



# Tallapoosa church of Christ

"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

## Welcome Visitors

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We are blessed by your attendance and worshipping with us.

## Prayer Request

- .....
- Jason Rowell
- Teddy Cauthen
- Maddox Willingham
- Pete Bridges
- Jeremy and Candyce
- Arlene Davis (Hanna's mom)
- Linda Rider
- Pat Blumer
- Barbara McElroy
- Betty Mae Mallory

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Sammie Cole	6
Nathan Hotalen	6
Brenda Cash	8
Jodie Willis	11
Kim Wilkerson	17
Brandon Estvanko	23
Edith Laminack	27
Alan and Kim Wilkerson	16
Joe and Amy Mallory	13
Kenny and Edith Laminack	30

## Criteria for Selecting a New Church

What kind of criteria do people use when searching for and selecting a new church to attend? Some, obviously, simply go back to the church they were raised in. They are comfortable there. Others select a church because someone else they know recommended it as one that makes them happy. Others select a church based on its closeness in proximity to where they live; it's closeness in doctrine to what they've always chosen to believe; and/or the size of its congregation, youth group, or the beauty of its building. This, while still others select a new church to attend based upon its featuring others of their personally-preferred comfort and convenience features; features such as: Is the worship style one that they prefer and find enjoyable? How well does it hold their interest and keep them entertained? Does the church allow them to continue to live comfortably in the lifestyle and situation that they have chosen, without challenge, correction, and/or conviction? In other words, does it tell them what they want to hear, thus keeping them comfortable, contented, and coming back?



Do you want your perceived needs to be the center of Church focus?

While many choose a new church to attend based on the above criteria, there are a few with a completely different focus and goal. They realize that church and it's work, worship, and

I AM  
the LORD  
your God...  
You shall have  
NO  
other gods  
before Me.



### God's Plan of Salvation

1. Hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17; Acts 16:32)
2. Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Heb 11:6)
3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confession (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
5. Baptism (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3-4)
6. After the above five steps, faithful

#### **This Week Leading Worship:**

##### Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Joe Mallory
Scripture	Cory Payne
Song Leader	Harel Otwell
Opening Prayer	Alan Wilkerson
Table	Kenny Laminack Wayne Aldridge
Assisting	Camp Mallory Shane Buchanan
Closing Prayer	Tony Hotalen

##### Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Cory Payne
Scripture	Harel Otwell
Song Leader	Caden Mallory
Opening Prayer/Table	Carlos Payne
Closing Prayer	Camp Mallory

#### **Next Week Leading Worship:**

##### Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Kelly Cauthen
Scripture	Shane Buchanan
Song Leader	Cory Payne
Opening Prayer	Wayne Aldridge
Table	Harel Otwell Carlos Payne
Assisting	Korbin Cauthen Cody Payne
Closing Prayer	Carlos Payne

##### Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Harel Otwell
Scripture	Tony Hotalen
Song Leader	Brennan Mallory
Opening Prayer/Table	Joe Mallory
Closing Prayer	Cory Payne

teachings on such things as how to be saved and live a new, pure, and holy lifestyle ([Romans 6:1-23](#); [Colossians 3:1-17](#)), is not – and cannot ever be – at all about them and their personal preferences, but totally and completely, one hundred percent and forever about God almighty’s preferences, desires, commands, will, and agenda alone. He is the One who came in the flesh and died to purchase His own church with His own perfect blood ([Acts 20:28](#)). He is the one and only head over His body, His church ([Ephesians 1:22-23](#); [Col. 1:18](#)). These folks realize and respect that Jesus Christ is the one, true, Lord and King who has been given full and total authority in all things by the Father ([Matt. 28:18-20](#)) – and not them. As such, they recognize and are more than willing to lovingly submit themselves and their wills fully to the Lord and His word ([John 14:15](#); [Lk. 6:46-49](#)).

Such sincere and humble seekers of God understand and accept the truth that within His holy word, the Bible, God has given us everything we need in order to stand pure, holy, and perfect before Him ([2 Timothy 3:16-4:4](#); [2 Peter 1:2-4](#)). Therefore, they would never seek to be saved by a process, live by a practice, or worship by a pattern, not found in – and therefore foreign to – that perfect, flawless, eternally binding and divinely-inspired life-providing word ([Psalm 19:7-11](#), [119:89](#); [John 6:63](#), [68](#), [12:48-50](#)). They have read, understood, and accepted the fact that to worship according to man-made practices, teachings, and traditions which are not found anywhere in the sacred Scriptures, is to do something they definitely do not want to be guilty of: contaminating and therefore rendering their worship vain, futile, and useless before God ([Matthew 15:3-14](#); [Mark 7:5-13](#); [Colossians 2:20-23](#)).

The ultimate beauty and beautiful irony for such sincerely humble seekers who are willing to sacrifice any and all of their personal preferences for whatever God said in His word that He wants – thus giving Him His proper place of prominence and preeminence in their lives ([Colossians 1:15-20](#)) – is not only that they are truly seeking and will therefore surely find God ([Matthew 7:7-8](#)), but that such folks are exactly and exclusively the kind of worshippers that the Father Himself is still seeking today (See: [John 4:23-24](#))!

What are you looking for in a church? Are you one of the many who are simply looking for a place that pleases and gives you, as the audience, what you prefer? Or, are you one of the few who understands that when it comes to worship, God is the audience to be pleased and that we must therefore perform our worship of and to Him with the proper spirit of godly reverence, in accordance with His word? If you are one of the latter, please come and join the like-minded of the Lord’s church this coming Sunday ([Romans 16:16](#)).

Doug Dingley

### **Reminders:**

Check bulletin board

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Sunday Bible study: 10AM  
 Sunday Worship: 11AM  
 Sunday Afternoon: 1:30PM  
 Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

Joe Mallory, Minister  
 770-597-5009  
 Cory Payne, Bulletin  
 770-328-1745