

# THE CENTER POINT

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## THOMAS' TIDINGS

### KEEPING LIFE IN FOCUS

In Philippians 3:8-14 Paul gives some timely truths that will help us succeed in our Christian life. The single word that holds the key for success is FOCUS.

FOCUS means "to concentrate, to bring into clear view." Paul was focused on following Christ. He said, "this one thing I do." Focus will put our priorities in order and it will give us a "forward look". He said, "I am reaching forward to the things which are ahead."

A spiritual focus is marked by a desire to follow Christ, to press on, to know Him better, and serve Him joyfully.

### A GREAT BLESSING

What a great day of celebration and blessing it was as we honored Bro. Wint on his 50 years as our Minister of Music. The presence of the Lord was so real in the service. Have you stopped long enough to really consider how God has blessed Circlewood? A service like the one we experienced is one that causes us to humble ourselves before God and thank Him for blessing our church in such a great way. Yes... "God is great and God is good." Praise Him!

What a joy to serve with you in our Lord's work. Serve him faithfully, humbly, and prayerfully. Blessings.

To God Be All The Glory,  
Bro. Herb

## CAIN'S CORNER

**We Are GROWING!** Our College & YA group is experiencing some very exciting GROWTH! Here are our 2 weekly opportunities -

- **Wednesday Bible Study** - 6:00 PM in the C'wood House (new, earlier time). Last week, we had **21** in attendance!
- **College & YA Sunday School** - 9:30 AM, also in the C'wood House. Last week, we had an amazing group of **16!**

**Israel Trip News:** As of today, we have 63 registered to go to the Holy Land this May 22-30. If you are interested in going, get on board TODAY!

Blessings, Rob

## FROM DONNA'S DESK

"If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."  
Mark 9:35



Have you ever wanted to be "the first"? Maybe you have wanted to be the first to cross the finish line in a race or the first to have the newest toy. Did you know that Jesus' disciples were concerned about the same thing? While traveling through the city of Capernaum, some of the disciples were arguing about which one of them was the greatest disciple. Jesus explained to them that they were servants of God and needed to focus on the needs of others. In order to be the greatest, they needed to put themselves last.

We, too, need to focus on serving others and not worry about who is first or who is the greatest at something. This week, look for ways you can serve others. Help your parents with house chores, help a friend with homework, or help a neighbor with yard work. Remember to put others first.

Joyfully, Donna

### Looking Ahead:

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>  
Children's Annual Fall Festival  
Christian Life Center  
2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.



## NELSON'S NEWS

My Mammaw has been on my mind a lot recently. She has been with Jesus for 7 years now and I still miss our conversations. One of the things that she always used to say was, "You can't change people, but you can change how you respond to people." These words are so true! As followers of Christ, we should always respond to people in a loving way and "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." This is something that the Lord has been teaching me recently. When we do our best to live at peace with everyone, we glorify Christ and point people in the direction of salvation. This week, as opportunities arise, let's all be intentional about the way we respond to and treat others.

In Christ, Steven

## RECORD - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

(Due to the printing schedule of *The Alabama Baptist* newspaper, the *Sunday Record* is one week behind.)

Budget Offering.....\$16,080.77  
Myers-Mallory.....\$713.00

New Sunday School Member:  
(2) Donterrius Hill—2nd Grade Class

*Dr. Herbert Thomas, Pastor*  
Winton Patterson, Minister of Music  
Rob Cain, Associate Pastor  
Steven Nelson, Student Minister  
Donna Cicero, Children's Minister

## EVERYBODY LOVES SPAGHETTI



### Youth Ministry Project SPAGHETTI & SAUCE

Please help us reach our goal of "50 Meals". Donations may be left @ the Welcome Center by October 15th. Thank You!!



## FALL REVIVAL with Evangelist Jeff Crook

**Sunday-Wednesday**  
**October 15-18, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m. nightly**

**Mark your calendar NOW  
and don't miss a service!**

MARKET FOR MISSIONS  
FALL CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, October 7th  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Benefits Mission Projects  
of Women On Mission

Free Admission  
Food / Door Prizes  
Variety of Vendors  
Christmas Shopping  
Galore!!