Pledged	\$ 7,264,900
Received for the Month	\$ 121,649
Received Year to Date	\$ 931,710
Total Given	\$ 4,405,453

THE **URBAN PURPOSE** 

CHALLENGE

FIVE TEAM WODS 2015

AUGUST 29

**Team WODs
8 Stations**

Team of 4;
all male, all female
and co-ed divisions
\$200 per team

5K

**NEW, EASIER
COURSE**

\$35

registration fee

**Kids Mess
Fest**

Water games,
Inflatables & Fun!

Can serve as childcare
while you run or compete.

\$10 registration fee

REGISTER NOW
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Fall 2015 Bible Studies

Complete class information and registration is available at www.shades.org/life

Together
August 19, 6:00 p.m. | D535

Led by Chad Cossiboom
This 8-week class will give engaged couples an opportunity to prepare for marriage in a small group environment. Cost is \$65. www.shades.org/together.

Financial Peace University (Preview)
August 19, 6:00 p.m. | D527

Led by Joel Hethcox
With hundreds of thousands of families having gone through Financial Peace University, we have found that the average participant eliminates \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 during the 13-week period.

Church History in Plain Language
August 19 | G316

Led by Allan McConnell
In America's fast-changing culture where it seems anything goes without regard for the past, need to know and understand Church History, \$25 with book (free without book).

Divinely Designed
August 26 - September 23 | D636

This five-week course examines how God uses experiences and passions in our lives. Cost is \$10 and that covers your workbook. Email readytoserve@shades.org to register.

A Study Through the Gospel of John,
August 19 | Hearth Room

Led by John Turner
This Bible study features a great time of singing, praying and then a great Bible study. This year we will study through the Gospel of John. Bring your Bible, and an attentive heart and mind and see what the Lord does through the study of His Word.

Single's Midweek Bible Study
August 19, 6:00 p.m. | D614

Led by Jacob Simmons
Beginning a new study on 1 John called "Walking in the Truth".

Running on Purpose
August 19 | D644

Led by Dr. Gary Harvey
Get healthy, train for, and finish the Magic City half-marathon in November, and discover how to live the Gospel in everyday life! For more information, email gharvey@shades.org.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Warriors for Christ (6 week study),
September 16, 12:00 p.m.

Rick and Bubba Studio
Led by Rick Burgess
This 6 week study will challenge you to fight for the truth of Christ in our marriage, our families, and our workplace.

Men of the Bible
September 16, 6:00p.m. | G419

Led by Andy Blanks
This study focuses on the success and failure that the men in scripture faced, and how that example can help us grow in our walk with Christ.

Men's Gathering:

• **Wednesday Night Edition**
September 16, 6:00 p.m. | G317

Led by Warren Callaway
and Jody Peddy

• **Thursday Morning Edition**
September 17, 6:00 a.m.
Student Building

Led by Gary Harvey
and Greg Olexa

This six-session study leads men on a journey through masculinity, with Bible-study sessions on the problems men face, God's solutions, and the restorations of worldview, sexuality, vision, and family. The cost is \$35

Counterfeit Gods
September 23, 6:30 a.m.
Heat Room, Alabama Power
Headquarters (beside the cafeteria).
Led by Clay Rikard

Harsh economic realities are casting new light on the pursuits of sex, money, and success for happiness: careers, fortunes, marriages, and retirement security have collapsed. Many feel lost, disenchanted, and resentful. In this book, Timothy Keller, one of the country's most popular spiritual guides, reveals the unvarnished truth about faith, our hearts' desires, and the pursuit of happiness-and where all of it can ultimately be found.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

"To Live is Christ-The Life and Ministry of Paul" by Beth Moore
September 15, 9:15 a.m.
CLC Fireside Room

Led by Bonnie Shields
Paul served faithfully, loved heartily, and demonstrated what it means to die daily, crucified with Jesus Christ. Join Beth Moore in a journey to discover a greater appreciation for his unflinching faith and undying devotion to servanthood. \$20.00

"Breathe" by Priscilla Shirer
Begins September 8, 6:30 p.m.
CLC Fireside Room

Led by Pat Musselwhite

By neglecting time for tranquility, serenity, and repose, we limit our Christ likeness and miss out on some of God's greatest gifts. It is time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God. Sabbath was intended as a gift, and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, the concept of Sabbath will change your life. \$15.00

"Hebrews" by Lisa Harper
• **September 9, 9:15 a.m. | D614**
Led by Tricia Burns
• **September 9, 9:00 a.m. | D623**
Led by Jeremi Beam

Join Lisa as she journeys through this bridge between the Old and New Testaments to get to the heart of the matter: Jesus is our accessible King. Hebrews helps women make the connection between God the Father and God the Son, and reminds us that Jesus is supreme - but He is also compassionate, empathetic, and loving to no end. \$15.00

"Seamless" by Angie Smith
September 9, 6:00 p.m. | D623
Led by Lynn Garnett

Seamless covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. "Seamless" helps replace insecurity that holds participants back with clarity, and helps them move forward with confidence in their understanding of Scripture. \$15.00

Ladies Divorce Support Group
August 19, 6:00 p.m. | WC416
Join us to be strengthened and encouraged by God's Word and the support of others as we travel this road together.