

Welcome to the  
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*Times of Worship*

**Sunday**

10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Bible School**

9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday Bible Study**

5:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

**Visitors Welcome**

**October 2, 2016**

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**OPTIMISM**

The Marine officer, when he saw that he and his men were surrounded, said, "Men, we're surrounded by the enemy. Don't let a one of them get away!"

Optimism by definition is the mindset of a person who expects the most favorable outcome of events or conditions.

The Christian, of all people, has the most to be optimistic about. His past is forgiven, his present is meaningful and his future is secure. He has the Holy Spirit's assurance that "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord..." (Rom. 8:28). It is written on a sundial on a pier at Brighton, England: "'Tis always morning some-where in the world."

During the Battle of Britain, someone said to a man on the street in London, "Things look pretty dark, don't they?" The man replied, "But the King says there's 'ope, Sir!" In the darkest moments of life, the Christian can, with divine assurance say: "But *THE KING* says there's hope!"

*R. Medlin*

**Lessons for Today:**

"Our Plea..."  
 1 Timothy 4:1-5

"Turn It Loose!"  
 John 10:10

**Today's Activities:**

◆**The Vickery Family Circle** will have a potluck lunch fellowship in the Fireplace Room. Bring your favorite dish and/or beverage.

◆**The Conley Family Circle** will have a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dish.

◆**L2L Workshop:** Debate, Speech, Bible Bowl, Fellowship Hall, 2:00-5:00pm.

**Love Your Neighbor Verse:**

**Colossians 1:28**

"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ."

**This Week**

Making announcements:

Sunday - 10:00 am: Ryan Gallagher  
 Sunday- 5:00 pm: Ryan Gallagher

**Inner City Ministry:** Oct. 3, 6:00pm  
**Ladies' Bible Class:** Tuesdays, 10:00am  
**5:30 Wed. Bible Study:** College Student  
**6:30 Wed. Bible Study:**

Various Classes

**Camellia Gardens Apts. Bible Study:**  
 Thursdays, 5:30 pm

**Men's Bible Class:** Fridays, 6:30am,  
 Studying Exodus 5

**Elizabeth Wright Apts. Service:**  
 Sundays, 8:00am

**Records You Help Make**

Sunday Bible Study	430
Sunday Morning Worship	587
Sunday Evening	404
Hispanic Ministry	85
Elizabeth Wright Apts., Sunday AM	15
Inner City	Resumes October 3
Wednesday Evening—6:30	331
Wednesday Evening—5:30	173
General Fund Contributions	\$17,884.21
Hispanic Min. Contributions	—
Weekly Budget	\$24,147.00
Weekly Contribution Avg., 2016	\$22,290.72

## Worship Leaders

October 2, 2016

10:00 a.m.

**Opening Prayer** Jason Isbell  
**Preside at Table** Fenter Northern  
**Scripture Reading** Ed Redman  
**Closing Prayer** Tyson Amaya

**Serve Communion:** Jon Hilyer, Joel Kelly, Charles Labriola, Scott Latham, Sam Lett, Sam Long, Rob Lyle, Bobby Mathews, Randall Mathis, Chip McEwen, Don McLeod, Keith Mock, Robert Moon, Adam Moore, Jonathan Reynolds, Joseph Vickery, Woody Wordlaw

5:00 p.m.

**Opening Prayer** Joe Kelly  
**Scripture Reading** Leon Willis  
**Closing Prayer** Hue Don Norris

**Serve Evening Communion:** Brian Kasarjian, Colton Kasarjian, Lance Tucker

## Others Who Serve:

### Chairman and Co-Chairman of the

**Elders:** Chris Baker and Carl Cheatham

### Nursery

AM: Allison Hilyer  
PM: Karen Clifton and Hannah Beasley

### Greeters

East: Mitch and Martha Grubb  
West: Faires and Margie Austin

### Ushers

East: Chris Brodie  
West: Lance Tucker

### Doorman

East: James Powers  
West: Matt Morris

## Youth & College Activities

♦**Area-Wide Devo:** Sun., Oct. 9, Walnut Street church. Bus leaves at 3:45.

♦**Jr. Devo:** Sun., Oct. 16, lunch, Fellowship Hall. Hosted by the Faires & Margie Austin. Pick up kids at 12:30.

♦**L2L Workshop:** Sun., Oct. 16,, Annex, 2-5pm. For Debate, Speech, Bible Bowl.

♦**Sr. Devo:** Sun., Oct. 16, after evening service, Fellowship Hall. Hosted by the Wallace's.

♦**PB&J:** Mon., Oct. 24, 6:30-8:00pm, Fellowship hall. Bring your own dinner.

♦**Big Grass Bible Study:** Wed., Oct. 26, 6:30pm.

♦**Trunk or Treat:** Thurs., Oct. 27, UCOG parking lot. More details soon.

## Those In Need of Our Prayers

**Dr. E. R. Brannan** had knee replacement surgery last week. Dr. Brannan was a former minister here at University church. If you would like to send a card, his contact information is as follows: Dr. E. R. Brannan, 5008 Holmes Ave., NW, Huntsville, AL 35816.

We rejoice with **Kensly Gasbarro**, granddaughter of **Ray and Kay Dutton** and a student at Faulkner University, as she was baptized after the morning service on Sunday, September 25.

**Dorothy Stubbs**, mother of **Brenda Podoll**, is at home and is now under the care of hospice.

**Those confined, dealing with ongoing health problems, and military:** Dan Alexander, Cindy Alford, Darlene Baad, Pierre Caldwell, Blois & Lucy Clifton, Wally & Sharon Colburn, James & Rebecca Deason, Robert H. Fontenot, Carlton Freeman, Gwendolyn Harris, Lorene Hitt, Dottie Huggins, Dennis Itson, Sara Jones, Sandra Jones, Lynn McDaniel, Charles Mills, Chase Seals, Lynne Spencer, Londyn Stringer, Rose Turner, Dan Winstein.

## Announcements

**Operation Christmas Joy** gifts are due Sunday, October 2, but will be accepted **through the month of October** if you need more time. Hotel size bath items are also being collected. Financial donations are appreciated and may be given to Sara Bills or Elenore Conley. Leave gifts and other donated items under the table in the West Lobby.

The next **Area-Wide Congregational Singing** will be held on Friday, October 7, at 7:00pm, at the Georgia Road church of Christ.

**The Hatcher Family Circle** will have a lunch fellowship on Sunday, October 9, in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Clifton Family Circle** will meet at the Faulkner Cafeteria for lunch after the morning service on Sunday, October 9.

**All Family Circle Leaders** please meet with Leon Willis on Sun., Oct. 9, at 4:00pm, in the Seminar Room. This will be about preparations for the Church-Wide Fellowship on Sun., Oct. 30.

The next meeting for the **Monday Night Ladies' Bible Study** will be held on Monday, October, 10, at 6:30pm, at the home of Michelle Latham (361 Holly Brook Drive, Montgomery, AL). Ree Clark will be the Bible study speaker.

**Senior Servants** will have a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m. If you are 55 or older, please join this wonderful time of food and fellowship. You are welcome to bring guests! Jim Forrester is the coordinator. The sign-up sheet is in the East Foyer. October's program features guest speaker, Mark Harris from the Dixie Art Colony.

**Redland Road church of Christ** will hold Ladies' Day on Saturday, October 15. The speaker will be Gladys Deese and the topic is "What's Cooking?". Registration and breakfast is from 9-10am and lunch will be served. To RSVP, call the church office 514-3656 or send an email to redlandroadladiesday@yahoo.com.

A Bridal Tea will honor **Laine Kelly**, bride-elect of **Dustin Villarreal**, on Sunday, October 16, from 3:00-4:00pm, in the Fireplace Room. Laine and Dustin are registered at Kohl's, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Target. See Doris Pace if you would like to participate in a group gift.

**The Montgomery Inner City Church of Christ** is holding a book drive for children and they are looking for Bible story books only. There is a box in the east and middle foyers for your donations. The deadline to turn in books is October 16.

**Agape Pecan Sales** are underway and through the end of October. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers or see Polly Short or Jeanette Stubblefield. The pecans will be ready for pickup mid November. Thank you for supporting Agape's mission to help children and families in our area!

**Family Circle Central** - For everyone's convenience, there is a large board in the middle foyer containing a list of every Family Circle. They are in alphabetical order by the Family Circle Leader. If you do not find your family's name on any of the lists, please contact the church office.