

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**Roma DuPree** – is still in the hospital. Please continue to pray on her behalf.

**Al Fulks** – is now out of ICU and in room 256, Rockdale’s east surgical tower.

**Charles Dickens** – Korey Dickens’ father, is undergoing more tests as a result of his fall the other week. Keep him in your prayers.

**Alyssa Morris** – Amanda’s niece, will have her leg amputated in December. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

**Edwanna Wyatt** – Gordon Roddenberry’s aunt, is in the hospital because of bleeding ulcers. They’ve found a spot on her lungs. Keep her in your prayers as she undergoes more tests.

**Lou-Jean Green** – is in a Florida hospital as a result of pneumonia. Keep her in your prayers.

**Yvette Wilson-Smith** – LaVern Crawford’s daughter who recently had surgery and is now at home recovering. Please pray that her recovery is without complication.

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**Lads to Leaders** - "All Aboard" - September 25, 2016

**Perry Fair** - October 15, 2016

Teachers’ Meeting – October 16, 2016 at 5:00 pm

**Apple Orchard** - October 22, 2016

*Conyers Youth*

Southside Youth Devotional

(Forest Park)

October 23, 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 - Kirk Mahan  
Michael Yates - Tyrone Holden  
Korey Dickens  
Anthony Dilligard - Jim Fulmer  
Bernard Austin - Bruce Haynes

Minister:

Jeff Johnson

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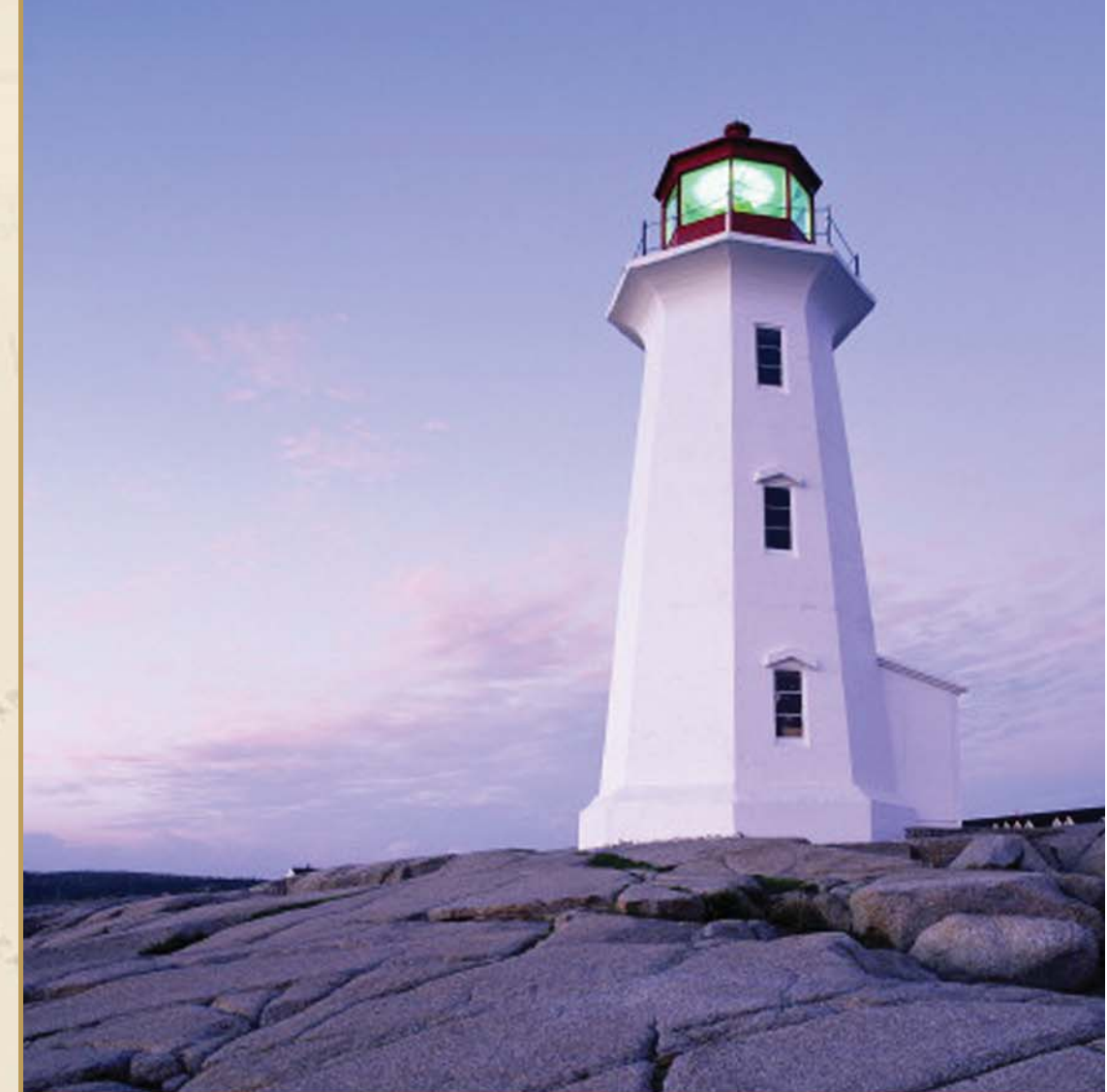
Sunday - September 25, 2016

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
SONG DIRECTOR:	Caleb Johnson	Caleb Johnson
OPENING PRAYER:	Bruce Haynes	Roger DuPree
LORD’S TABLE:	Tony Ferguson - Greg Holmes Daron Cheney - Dion Williams	Daron Cheney
SCRIPTURE READING:	Tanner Tolleson Jeremiah 29:11-14	Garrett Yates Genesis 19:17-21
SERMON:	Jeff Johnson	Jeff Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Tyrone Holden	Tyrone Holden
CLOSING PRAYER:	Milford Segura	Don Graves
USHERS:	Chris Lovern Buck Howell	Chris Lovern Buck Howell
AUDIO:	Kirk Mahan	Kirk Mahan

Wednesday - September 28, 2016

USHER:	Buck Howell
WELCOME / PRAYER:	Roger DuPree
SONG LEADER:	Walker Howell
DEVOTIONAL:	Bernard Austin
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

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:23

“Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”

James 4:17



## Open Book Test

Students differ greatly on the idea of open book tests. For some it is a “no-brainer” to have a test where the answers are right there in front of you. “All you have to do is go get them”, says one student. Another student has quite a different outlook.

This student complains that the test is far too long and the detailed answers are far too difficult to find. This means the test requires the student to slow down a bit and concentrate more. The complaining student finally reveals the fundamental problem... To do well on an open book test, you must have familiarity with the book. This means the teacher has been expecting the student to keep up with assignments and be familiar with the book.

It has been said by some academics that being able to know where to retrieve the information can be as important as knowing it. When we have learned things, we can, over a period of time mistake details that can be very important. We may have heard something somewhere and mistakenly believe it to be truth. Going back to the fact listing has proven to be immensely valuable in areas of science and mathematics.

Men have often been ridiculed as the gender that does not like to read the instructions. “Just put it together as it appears” could be hailed as the motto. Could this practice be why we have so much religious division? Have we been putting together the Lord’s church from the pictures we have in our minds? What if the pictures are a bit out of focus and we lose many details from a lack of depth of field? How do we get the full picture?

Perhaps, religiously speaking, we have been failing the open book test. Instead of going to the book for the answers we have created a problematic system of division. We look at the world round about us and suddenly we cannot defend the faith because there are so many “faiths” and we do not want to hurt the feelings of those who have missed vital parts from the instructions.

One vital part missing from the instruction Book is a practice of saying the “Sinner’s Prayer.” We know we are all sinners, (Romans 3:23). We know that sin is an offense against God, (1 John 3:4, Psalm 51:4). We understand that since we have broken the law we must pay a price and that ultimate price is hell (Romans 6:23). What must we pay? We do not have enough. Jesus on the other hand, with innocent blood, paid the price for our sin, (Matthew 27:4, 1 Timothy 2:6, 1 John 4:10). How do we get in the group for which Jesus paid the ransom? Some say, “Just accept Jesus as your personal Savior”, and others add, “Say this prayer with me” and yet the prayers are not the same. “Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever,” (Hebrews 13:8). The “Sinner’s Prayer” in any form does not show up in the book as THE METHOD of salvation. Could it be that we have stopped reading the instructions at the point where a penitent heart recognizes God and asks forgiveness?

The word “repentance” is translated from a Greek word that means “to have a new mind.” Certainly this “new mind” recognizes its position before God and has a desire for and asks for forgiveness. This “new mind” takes action. Considering a new behavior starts us on the path but if we do not change our behavior, the consideration is a waste of time. This, “new mind” will go back to the Book and find all the instructions. Jesus tells us that we must publically acknowledge Him as the Son of God (Matthew 10:32; Example: Acts 8:35-37). Jesus tells us that we must be baptized, (Mark 16:16; Examples: Acts 2:38, 8:38, 22:16). At the point of baptism, we come in contact with the blood of Christ (Romans 6:3-4). Having done all that God has commanded, we walk this life as new creatures (2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 6:15).

When we are assembling anything and finish with many parts left over, we know that something is wrong. Although, we may joke about it, we know that we must take a closer look at the instructions.

God is giving you and I an open book test every day that we live. He has provided us with everything we need to live justified in His sight and joyfully while here (2 Peter 1:3). It is no laughing matter to put our lives together without the instructions. Spend some time with God’s word and look for those things that burden your heart. God has the answer.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Ladies' Retreat**

**Calloway Gardens Lodge and Spa**

**November 4-6, 2016**

\$129 per person

## 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

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  
Al Fulks  
Roma DuPree

### And Remember Those in Nursing Homes

Charlotte Fulks  
Charles Burks  
Buddy Allen

Charles Fikes  
Emma Baker

Ceci Mullins  
Andrew Anderson

## 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 September

- 25 Lads to Leaders - "All Aboard"
- 27 Ladies' Class

### UPCOMING IN October

- 4 Ladies' Class
- 10 Monday Night for the Master
- 11 Ladies' Class
- 15 Perry Fair
- 16 Teachers' Meeting
- 18 Ladies' Class
- 22 Apple Orchard
- 23 Southside Youth Devotional - Forest Park
- 23 EDP Meeting
- 25 Ladies' Class
- 29 Trunk or Treat
- 30 Family Day - Focus Weekend

## Mission Focus 3rd Quarter

### Pantry Packing

Stephanie Jenkins has been appointed by Anthony, deacon in charge of benevolence, to oversee maintenance of pantry needs. Current focus is on pasta and mac & cheese.