

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Memorial Services for Phillip Stephens will be on Friday, July 29, 2016 at 11:00 am here at the building. Keep the family in your prayers for comfort during this time.

Family Day - July 31, 2016
Potluck meal following morning worship.

Raintree Village Pickup – August 1, 2016
We will pack up and place items at the back door on the afternoon of July 31st following the afternoon devotional. Need all able bodies to help in this process.

Summer Series (Jeff Johnson) - August 3, 2016
Topic: Families Need Time, Genesis 18 & 21.

Fishers of Men Graduation Banquet - August 4, 2016

Men's Dinner – August 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Care Group 1 – August 6, 2016 at 3:00 pm
Fellowship meeting at the Haynes' home. Address is on the board in the foyer as well as on our website. Please RSVP to Bruce or Mae by August 3rd.

Conyers Youth

Southside Youth Devotional

(Fayetteville)

August 21, 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
Gordon Roddenberry

Deacons:

Roger DuPree - Chris Lovern
Kirk Mahan - Tyrone Holden
Michael Yates - Korey Dickens
Anthony Dilligard - Jim Fulmer
Bernard Austin - Bruce Haynes

Minister:

Jeff Johnson

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Those to Serve

Sunday - July 31, 2016

	AM	PM
SONG DIRECTOR:	Korey Dickens	Young Men
OPENING PRAYER:	Roger DuPree	Young Men
LORD'S TABLE:	Walker Howell - Daron Cheney Bernard Austin - Ross Mahan	Bernard Austin
SCRIPTURE READING:	Christian Saunders Hebrews 13:7-9	Young Men
SERMON:	Jeff Johnson	Young Men
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Tyrone Holden	Tyrone Holden
CLOSING PRAYER:	Glen Hildebrandt	Young Men
USHERS:	Walter Norman Buck Howell	Walter Norman Buck Howell
AUDIO:	Kirk Mahan	Kirk Mahan

Wednesday - August 3, 2016

USHER:	Buck Howell
WELCOME / PRAYER:	Charles Mahan
SONG LEADER:	Korey Dickens
DEVOTIONAL:	JJ Turner
AUDIO:	Austin Massey

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



THE CONYERS BEACON

“And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.”

Leviticus 9:12



THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN

The Old Testament law stated, "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Exodus 20:7. The name of God, Christ (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit are to be used with reverence. Yet, many today use them very loosely. Swearing and cursing (cussing) with reference to deity is sinful. Some even use slang and by-words that are contrary to the law of God. Let us see exactly what those who participate in this do.

Exodus 20:7 shows forth that all false swearing is prohibited. Also, in Leviticus 19:12 it is stated, "And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD." This shows that one is prohibited to use the name of God lightly, unworthily or in a profane way. God's name is a Holy name and anyone claiming to follow God will not and should not use His name in any disrespectful way. God's people are not to call upon God to witness to the truthfulness of that which is a falsehood.

The Hebrew word found in Exodus 20:7 for "IASHSHAV" forbid all light and irreverent mention of God, or any of His attributes. This Hebrew word "SHAV" means both "vanity" and "falsehood", therefore forbidding vain-swearing and false swearing. Jesus said, "Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne..." Matthew 5:33-34. By looking at this Hebrew word, one can recognize that using God's name in a light flippant and contemptuous fashion is contrary to the Word of God. Many today who claim to be a worshipper of God uses such phraseology. One is profane who uses sacred things in an irreverent and blasphemous manner.

The following are a list of words that I would suggest to all of us to stop using. Anyone can look up these words. The words are: gee (an abbreviation of Jesus), gee whiz (another term for gee), gosh (euphemism for God, alteration of God), gad, egad (euphemistic alteration of God), golly (euphemistic alteration of God), good Gracious (idiomatic, euphemistic, dated) Oh my God, good Grief, my Goodness, and good heavens, for heaven's sake. One needs to remember that we are not to "swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne." I would encourage all of us to look these words up in a good dictionary and see where these words get their origin.

One should not get from all of this that it is wrong to use the various names of God in our conversation when such usage is reverent, respectful and sober. There are scriptural terms such as "God forbid," "If God wills," "the Lord grant mercy," etc. The Jews regarded the name of God (YAHWEH) as unutterable and even to this day refuse to pronounce it in Hebrew. It is the profane use of sacred things and names, which the Bible totally condemns, and all such expressions as these listed.

With all the words in our vocabulary, why should one use curse (cuss) words, and slang or by-words? Does it not show one's intellect by a use of such words? Our names stand for our character and reputation, what we are and what we do. When someone tells us that he or she has "a bad name," we are not talking about the name on his or her birth certificate. They are warning us that this person cannot be trusted. Since God is the greatest being in the universe, His name is the greatest name and must be honored. Remember the disciples asking Jesus to teach them to pray. Jesus said, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." Matthew 6:9.

Many today blaspheme God's name by using vulgar language. When one uses God's name in making a promise or taking an oath, and then does not fulfilling the commitment, is cheapening God's name and blaspheming God. Cf. Leviticus 19:12. In Ephesians 4:31, the Holy Spirit wrote, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and EVIL SPEAKING, be put away from you, with all malice..." In addition, we find the same admonition in 1 Peter 2:1.

Bobby D. Gayton
Cartersville church of Christ

Prayer List

Ruby Harrell
Clint Cooper
Jan Coulon
Olen & Lydia Lewis
Irene Mapp
Faye Brown
Al Adcock
Jack & Francis Zorn
Martha Toney
Jake Born
Wileen Crawford
Carl Segura
Korey Dickens

Rajah Sinclair
Jacqueline Anderson
Lowell Strock
Linda Guill
Kay Hyers
Dawn Robinson
Bernice Smith
Evelyn Brown
Anne Clark
Dollie Graves
Thelma Chambers
Bob Swartz
JoAnn Turner
Tom Holland

Beverly Hixon
Ronnie Smith
Kathleen Yates
Tootsi Shepard
Valdeese Brown
James Francis
JC Davidson
Wayne Mullins
Don Mimms
Kathy Dennington
Joe Graves

And Remember Those in Nursing Homes

Charlotte Fulks
Charles Burks
Buddy Allen

Charles Fikes
Bob LaFavor
Emma Baker

Ceci Mullins
Andrew Anderson
Helena Cathey

Education

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.

All Adults
(Auditorium)

Ladies' Class - Lady B.U.G.s (Better Understanding God)
Room 213

Middle and High School Classes

Joshua, Judges, Ruth

Wednesdays

Middle and High School

Apologetics

Adult Class

Summer Series
(Auditorium)

Remember Our Vision

At the Conyers Church of Christ, we want
to go to heaven.

We will get there by:

Obeying the Gospel call;
Worshipping in a scriptural manner;
Evangelizing our world;
Providing benevolent outreach in our community; and
Helping our members grow as Christians

EVENT DATES

UPCOMING IN July

31 Family Day

UPCOMING IN August

- 1 Raintree Village Pickup
- 3 Summer Series (Jeff Johnson)
- 4 Fishers of Men Graduation Banquet
- 5 Men's Dinner
- 6 Care Group 1 Fellowship Meeting
- 8 Monday Night for the Master
- 10 Summer Series (Steve Vice)
- 14 EDP Meeting
- 17 Summer Series (Chad Dollahite)
- 21 Southside Youth Devotional (Fayetteville)
- 26 Congregational Fellowship - Fish Fry (Hosted by CGs 1 & 2)

Mission Focus 3rd Quarter

Raintree Village Pantry Packing

For the third quarter of 2016, fill the pantry with canned goods. Canned meat is the word of the week! Place in the appropriately-labeled container in the foyer. Raintree Village list is in the foyer. Take one and help prepare for the truck in August. Separate container is also in the foyer.