

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

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Jason Rowell
Teddy Cauthen
Pete Bridges
Linda Rider
Pat Blumer
Diane Aldridge
Troy Stapler
Pepper Daniel
Marie Crumbly
Jeremy & Candyce Isabell

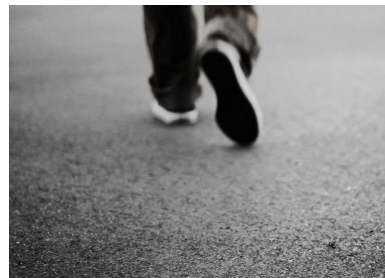
Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Shane Buchanan 1
Betty May Mallory 3
Candyce Isabell 6
Sarah Stapler 27

Carlos & Martha Payne 18
Lupe & Misty Medina 22

The Exodus of the Young

It's like a slow train wreck you can't stop watching. For 18 years a young person attends your local congregation and is present every Sunday. But then they leave home, take the high dive into the world, and slowly start to live a life that does not reflect Christ. And sadly, they appear to love this new life of worldliness. Their clothes get more immodest. Their social media posts get more immoral. Their language becomes less about Him and more about themselves. And little by little you watch as this once faithful person begins to embrace sin.



Social events? Teen only classes? Youth Days? What about serious Bible study?

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	Kelly Cauthen
Scripture	Korbin Cauthen
Song Leader	Harel Otwell
Opening Prayer	Alan Wilkerson
Table	Cory Payne Caden Mallory
Assisting	Troy Stapler Camp Mallory
Closing Prayer	Brandon Estvanko

Sunday Evening:

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

Next Week Leading Worship:

Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Joe Mallory
Scripture	Camp Mallory
Song Leader	Cory Payne
Opening Prayer	Tony Hotalen
Table	Kelly Cauthen Caden Mallory
Assisting	Troy Stapler Brandon Estvanko
Closing Prayer	Steve Cole

Sunday Evening:

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

Why? Why are we not better grounding our young people to run away from worldliness and run toward holiness? Why do we sit idly by and assume this is “just a phase” everyone must go through? Why do we no longer blush? Why is it okay for a 20-year-old to dishonor the bride of Christ publicly through social media and no one does anything? Why do we act like souls are not at stake?

I fear that it is because, in too many cases, their hearts were never turned toward God in the first place. Sure they wanted to get baptized and sure they wanted to avoid the fires of hell. But they never put on the new man. They never agreed to be a servant/slave to Christ.

Yes, they wanted salvation and forgiveness, but they did not want Him as a Lord over their life. They simply wanted a comfortable Christianity that still allowed them to live as they wanted to live. It's time parents, church leaders, and Christians take a serious look at the hearts of their young people and ask: “Who is on the throne of your heart?” Is it a video game? Is it themselves? Is it a boyfriend/girlfriend? Is it theater, football, or band? Is it high grades and honor roll? Is it being popular or having the right phone? Or is it Jesus Christ? How many more will we watch fall away before we realize that something needs to be done?

Brad Harrub

Reminders:

Youth Holiday Party Dec 20th @ 6PM

*cookies to decorate/bring snacks

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Sunday Bible study: 10AM

Sunday Worship: 11AM

Sunday Afternoon: 1:30PM

Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

Joe Mallory, Minister

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Cory Payne, Bulletin

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