

# 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

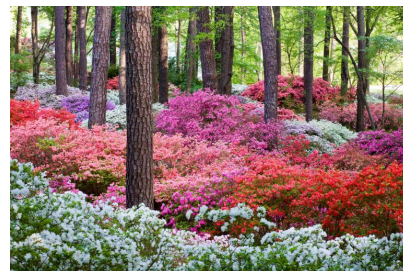
- .....
- Jason Rowell
- Teddy Cauthen
- Pete Bridges
- Jeremy and Candyce Isabell
- Linda Rider
- Pat Blumer
- Diane Aldridge
- Sharon Estvanko
- Michael Cauthen
- Winnie Crumbly
- Heather Haney

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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- Brennan Mallory 3
- Mason Isabell 6
- Sophia Wilkerson 13
- Rowan Mallory 16
- Baxlee Benefield 24
  
- Brandon & Sharon Estvanko 28

## What About Sickness, Death, & Suffering?

Sin, sickness, death and suffering were never a part of God's desire for His human creation. In the beginning, He created a beautiful garden that was completely free from all of those horrific evils. Indeed, it was very good (Gen. 1). It was so good, so perfect, and so pristine in fact, that the pure and sinless, eternal God and Creator of the entire universe walked freely therein, along with His beloved creation (Gen. 3:8).



In the beginning, it wasn't so... man chose.

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	Harel Otwell
Scripture	Camp Mallory
Song Leader	Cory Payne
Opening Prayer	Tony Hotalen
Table	Wayne Aldridge
	Kelly Cauthen
Assisting	Cody Payne
	Brandon Estvanko
Closing Prayer	Kenny Laminack

##### Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Cory Payne
Scripture	Brandon Estvanko
Song Leader	Caden Mallory
Opening Prayer/Table	Joe Mallory
Closing Prayer	Cody Payne

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

##### Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Cory Payne
Scripture	Korbin Cauthen
Song Leader	Harel Otwell
Opening Prayer	Joe Mallory
Table	Tony Hotalen
	Carlos Payne
Assisting	Troy Stapler
	Kenny Laminack
Closing Prayer	Brandon Estvanko

##### Sunday Evening:

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

But although God so loved and provided them with every possible blessing they would ever need in order for them to remain eternally joyful, fulfilled, and sin, sickness, death and sorrow free, true love is always a choice. Thus God, in His great and infinite wisdom, knew He must allow His beloved and much-blessed creation to make their own choice, as to whether or not they wanted to truly love Him in return. Did they truly love Him enough to trust Him, and hence trust Him enough to obey and remain loyal to Him, or not? That was the test, the choice, the decision and the question, which He knew He must allow them to fully and freely make and answer for themselves. So; God stood back, allowed the devil to make his play, and Adam and Eve to make their choice (Gen. 3). As we know, it was an epic fail. They chose to love, trust, listen to and obey Satan, instead of their Lord God and Creator. Hence, sin, sickness, death and suffering entered the world as a result, driving a deep wedge of division between their pure and sinless Creator, and His now unholy and sin-stained creation (Gen. 3:22-24; Isa. 59:1-2).

But even then – despite their lack of love for, trust in, and obedience to their almighty and all-loving God and Creator – He did not stop loving them... not for one moment. Despite the fact that due to their own chosen disobedience they would now have to live in a world far less wonderful and much more painful than He had ever planned, purposed, or wanted for them in the first place, He promised His now-fallen and sin-stained creation that He had a plan in place to

**Reminders:**

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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

give them yet another chance to be with Him forever (Gen. 3:15), if they would but simply choose to love, listen to, and trust and obey Him this time.

Each and every day, we are given the same exact choice as Adam and Eve were. God still loves and provides for us more than we can ever imagine (Jn. 3:16; Ro. 8:28-32). And so, the question is not does God love us, but do we love God – according to His definition? Jesus said, “If you love Me, you will obey My commandments” (Jn. 14:15; see verses 21-24). Do you love Him, enough to listen to and obey, only Him (Matt. 4:10)? Have you obeyed the gospel – God’s commandment to be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (2 Thess. 1:7-9; Acts 2:38)? Are you daily listening to, learning of, and walking in, obedience to and with the Lord your God? Or, are you choosing to love, trust, listen to and live for someone else, resulting in eternally more death and suffering?

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