

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Wileen Crawford** – had a successful surgery. Needs continued prayers that she is without pain once the pain of surgery heals.  
**Cathy Lankford** - is not doing well and will be undergoing tests soon. Keep her in your prayers.  
**Alton Ford** - Martha Dunlap's brother-in-law, is in the hospital in very serious condition.  
**Martha Dunlap** - was not feeling well last Sunday evening. She was having irregular heart palpitations.  
**Cyndy Corbin, Kate Born, and Family** - in the loss of Ginger Born.

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**Read the Bible Through in 2016**

If you'd like to order a chronological Bible, please sign up in the foyer. There is also a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who have completed the chronological Bible reading in 2015.

**Men's Retreat** - January 22 - 24, 2016

**Prepare for Raintree Pickup** - January 27, 2016 (after Bible study)

**Family Day** - January 31, 2016

**Raintree Village Pickup** - February 1, 2016

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES**  
SUNDAY 9:30AM

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY 10:30AM

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY 6PM

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**  
TUESDAY 10AM SEPT.-MAY

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**  
BIBLE STUDY 7PM

**Elders:**

Daron Cheney  
 Greg Holmes  
 Tom Johnson  
 Jim Simpson

**Deacons:**

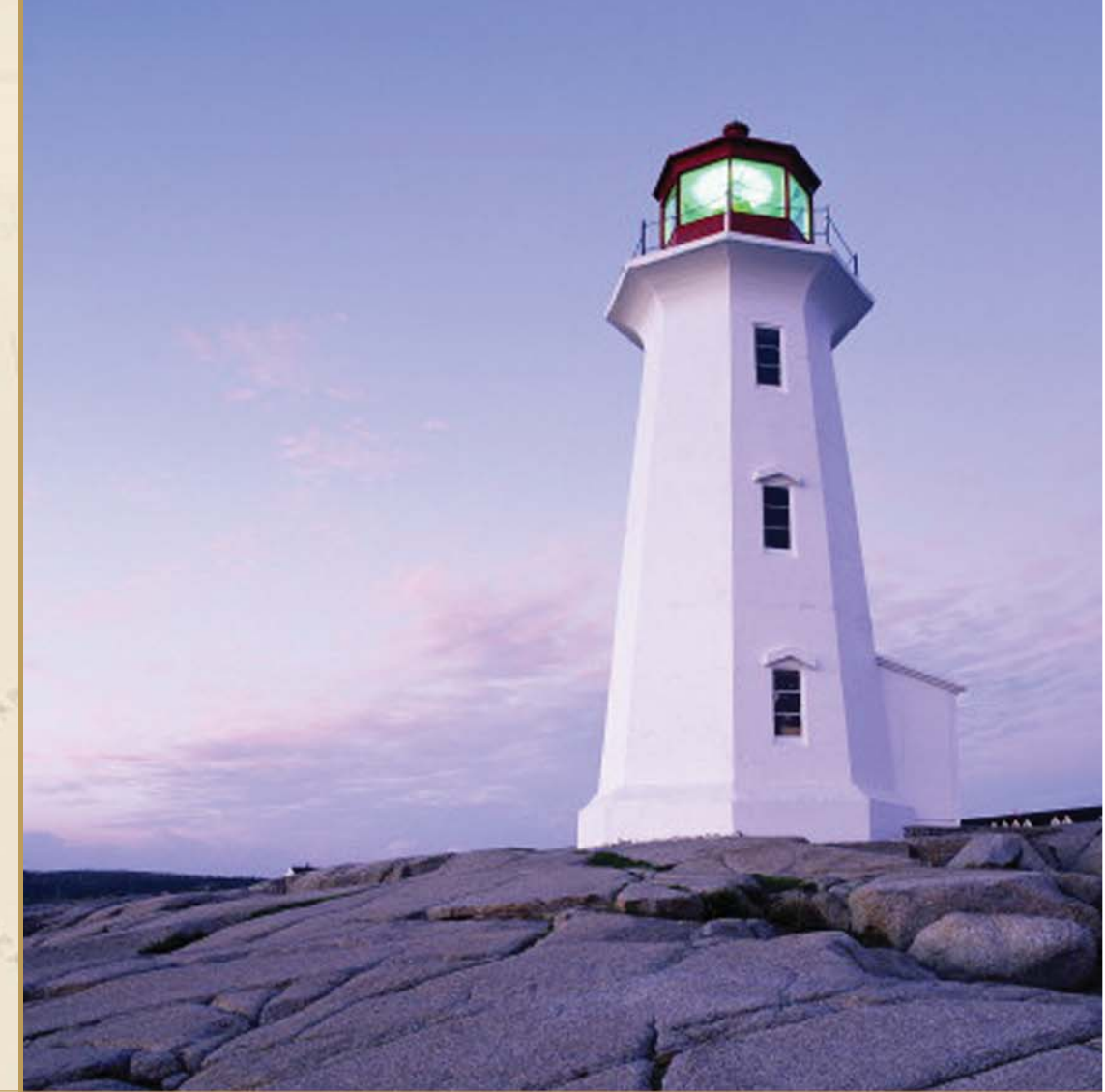
Roger DuPree - Chris Lovern  
 John Hines  
 Kirk Mahan - Tyrone Holden  
 Korey Dickens - Michael Yates  
 Anthony Dilligard - Jim Fulmer

**Minister:**

Jeff Johnson

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THE CONYERS BEACON

*Those to Serve*

**Sunday - January 24, 2016**

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>SONG DIRECTOR:</b>	Korey Dickens	Korey Dickens
<b>OPENING PRAYER:</b>	Bernard Austin	Tyrone Holden
<b>LORD'S TABLE:</b>	Ross Mahan - Matt Carter Greg Holmes - Chris Lovern	Matt Carter
<b>SCRIPTURE READING:</b>	Josh Robinson 1 Peter 2:21-25	Christian Saunders James 4:13-17
<b>SERMON:</b>	Jeff Johnson	Jeff Johnson
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</b>	Jim Simpson	Jim Simpson
<b>CLOSING PRAYER:</b>	Rex Morris	Michael Yates
<b>USHERS:</b>	Roger DuPree Buck Howell	Roger DuPree Buck Howell
<b>AUDIO:</b>	Austin Massey	Austin Massey
<b>COORDINATING DEACON:</b>	Hines / DuPree / Dickens	Hines / DuPree / Dickens

**Wednesday - January 27, 2015**

<b>USHER:</b>	Buck Howell
<b>WELCOME / PRAYER:</b>	Jim Fulmer
<b>SONG LEADER:</b>	Korey Dickens
<b>DEVOTIONAL:</b>	Walker Howell
<b>AUDIO:</b>	Austin Massey

Men, please meet in the library 15 minutes before worship.  
 If unable to serve, please call the Deacon in charge.

*Conyers Youth*

**Youth J.A.M. Session** - February 7, 2016

Plan to spend the afternoon with some of our outstanding teachers! Great training for adults as well! Bring \$3 for pizza.

**Southside Youth Devotional** (Old National) - February 21, 2016

**Challenge Youth Conference** - February 26-28, 2016

Men's Retreat  
 January 22-24 2016  
 "The Lodge" on Lake  
 Oconee

*Where Will God  
 Lead Us?*

**"Where Will God Lead Us?"**

Sign Up on the Bulletin Board  
 Play a Part in  
 Planning for the future of the church at Conyers

Cost is \$120 \* Two Nights at "The Lodge" on Lake Oconee  
 Breakfast Saturday and Sunday provided by "The Lodge"  
 Check Out Pictures on Our Website Under Men's Retreat



### Pondering the Proverbs 21

How many times could any of us admit that we “put our foot” in our mouths? Sometimes we joke about the taste of boot leather or having an athletic shoe logo stamped on our tongues. Most all of us have suffered the embarrassment from over-reaction or being “too quick on the trigger” when we did not have all the facts. The horrible part is when we react in such a way as to drive another away and damage a relationship. Can we really learn to stop having verbal “accidents” and take control of the words we use? The Creator of the devices we use to communicate (our mouths) gives us instruction and example in order that we may master the use of our words.

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit. (Proverbs 15:1-4)

The wisdom of the proverbs first points out that we should answer softly for often we may not have all the facts. It could be that, out of control, emotions of another could lead us into reaction rather than response. Misunderstanding can create more misunderstanding. We readily agree that harsh responses in case of provocation or not drive a wedge between communicators.

Wise use of language brings blessings to us and those round about us. The Lord, Himself, is paying attention to the words we use. So many areas of our lives depend heavily upon how and what we communicate. How do we stop those “verbal accidents” when we are tempted? Let’s look to the Creator for our answer.

John chapter eight brings us to a situation where the Son of God was being tempted. The scribes and the Pharisees wanted to see if they could cause Jesus to have a “verbal accident.” It would seem that they had ensnared a woman in the act of adultery. They pressed Jesus for an answer and reminded Him that the Law of Moses stated that the woman should have been stoned. This was yet another attempt to anger Jesus. These students of the law knew that Leviticus 20:10 makes clear that both the man and the woman should be stoned. They were using “half-truth” and innuendo to create an environment that would cause most people to be overwhelmed and react rather than respond.

Jesus shows us a way to handle a pressure filled situation. First, Jesus becomes aware of His thoughts. In a moment of quiet consideration, the Master stoops down and writes on the ground. The Bible does not tell us that Jesus was angry and yet we can see plainly that He was provoked. In those times when we are provoked and feel anger coming we should consider our thoughts. What direction are our thoughts leading us and what will be the outcome? If we are headed in a negative direction that will cause everyone pain, we must change our minds. The first step in avoiding a “verbal accident” is changing our minds. The truth is that there is no such thing as a “verbal accident”. There is only verbiage that is out of control. We hide behind anger as if it were an untamable animal that slips out of its cage every once in a while. This is simply an excuse for deciding not to control our language and responses.

Second, Jesus responds with a question. The wisdom of the Savior is amazing as He challenges the accusers to consider their own accountability. Our wisdom may not be as infinite and yet we can learn from His example. For instance, when pressured, could we ask, “Can we stop for a moment and consider how we got there today?” Rather than accuse the accusers, Jesus allowed them to convict themselves by answering softly with a simple question.

Two keys to successfully using language are taking note of our thoughts before they become public record and responding kindly. Let us put these into practice today.

Jeff Johnson

## Prayer List

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|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Ruby Harrell        | Rajah Sinclair      | Gaye Cothren      |
| Clint Cooper        | Nikki Fennell       | Beverly Hixon     |
| Jan Coulon          | Jacqueline Anderson | Ronnie Smith      |
| Olen & Lydia Lewis  | Lowell Strock       | Kathleen Yates    |
| Irene Mapp          | Linda Sells         | Tootsi Shepard    |
| Faye Brown          | Kay Hyers           | Becky Waller      |
| CP & Joan Mathews   | Dawn Robinson       | Valdeese Brown    |
| Al Adcock           | Bernice Smith       | James Francis     |
| Jack & Francis Zorn | Evelyn Brown        | Victor Kilpatrick |
| Martha Toney        | Anne Clark          | John Jansen       |
| Sharon Honoré       | Dollie Graves       | JC Davidson       |
| Jake Born           | Thelma Chambers     |                   |

### And Remember Those in Nursing Homes

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|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Charlotte Fulks | Charles Fikes | Ceci Mullins    |
| Charles Burks   | Bob LaFavor   | Andrew Anderson |
| Buddy Allen     | Emma Baker    |                 |

## Education

Log onto our website  
www.conyerschurchofchrist.com  
for more details

### Sundays

Classes are available for all ages from infant to adult, and we encourage all members to make every effort to attend all Bible study periods.

#### Adult Classes

Each adult is encouraged to attend one of these courses this quarter.

**Samuel: Judge and Prophet**  
(Auditorium)

**Ladies' Class - Woman to Woman**  
(Room 213)

**Middle and High School Classes**  
Samuel: Judge and Prophet

### Wednesdays

**Middle and High School Classes**  
Study of Matthew (Part 3)

#### Adult Class

**Living a Life That Matters**  
(Auditorium)

## Read the Bible Through in 2016

The year 2016 will make the 27<sup>th</sup> year that we have encouraged our members at Conyers to read the “Whole Bible” through during the year.

We recommend *The Daily Bible in Chronological Order*. We order these Bibles by the case and make them available to our members at cost, currently \$18.00 (retail about \$25).

If you would like to order one or more of these Bibles so you can start the new year of 2016 off right, please sign the sheet in the foyer. These Bibles make excellent gifts.

## EVENT DATES

### UPCOMING IN January

- 22-24 Men’s Retreat
- 31 Family Day

### UPCOMING IN February

- 1 Raintree Village Pickup
- 7 Super Bowl Pary - Care Group 1
- 7 Lads to Leaders - Round Tuit
- 13 Sweetheart Banquet
- 14 Valentine’s Party - Pathfinders
- 14 EDP Meeting
- 15 Monday Night for the Master
- 21 Southside Youth Devotional
- 27 Teachers’ Appreciation Banquet

## Quarterly Mission Focus

### Pack the Pantry Raintree Villiage

This quarter, we are focusing on gathering items for Raintree Village and to maintain stock in our pantry. There is a list of items needed in the foyer.