LEADERSHIP/STAFF

Elders

- Ben Coxwell
- Billy Lambert

Deacons

- Tyler Gill Order of Worship
- Daniel Henry Youth
- Wayne Herring Benevolence
- Benn Keevan Maintenance
- Casey Tomecek Audio/Video
- Robert Tyree Security
- Steve Yager Education

Ministers

- Ray Reynolds PULPIT MINISTER
- Eric Whittle **YOUTH & FAMILY**
- Billy Lambert
- **GTKYB MINISTRY**
- Steve Yager
- **OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Secretaries

- Sandy Daugherty
- Christy Gill
- Carolyn Till

TIMES OF SERVICE:

SUNDAYS **AM Bible Classes - 9AM** Worship - 10AM **PM Bible Classes - 5PM**

WEDNESDAYS Adult Bible Class- 10AM **Bible Classes - 6:30PM**

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ONLINE GIVING: summerdalechurch.org/give

Cindy Hatcher is available for counseling appointments in person or via ZOOM. Call 251-263-3100 for an appointment.

PRAYER LIST

- SCOC MEMBERS:
- Bonnie Alvis
- Lyndia Daugherty
- Kelvin Farrington: Home recovering from knee replacement.
- Emma Fell
- Christina Hensel: Recovering from wrist surgery 3/26.
- Kim Markham: Wrist surgery 3/31 in Mobile.
- Misty Reynolds: New treatments for Lupus.
- David Till Home from rehab; improving!
- Rosa Wagner: Home recovering from knee replacement.
- Patti Waters: Chronic health issues.
- Tina Welch

SHUT-INS: PLEASE SEND CARDS, CALL, & VISIT WHEN POSSIBLE.

- David Cill Home on hospice; not doing well.
- Tim Howell
- Ella Mae Kellerman (The Seagrass Village in Daphne)
- Lamar & Mary Kelley: Mary is on hospice.
- Paul & Rosemary Kitchens
- Philip Markham Home on hospice.
- Mike Reedy Cancer; not doing well.
- Linda Smith
- Myra Wright Haven Memory Care in Gulf Shores

FAMILY/FRIENDS:

- Barbara Beam: Steve Norris' sister: discontinuing chemo: not aiven much time.
- Huey Caskey: Darla Gill's grandfather; on hospice.
- Diane Chamblee: Geraldean Yager's daughter
- Matt Coxwell (Ben's brother) Kidney Cancer.
- Colby Douglas: Health issues related to his heart.
- Jennifer Houston: Louis Smith's daughter
- Iris Irwin & her sister. Louise Daniels.
- Sylvia Blake Johnson: Three Blake's mother: Heart Issues.
- Cecil Ledbetter: Matilda's brother. Recovering from heart surgery.
- Fred Lincoln: Barbara Howell's nephew. Stage 4 colon cancer.
- Euline Norman: Rhonda Butler's mom: Health issues.
- Matthew Shelton: Daniel Henry's cousin: Peripheral T Cell Lymphoma.
- Darren Williamson: Father of Cecily's co-worker. Sent home on hospice; in his final days.
- Tim Wright Candy Allen's Father: Cancer; Undergoing treatment.

MILITARY:

- Tyler Allen: (Bonnie Coxwell's nephew) Guam
- Fischer Carr Hawaii
- Zane Rider
- **Gisela Santos Stationed in Sand Diego, CA**
- Gabriel & Destiny Stephens (Mike & April's son & daughter in law) Air Force. stationed in TX.

MISSIONARIES:

- Jeff Abrams (Ukraine)
- Andy Erwin (McGarvey College of the Bible)
- Wayne Pruette (Guyana)

If you need to add or take someone off the prayer list, please email Christy by 10AM Thursday: summerdalechurchoffice@gmail.com



ORDER OF WORSHIP: 3/30

Welcome/Prayer: Ben Coxwell Lead Singing: Robert Tyree **Opening Prayer: Louis Smith Communion/Off. Lead: Eric Whittle Serving Communion in March:**

- Kelvin Farrington
- Joe Gill
- Daniel Henry
- Hayden Joiner
- Johnnie Myers
- Kile Votaw

Kids Give - During "Thank You Lord" **Following Offering**

Scripture Reading: London McDonald TITUS 3:4-7

Sermon: Ray Reynolds **Closing Prayer: James Anderson**

March Security: Wayne Herring & Terry Nicholson **April Security: Joe Gill & Tommy Smith** (Contact Robert Tyree if unable to work security.)

W = ***If you are not able to serve at the time you've been scheduled, please contact Tyler Gill ASAP so someone else can be assigned.



Welcome Visitors!

Please fill out one of our Connection Cards. located on the Welcome Table. or scan the QR code with your smartphone to fill it out online. We'd love the opportunity to get to know YOU!

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RENEW <u>5 WAYS TO NURTURE</u> <u>SPIRITUAL GROWTH</u>

• Psalm 103:4-6, II Corinthians 4:16

• Psalm 104:30, Isaiah 40:31

• Galatians 6:15. Il Corinthians 5:17

• Psalm 51:10, Ephesians 4:22-24

• Romans 12:1-2, Colossians 3:9-10

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:5)

NEWS & UPDATES HOW MANY WILL YOU INVITE THIS WEEK?



Summerdale Church of Christ Speaker: Ray Reynolds Pulpit Minister, SCOC

BIBLE CLASS @ 9 AM MORNING WORSHIP @ 10 AM FELLOWSHIP MEAL @ 11 AM **AFTERNOON SERVICE @ NOON**

INVITE SOMEONE TO COME LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SCOC! PLEASE BRING PLENTY OF FOOD TO SHARE WITH OUR VISITORS.

EASTER EGG H

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

WE WILL HAVE A POTLUCK MEAL FOLLOWING THE 10AM SERVICE CONCLUDING WITH THE HUNT ANYONE IS WELCOME TO STAY FOR TH MEAL BUT PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH **OR DESSERT IF YOU DO!**

CANDY FILLED PLASTIC EGG DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE FRONT FOYER, OR THE OFFICE!



BALDWIN COUNTY WEEK (IST-12TH GRADES) MAY 25-30 Registration Deadline is 4/15!

Office: 251-989-2538

Please visit: https://www.gulfcoastbiblecamp.com/bcweek to register your child. You will pay the "Deposit Summer Camp \$40" Also, if you want your child to have canteen, you need to add the

"Canteen Summer Camp \$20".

You must register before 4/15 to avoid a late fee. _____ **PCOMINC EVENTS**

- 4/13: Easter Egg Hunt following 10AM service.
- 4/17-20: L2L Convention.

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- 4/26: Ladies' Tea: Time & more info TBA.
- 5/4: Senior Sunday & Family 1st
- 6/21: 11AM: Baby Shower for Ivy Cartwright
- 6/29-7/2 VBS!!!

L2L GUEST WRITER: CHASE JOINER

Good Morning everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to SYG speak today. I would like to take a few minutes to reflect on a powerful and encouraging verse in the Bible, Genesis Summerdale 50:20. In this verse, we find the sovereignty of God, His Youth Group ability to redeem situations, and how, even when Growing in circumstances in life seem to be spinning out of control, God is always working behind the scenes for our good.

Genesis 50:20 is a statement made by Joseph to his brothers. In the wake of all the trouble and suffering that Joseph experienced-sold into slavery by his own brothers, falsely accused and imprisoned in Egypt-he makes this incredible statement: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Joseph is now a fantastic leader in Egypt, second only to Pharaoh himself. His brothers, the very brothers that betrayed him, are now in front of him, in fear that he will take revenge on them for the injustice that they had committed to him all those years before. Instead, Joseph reassures them by saying that although they might have had evil plans, God had an even greater one in mind. What was meant for harm was used by God for good. This incident in Joseph's life is markable witness to the redemptive power of God. It reveals some important truths to us:

First, God's sovereignty over circumstances. Joseph's life had spectacular highs and agonizing lows. He was betrayed, rejected, and plunged into the pi of despair. But in the middle of it all, God was working behind the scenes, orchestrating events for His greater purpose. The very circumstances that seemed to be against Joseph—his brothers' betrayal, his imprisonment—wer not arbitrary. They were part of God's sovereign plan to place Joseph in a position where he would ultimately save the lives of his family and many others during a season of famine.

Similarly, in our own lives, when we are experiencing difficult circumstances and trials, it is natural to think that God is distant or that matters are spiraling out of control. But Genesis 50:20 reminds us that nothing is accidental. God is continually working, directing the course of our lives in ways we do not alway discern at the moment. What we perceive as setbacks, hindrances, or even injustice can turn out to be steppingstones in God's greater plan. Second, God can use evil for good. We must realize that Joseph's brothers did what they did in malice and evil in their hearts. They were not trying to do any good for Joseph or trying to help him, they were trying to get rid of him. But God, in His incredible wisdom and power, utilized their wicked actions to achieve salvation. This serves as a powerful reminder that God is not limited by human error or sin. He can even use the worst of circumstances and turn

them to His glory and our advantage. In our own lives, we may experience betrayal, injustice, or suffering. We may be hurt by others or feel as though the entire world is against us. But Joseph's story reminds us that God can take even the worst of situations and turn them to a higher purpose. He can bring healing, maturity, and even salvation out of the most difficult circumstances.

Third, God's timing is perfect. Joseph's story didn't end when his brothers sold him into slavery. It didn't end when he was falsely accused and mprisoned. It didn't end when he was forgotten by those he had helped. His story ended at the precise point where Joseph was in the right place at the right time to save his family and a crowd of other people. God's plan for perfect timing.

The same can be said for us. We are also impatient. We need things to go our way and in our time frame. But God's ways are not our ways, and His timing is always perfect. Even when we cannot see the result, we can be confident that God knows exactly what He is doing, and He will fulfill His good plans in His time.

Finally, Joseph's response instructs us in forgiveness and faith. In spite of all he had suffered, in spite of the pain and betrayal, Joseph forgave. He didn't hold his brothers' sin against them. Instead, he believed in God's sovereign plan and recognized that their sin, while evil, was used by God for good. This is an important lesson for all of us. When we are injured, we are drawn to trust in God's sovereignty and forgive others, understanding that God can utilize any situation to His glory and our ultimate good.

Genesis 50:20 is a life-giving, perspective-giving verse for our lives. It reminds us that God is in sovereign control over every situation. What man intends for evil, God can and will reverse for good. Even in our adversities, we can trust that God is at work, orchestrating His plan for our life. And with Joseph, we can respond by faith, with forgiveness, with a heart trusting in God's timing.

Let us be comforted by the fact that regardless of what we go through, God intended it for good.



Remember when WWJD was popular in our culture? When it first took root? I may be dating myself, but in my teens everyone wanted a bracelet with WWJD stamped on it. Instead of asking WWJD, I wonder if we might consider WWAD? What Would the Apostles Do? Let's try to look to the first century church. The first generations of Christians, following the Way.

Imagine a church thriving with raw faith, in a vibrant community, and having a tangible sense of God's presence. A church where miracles weren't relics of the past, but expected occurrences. A church defined not by ornate buildings or complex doctrines, but by its unwavering devotion to Jesus and its love for one another. This is the captivating image of the first-century church, often viewed as a golden age of Christian faith.

I believe this passion and yearning to restore that spirit still resonates in many hearts today. In a world often characterized by division, skepticism, and institutional fatigue, the simplicity and power of the early church hold an undeniable appeal. But is it truly possible, or even desirable, to fully restore the church of the first century in our modern context? I believe so.

The desire to return to the "original blueprint" stems from a few key factors. The first factor is authenticity. Many believe the early church represents the purest form of Christianity, unburdened by centuries of tradition and theological debate. Who wouldn't want to return to that simplicity? In contrast to the complexities of modern church structures, the early church seems refreshingly straightforward.

Another thing we can learn from the original blueprint is the power and impact on the community. The book of Acts paints a picture of a church that was undeniably powerful, transforming lives and impacting the world. I might also add that despite their challenges, the early believers exhibited a remarkable unity of heart and purpose by the power of the Holy Spirit.

And what could be said about the good works of the early Christians? We read about their devotion to the apostles' teaching, their fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42). We see them sharing their possessions, caring for the needy, and witnessing boldly about Jesus. This picture is compelling, a stark contrast to the often fragmented and sometimes lukewarm expressions of faith we see today.

For the next few weeks I would like for us to dedicate this page to considering how we can restore the New Testament church. We will focus on the spirit and work of the church. We will notice Bible passages that challenge us to follow the Holy Scriptures as our guide. By following a carefully laid out "blueprint" in the You are loved! Joseph unfolded over many years, but each step along the way was part of His book if Acts, we can keep building the church! Have a great week! Ray



Sonshine Corner

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"WHAT WOULD THE APOSTLES DO?" RESTORING NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY