

# Fort Payne church of Christ



## Congregation at Work

Childhaven Children's Home  
Rainbow Omega  
Hispanic Ministry  
World Video Bible School  
*House to House/Heart to Heart*  
Bible Correspondence Course  
Gospel Broadcasting Network  
*The Gospel of Christ*

Radio Station WFTP-LP  
FM103.9

## Monthly Activities

5th Sunday Friends & Family  
Day with Fellowship Meal  
Ladies Coffee 1st Wednesday of every month 8:00am in Fellowship Room  
Men's Coffee every Wednesday 8:00am Jack's North End  
Youth Group Devotionals

## Schedule of Services

### Worship in person:

- Sunday Bible Study 9:30 AM
- Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM
- Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM
- Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 PM

### Live Stream at the following times:

- Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM
- Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM
- Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 PM

### Live Stream available on:

- Fort Payne church of Christ Facebook page
- YouTube – search for Fort Payne church of Christ
- FM103.9 WFTP-LP - *Fort Payne Christian Radio*



### Elders:

Jason Akins - 256-996-1801  
Jim Campbell - 256-996-0771  
Mark Dawson - 256-630-6993  
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Randy Turner - 256-996-7176

### Deacons:

Richard Green - 256-996-0067  
Chris Kirby - 256-996-0383  
Chris Travis - 256-996-6414  
Shane Wright - 256-996-6766

### Minister:

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Radio Station: WFTP-LP—FM103.9  
24 Hours a Day

Wireless Internet available in auditorium:

FPCOC-Auditorium-guest  
Password: FPCOC-guest

## FPCOC On The Air

WFTP-LP FM103.9 - Fort Payne Christian Radio

Sunday Morning/Evening Worship/  
Wednesday Bible Study

— Live on Radio 10:30am/6:00pm/6:30pm

Live Streaming on  

— All Worship Services and Bible Studies

FPCOC ROKU Channel - 24/7 Access

**ROKU**

FPCOC PODCAST— On the TRUTH.FM App

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Amelia Robertson —16 Mark Dawson — 18  
Debra Dawson — 21

## Welcome Visitors

We Welcome You and *Thank You* For Coming. We are honored by your presence. Please be sure to fill out a *Visitors' Card* and sign our *Guest Register* in the foyer so that we may have a record of your attendance.

### October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>15 Guest Speaker:</b> <b>D. Mitchell Henry, JD</b> <b>President of Faulkner</b> <b>University</b> <b>Young Men Conduct</b> <b>PM Services</b>	16	17	<b>18 Men's Morning</b> <b>Coffee @ 8am</b>	19	20	21
<b>22 PM Worship In Song</b> <b>and Prayer</b>	23		<b>25 Men's Morning</b> <b>Coffee @ 8am</b> <b>Trunk or Treat in</b> <b>parking lot after</b> <b>PM Bible Study</b>		27	28
<b>29 5th Sunday Fellow-</b> <b>ship Meal</b> <b>Guest Speaker:</b> <b>Chuck Webster</b> <b>PM Worship at 1:00pm</b>	30	31	<b>November 1</b> <b>Men's Morning</b> <b>Coffee @ 8am</b> <b>Ladies Coffee / Bible</b> <b>Study @ 8am</b>	2	3	4
<b>5</b> 	6	7	<b>8 Men's Morning</b> <b>Coffee @ 8am</b>	9	10	11

**Check the Wall Calendar for Future Events at FPCOC**

## Optimism

One of my favorite secular songs is entitled "I am the Greatest", which is sung by Kenny Rogers. This song tells of a little boy in his back yard throwing up a baseball and trying to hit it. Just before the boy throws the ball up into the air, he tells himself that he is the greatest. Each time he swings his bat with all of his might and the ball falls to the ground. The little boy is not fazed as he counts strike one, and then strike two. On the third attempt of hitting the ball, the boy strikes himself out. It would seem like the little boy would be devastated about striking out after telling himself that he was the greatest. However, the little boy beams with pride as he says, "I am the greatest, that is a fact, because even I didn't know that I could pitch like that!"

What a great example of optimism! It seems that children can pick out the bright spots even on the darkest of days! I believe that this is one reason that Jesus instructs us to be "as little children" in Matthew 18. Jesus wants us to be positive even in the face of pessimism. We, as Christians, should be the most joyful of all people. There are privileges that we have that the rest of the world does not. We have salvation, prayer, a Mediator, and an Almighty Father in heaven just to name a few. Why shouldn't we be rejoicing? Even in prison, Paul was able to write "Rejoice always!" (1 Thessalonians 5:16) We need to make it a point everyday to be a positive person. As Christians, we should be the type of people that others want to be around. We have to avoid the "Debbie Downer" syndrome.

This is especially true when it comes to the work of the Church. It is very easy to become pessimistic when our numbers do not increase as rapidly as we would like. However, that does not mean that good is not being accomplished. In Matthew 10, Jesus sends His 12 apostles to the house of Israel to declare unto them that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (v.7). Notice the instruction that they are given in v. 14; "And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, as ye go forth out of that house or that city, shake off the dust of your feet". Jesus does not tell them to mope, or to get angry and complain, but to "move on". The apostles were to be so busy working, that they had no time to be pessimistic.

The same is true for us. We need to be so busy working and living for the Lord that we have no time to be pessimistic. Jesus tells us that we are the "light of the world" in Matthew 5:14-15. This means that the world is to be looking to us. In so doing, what is the world seeing? A negative, miserable person, or a person that reflects the child like optimism of the little boy in the song? Let us be a shining beacon in the dark world around us.

*Jimmy*

## Prayer Request

**\*\* Ron Anderson** — recovering from triple bypass surgery — had to move back to ICU — his oxygen level dropped due to his digestive tract not "waking up" like it should — his vitals are good and he is resting — may possible go home Monday — in Huntsville Hospital

**\*\* Rose Barnes** — health issues — recovering from hip surgery — in pain

**\*\* Janeece Blansit** — has phlebitis in her right ankle

**\*\* Raymond Boyd** — recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor — surgery went smoothly, they were able to remove the tumor from the left side — will have to have radiation and or chemo on the right side — in ICU at UAB — hopes to move to a regular room by Monday

**\*\* Wendy Burgess** — health issues — high blood pressure — dizziness

**\*\* Debra Dawson** — health issues

**\*\* Jackie & Myrtle Dodd** — health issues — homebound

**\*\* Jackie Dufault** — recovering from a heart Catheterization — having problems with her shoulder

**\*\* Julie Green** — migraines — is suffering a great deal with pain

**\*\* Betty Hawes** — fell and sprained her left foot and right knee and hand

**\*\* Ann Houston** — arthritis in her feet and toes — other health issues

**\*\* Lacey Kirby** — has Osgood-Schlatter's Disease of the knees — trying to do stretches, massage, ice, medication etc. to help

**\*\* Carol Laney** — health issues

**\*\* Katrina Laney** — having trouble with pain in her back

**\*\* Jo McDonald** — health issues — chronic vertigo

**\*\* Betty Ritenour** — heart issues — had COVID — still has a cough and is weak

**\*\* Lynn Strange** — leg procedure went well, will have same procedure on other leg later this month

**\*\* Rachel Strickland** — cancer — taking chemo treatments

**\*\* Jimmy Stubblefield** — has Guillain Barre Syndrome — still having intense pain at times

**\*\* Donna Terrell** — health issues

**\*\* Shaun Wheat** — kidney stones

**\*\* Wayne Williams** — health issues — congestive heart failure

**\*\* Gaynell Woodall** — health issues — heart and lung issues — has COPD — Echocardiogram scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup>, sees a lung specialist November 7<sup>th</sup>

**\*\* Johnny Barnes** — Rose's Son — heart & kidney problems — previously had a kidney stone removed and a stint put in — had an infection that had gotten in his blood stream — waiting to see a kidney specialist in Birmingham

**\*\* Reese Colburn** — one of Aaron Wright's good friends, was born with a heart defect — recovering from heart surgery — is in Vanderbilt with pneumonia in his left lung and heart failure — fluid gathering in his lungs they are draining it off — needs a liver and heart transplant

**\*\* Jessica Cunningham** — has COVID — pray for her and her unborn child

**\*\* Doug Dillard** — Suzanne Anderson's brother — has completed radiation and will see the Doctor in November for re-evaluation — has had some complications from previous treatment for the cancer which has compromised circulation in one of his legs causing him to lose two toes

**\*\* Dr. Joleen Gorman** — a primary care physician here in Fort Payne — recovering from major surgery

**\*\* Lou Holland** — Jimmy's Mother — health issues

**\*\* Allen & Vicki Johnson** — Wayne Williams' cousins — in a bad car accident — Allen has undergo at least 2 surgeries, one for a crushed pelvis, Vicki had surgeries, she broke her sternum, ribs, hip and one ankle also has a kidney laceration — both are in Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga

**\*\* Dan Kimbell** — Carol Laney's Uncle — has been moved to the Veterans home in Murfreesboro

**\*\* Judy Kimbell** — Carol Laney's Aunt — had a massive stroke — is in ICU in Murfreesboro

**\*\* Chris King** — member of the Jacksonville church of Christ — cancer — taking a new treatment — will be spending a few weeks close to the hospital — prayers for it to be effective

**\*\* Jackie Kirby** — health issues

**\*\* Jeanna Krein** — from St. Paul, MN listens to our services — recovering from surgery on her right arm

**\*\* Lain** — (in her 20's) daughter of Angel Simms, friend and co-worker of Steve and Angela Cunningham — recovering from brain surgery due to being hit in the head with a football — in a hospital in Florida

**\*\* Jennifer Marler** — visits with us — fell and broke her hip — recovering from surgery — she is anxious to get back to services

**\*\* Emily Marston** — Betty Hawes's daughter — health issues — had COVID — still has a bad cough

**\*\* Brenda Metski** — Betty Hawes's sister — possible had a heart attack — calling in a lung specialist — not doing well — in hospital

**\*\* David Paden** — minister at Lafayette church of Christ — ALS progresses — pray for pain management, peace, and for his family

**\*\* Grayson Pope** — Debbie Turner's 16-year-old 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin — was hit in the head by a falling tree, has brain trauma and cracked skull, swelling and bleeding on the brain, bruised lungs and other cuts — is now in outpatient care and taking PT & OT at Shepherd Center in Atlanta — pray for his voice strength and coordination while walking

**\*\* Donna Strickland** — Bob & Rachel's daughter-in-law — recovering from surgery for a detached retina

**\*\* For the complete list of Prayer Request, please see list on the table in the foyer. \*\***

**Bulletin News/Updates no later than 11:00am every Thursday, printing starts at 12:00pm**



### Special Prayer Request

**Pray for our country that God will not turn His back on us; that good, God-fearing leaders will lead us back to Him!**

# Today is Sunday, October 15, 2023

## *Those Blessed To Serve The Church Family*

### MORNING SERVICE

Prayer for the Sick  
 Lord's Table  
 Read Scripture/Prayer  
 Offering Prayer  
 Closing Prayer  
 Announcements  
 Oversee Men to Serve  
 Song Leader  
 Sound Booth  
 Building Lockup  
 Building Security

Jim Campbell  
 David Martin  
 Bradley Green  
 Nelson Burger  
 Shane Wright  
 Ken McDonald  
 Derek Burke  
 Tommy Laney  
 Chris Kirby  
 Shane Wright  
 Ron Anderson

### EVENING SERVICE

Jim Campbell  
 Jim Roberts  
 Aaron Wright

Raymond Boyd  
 Ken McDonald  
 Derek Burke  
 Tommy Laney  
 Chris Kirby  
 Shane Wright  
 Ron Anderson

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Invitation  
 Song Leader  
 Closing Prayer  
 Sound Booth  
 Building Lockup  
 Building Security

Jim Campbell  
 Alvin Durham  
 Aaron Wright  
 Chris Kirby  
 Shane Wright  
 Ron Anderson



**Remember To Check Your Mail  
 Box Every Week**



#### Counseling Service

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**Cindy Hatcher Warren,**  
 MFTA, AADC

## GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

### What Must I DO To Be Saved?

Hear.....Romans 10:13-17  
 Believe.....Mark 16:16  
 Repent.....Acts 2:38  
 Confess.....Matthew 10:32  
 Be Baptized.....Mark 16:16

#### *Record of Attendance* October 8, 2023

Bible Class	113
Morning Worship	142
Evening Worship	72
Wednesday Service	68
Contribution	\$8308

### This Week's Lessons

#### Sunday Morning Sermon:

*Guest Speaker:*

*D. Mitchell Henry, JD President of Faulkner University*

#### Sunday Evening Sermon:

*Young Men Conduct Services*

#### October Birthdays

Suzanne Anderson	2
Elizabeth Azbell	3
Lottie Campbell	5
Laney Travis	12
Benjamin Smith	13
Bob Strickland	13
Jimmy Holland	14
Amelia Robertson	16
Mark Dawson	18
Debra Dawson	21
Howard Hinkelmann	24
Wayne Williams	29

#### October Anniversary

Ben & Carle Cauwenberg	2
Andy & Amy Robertson	6
Roberto & Carmen Aguilar	16
Andrew & Alyssa McLaughlin	22
Nelson & Vickie Burger	25

## Kid's Newsletter

**Get your copy in the  
 bulletin rack in foyer**