



# 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 Requests

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Diane Aldridge  
Bonnie Godwin  
The Wilkersons  
Brenda Cash  
Sarah Stapler  
Belinda Enyeart  
Shelia Hotalen  
Joyce Combs  
  
Caden Mallory (MSOP Student)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Brennan Mallory 3  
Sophia Wilkerson 13  
Rowan Mallory 16  
Baxlee Benefield 24  
  
Brandon and Sharon Estvanko 28

## FITS OF ANGER

Many of us have experienced that moment when, while shopping at the local grocery store, we hear a sudden scream accompanied by large amounts of crying. As the intensity of the scream echoes throughout the store, we might push our cart around the corner to discover a red-faced, tear-soaked toddler sitting on the floor and pounding it with their fist. We may even comment to someone nearby, "Somebody is throwing a fit!" While we rightfully view these "temper tantrums" as unacceptable behavior by children, they sadly aren't left to our years of infancy.

Both children and adults participate in "fits of anger" and thus why Paul condemns such as a work of the flesh (Gal. 5:20). The word for anger here comes from the Greek word "Thumos" similar to our word "thermal." With this picture in mind, we might imagine the classic cartoon character who, when angered, slowly and progressively turns red until they burst in frustration. This speaks to someone who has a "quick temper" and is easily frustrated or offended.

You most likely know someone like this (maybe it is you). They are those we must "walk on eggshells" around; generally, everyone they encounter, after spending any amount of time with them, grows uncomfortable and on edge, fearing they will lash out at the smallest offense. James says such a disposition is condemned as a work of the fleshly man and not of the Spirit of God (Jam. 1:20).

In fact, while the Bible speaks often of the wrath of God, it also emphasizes the fact that God's anger isn't capricious or easily stimulated; rather it is the final, inevitable, judicious outpouring of the holy God. Thus, we are told God is actually "slow to anger"



**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 ( Christian living (1 Peter 2:11-12; Rev. 2:10)

**This Week Leading Worship:**

Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Kelly Cauthen
Scripture	Tony Hotalen
Song Leader	Harel Otwell
Opening Prayer	Brennan Mallory
Table	Joe Mallory
Assisting	Kenny Laminack
Closing Prayer	Camp Mallory

Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Tony Hotalen
Song Leader	Camp Mallory
Opening Prayer/Table	Brennan Mallory
Closing Prayer	Kenny Laminack

**Next Week Leading Worship:**

Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Harel Otwell
Scripture	Korbin Cauthen
Song Leader	Brennan Mallory
Opening Prayer	Brandon Estvanko
Table	Joe Mallory
Assisting	Carlos Payne
Closing Prayer	Kenny Laminack

Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Joe Mallory
Song Leader	Brandon Estvanko
Opening Prayer/Table	Tony Hotalen
Closing Prayer	Camp Mallory

(Ex. 34:6). This is why we are so surprised when he breaks out suddenly and decisively in his anger (against Uzzah for example in 2 Samuel 6:5-11). We are so accustomed to God's grace that we are confused by his wrath. The enduring legacy of our Lord is his patience and mercy with rebellious sinners such as ourselves. In contrast to this, we humans are quick to judge, condemn, and angrily lash out at those who hurt us (or simply those that annoy us). Speaking personally, I have surprised and startled myself at how easily I can snap back at my wife or children in moments of anger. It burst forth quite naturally at times, leaving me disconcerted; I trust many of you felt the same at times. We must intentionally fight against such outbursts, biting our tongue and redirecting our anger by the mercy of God.

Nothing will destroy a family, a church, a community, or a nation more than constant, unchecked fits of anger. Sadly, the present political state offers ample opportunities to feed our fits, churning us into a frenzy of agitation until we lash out at the first, poor passerby that comes out way. If you can't handle it, turn off the T.V. and stop listening to talk radio, rather than give opportunity for this sin. This isn't to say we shouldn't be angry over sin (God forbid we grow

**Reminders:**

Gospel Meeting at Heflin church of Christ -  
October 28th - 30th @ 6PM

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Sunday Bible study: 10AM

Sunday Worship: 11AM

Sunday Afternoon: 6 PM

Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

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cold to the wickedness of this present age!) but rather we should be sure that our anger is channeled by love for righteousness and God rather than our own opinions or pride. Or, as Paul would put it, "Be angry, but don't sin" (Eph. 4:26).