



“The Messenger”

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Put on the Jersey, and Get in the Game

Sunday, August 22 I was preaching on some basics of our Christian life. I started the message with Peter’s message at Pentecost. Acts 2:41 says “Those who accepted his message were baptized.” They accepted the message that Jesus is Savior and Lord; and they were baptized. They believed in Jesus; and they went public with their faith. As I was speaking on this, 118 miles east of here, my 6-year-old grandson Barrett stood before a congregation making his public profession of faith and he was baptized.

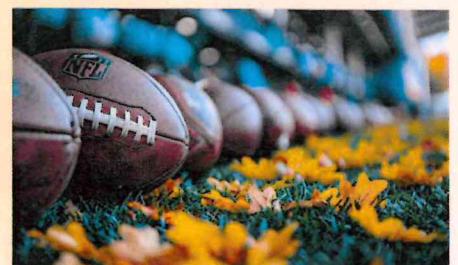
You may have accepted Jesus as your Savior, at the altar of our church. Maybe it was on a youth retreat. Or maybe it was at home with your parents. Whatever the situation was when you finally accepted Salvation through faith in Jesus; at some point every one of us needs to “go public” and tell others.

Two weeks ago, Muscle Shoals High School had a Meet the Trojans, day. Every Trojan athlete was introduced to a crowd of supporters. It was a big event and celebration. But what those athletes really wanted was to run out of the locker room onto their home field, or home court for the first game. Having your name called on a Sunday afternoon is nice; but the reason they wear the uniform is to play the game.

In our Christian life we have to have a moment when we “go public” and tell others “*Jesus is my Savior*”. And we need to tell others “*I am a member of this church family*”. Every one of us needs to declare our allegiance. But that’s only the beginning. Like ballplayers; we need to get in the game. We need to join in ministry and kingdom work for Jesus.

As we start this football season, I hope you will start a new ministry season with your teammates at Sheffield Methodist. **Go public with your faith; come to practice; then get in the game.**

Coach Bart.



Prayer requests

What can we pray for together?

Pray for those who are shut-in and those in nursing homes:

Frances Bryson, Margie Taliaferro, Charlene Wages

Pray for those who are sick or in need of prayer for other things:

Christie Lambert, June Jochum, Ethan Hester, Bill Thomson, Amanda Murphy, Students & Teachers, Raven Brace, Dee Munger, Pam Hemphill, John & Cindy Adams, Beth Estes Denton, Howard Jagers, Carla Hamm, Kruz & Paizlee Davenport and family, Randy & Mendy Gray, Thomas Sledge, Liz Wyers, Tom & Shirley Watson, Janice Nix, Amy Maxwell, Elizabeth Wright, Sylvia Ingram, Wesley Williams, Jim Murphy, McCoy Eastman (son of Savannah Eastman), Debby Tuten, Jessica Norwood

General Fund August 2026

Offerings—\$18,591.22
Expenses—\$22,136.91

Weds Night Meals And Fellowship!

\$8 per person /\$22 per family

Join us for fellowship and hang around for small groups afterwards!

Sept 2-Taco Bar w/ fixings, Dessert

Sept 9-

Sept 16-Ham, Hashbrown Casserole, Salad, Dessert

Sept 23-Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Chips, Dessert

Sept 30-Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

LET'S EAT!

Isaiah's Call
Mission 30

We need muffin mixes, granola bars, and crackers. If you would like to contribute, please bring by the church or call/text Shelley Jones 256-710-6243

Thank you for your contributions!

SHEFFIELD METHODIST CHURCH



TUESDAYS
9:30AM
JAGGERS CLASSROOM

ALL
ARE
WELCOME

Small Groups for ALL ages!

Wednesday Nights @ 6pm
come join a group that suits your age group! Children's, Youth, Ladies and Men's Groups! Great time for fellowship and worship right after sharing a meal!

Join a small group

I once sold security alarms door to door. If no one was home, I'd leave a brochure on the kitchen table.



Man Church:

Be A Man.....Follow Jesus
The Standard— Obedience
Wednesdays at 6pm



A New Men's group topic will start on Sept. 16th.

The Church Ladies Small Group

Weds. @ 6pm

Living a Life of Balance

Everyone is welcome!





Sept 10-Jennifer
Dean
Sept. 12-Christy
Casiday
Sept 16-Britney
Miller
Sept 21-Cathy Farris
Sept 24- Frankye
Wilson
Sept 30- Buddy
Parkes

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Why are
birthdays good
for your health?

Studies show
that people who
have more
birthdays live
longer.

Mission of the Month: September 2026

Isaiah's Call



September Mission of the Month, we will be collect-
ing extra donations for the Isaiah's Call ministry pro-
ject, which serves students in **Colbert, Lauderdale, and Franklin coun-**
ties who need extra food outside of school hours. SMC is a long-time part-
ner of this community program and has supported its efforts with dona-
tions for several years. Help us stock the shelves as the school year gets
started! To contribute, please donate:

- Muffin mixes (any flavor/brand);
- Granola bars (any variety/brand); and/or
- Saltine crackers (any brand).

These donations will be in addition to our regular monthly contribution.
Place all donations in the marked basket outside of the sanctuary or in the
Missions Room across from the church office.

We also hope to organize volunteer opportunities to help behind the scenes
at Isaiah's Call. Stay tuned to church announcements for additional infor-
mation.



SHS Staff & Faculty 2026

DON'T FORGET
Bring items for the
BLESSING BOX!
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○ NEW & USED BOOKS
○ NON-PERISHABLE PANTRY ITEMS
○ SELF-CARE ITEMS
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Our Weekly Schedule



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

10AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for Online Worship. Please join us on
Facebook Live Sunday mornings at 10am.

You may go to our Webpage & click on the link.

Sunday School — 9AM all ages!

Wednesday Evenings

Wed. Night Meals

Youth, Kids, Adult Small Groups-6pm

Chancel Choir Practice —7pm



2026 SMC Event Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:30am Games, Dominoes 5:30pm Weds Night Meal 6pm Small Groups -All Ages! 7pm Chancel Choir	3	4 Church Office Closed	5 <i>College Football begins!</i>
6 9am Sunday School (All ages!) 10am Worship Service Community Harvest on hold	7 <i>Labor Day Holiday</i> Church Office Closed	8 9:30am Prayer Group	9 10:30am Games, Dominoes 5:30pm Weds Night Meal 6pm Small Groups -All Ages! 7pm Chancel Choir	10 2:30pm Shoals Or- der of St. Luke	11 Church Office Closed	12
13 9am Sunday School (All ages!) 10am Worship Service	14	15 9:30am Prayer Group 6pm Shoals Emmaus Cluster- North Wood UMC	16 10:30am Games, Dominoes 5:30pm Weds Night Meal 6pm Small Groups- all ages 7pm Chancel Choir	17	18 Church Office Closed	19
20 9am Sunday School (All ages!) 10am Worship Service 11 am Admin Council Meeting 4:30pm Youth Game	21	22 9:30am Prayer Group  Autumn Begins	23 10:30am Games, Dominoes 5:30pm Weds Night Meal 6pm Small Groups- all ages 7pm Chancel Choir	24	25 Church Office Closed	26 Sheffield Hearth & Harvest
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What about Gen Alpha's Parents/Guardians?

Young people get their views of God and the Bible from somewhere. Typically, their parents or guardians. Pew Research's 2023-2024 Religious Landscape Study discovered the following about parents with children under the age of 18:

- **22%** of parents read the Bible at home at least once a week
- **38%** of parents say religion is very important in their lives
- **25%** of parents attend church at least once a week

If the Bible and the church aren't important to the parents and guardians, they are likely not going to be important to their children either.

Questions for parents/guardians to consider:

1. How do you model a biblical worldview in your everyday decisions and conversations at home?
2. How do you help your children identify and process beliefs that are contrary to a biblical worldview?

Mark your calendars! The Fall Festival is returning to Sheffield Methodist Church on Sunday, October 18 from 4-6pm! We'll have live music, inflatable, a cake walk, and much more!

**This information comes from *Reaching Generation Alpha: A Ministry Guide for Discipling the Church Beyond the Screen* by Shane Pruitt and Shelly Melia.*