



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

**Ruby Harrell** – a former member at Conyers now living in Tennessee, underwent surgery because of a broken hip resulting from a fall. We are awaiting update on her post-surgery condition.

**Shirley Johnson** - is undergoing treatment at this time. Please keep her in your prayers for strength, endurance and complete healing.

**Alyssa Morris** - Jeanne and Rex Morris' granddaughter, will have a below-knee amputation on December 8th. Keep her and all her family in your prayers.

**Al Simpson** - Jim Simpson's brother, and his family thanks everyone for all the prayers. He has been notified that his latest CT scan indicates that the cancer is gone!

**Roma DuPree** - is now off dialysis and at home recovering. Prayer works! So continue to pray for her during this long recovery process.

**Those Responding...**

**Nicki Fennell** – requests prayers to overcome an eating disorder and for strength as she endures the struggles in her life.

**Blake Jenkins** - requests prayers for strength to be more faithful to God and to no longer allow worldly cares to interfere with her Christian walk.

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**Communion Prep 2017** - Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

**Thank You**

We received a thank-you card from the DuPree family. It has been placed on the bulletin board.

**Ornament Swap** - December 10, 2016 at 9:30 am

At the home of Charlotte Falkner. Please bring your favorite brunch dish and one wrapped ornament. A sing-up sheet as well as directions to Charlotte's home are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

*Conyers Youth*

**Southside Youth Devotional**

(Tara)

December 18, 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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*Those to Serve*

**Sunday - November 27, 2016**

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>SONG DIRECTOR:</b>	Anthony Dilligard	Anthony Dilligard
<b>OPENING PRAYER:</b>	Bernard Austin	Charles Mahan
<b>LORD'S TABLE:</b>	Walker Howell - Bruce Haynes Gordon Roddenberry - Ross Mahan	Gordon Roddenberry
<b>SCRIPTURE READING:</b>	Tanner Tolleson Hebrews 3:15-25	Christian Saunders Philippians 3:13-15
<b>SERMON:</b>	Jeff Johnson	Jeff Johnson
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</b>	Daron Cheney	Daron Cheney
<b>CLOSING PRAYER:</b>	Raoul Saunders	Milford Segura
<b>USHERS:</b>	Walter Norman Carolos Watts	Walter Norman Carlos Watts
<b>AUDIO:</b>	Kirk Mahan	Kirk Mahan

**Wednesday - November 30, 2016**

<b>USHER:</b>	Carlos Watts
<b>WELCOME / PRAYER:</b>	Charles Mahan
<b>SONG LEADER:</b>	Walker Howell
<b>DEVOTIONAL:</b>	Jeff Johnson
<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.



THE CONYERS BEACON

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct[a] your paths.”

Proverbs 3:5-6



**Who's Your Donkey?**

In the last month when we hear about a donkey we think politics. The Democratic party to be more specific. It is curious to think of where these symbols originated. According to historian David Eisenbach, the donkey symbol originated from the presidential campaign of Andrew Jackson in 1828. During that time, Jackson's opponents called him an unflattering name. Instead of being insulted, Jackson was amused and included the image of a donkey on his campaign posters. Jackson went on to defeat incumbent John Quincy Adams and serve as America's first Democratic president.

The Bible brings us many historical records involving donkeys. One such record we find in the book of Numbers. Chapter twenty-two records the arrival of the children of Israel into the plains of Moab. Balak, the king of Moab, relayed the distress of his people to the elders of Midian to the south. Balak sent messenger to Balaam, the diviner, for help. Balak wanted Balaam to come to him and curse God's people. Balaam, a diviner for hire, would not come because he had been told by God that he should not curse the children of Israel. At Balak's insistence, Balaam approached God again. God told him he may go but still not curse the children of Israel.

This is the point where the account gets very interesting. As Balaam makes his way to Balak, he is riding his donkey.

So Balaam rose in the morning and saddled his donkey and went with the princes of Moab. But God's anger was kindled because he went, and the angel of the Lord took his stand in the way as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. And the donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand. And the donkey turned aside out of the road and went into the field. And Balaam struck the donkey, to turn her into the road. Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. And when the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she pushed against the wall and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall. So he struck her again. Then the angel of the Lord went ahead and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she lay down under Balaam. And Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me. I wish I had a sword in my hand, for then I would kill you." And the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Is it my habit to treat you this way?" And he said, "No."

Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand. And he bowed down and fell on his face. And the angel of the Lord said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to oppose you because your way is perverse before me. The donkey saw me and turned aside before me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let her live." (Numbers 22:21-33)



The first point of note in this account is God giving Balaam a clear choice to obey or ignore His previous answer. Balaam, seeing an opportunity for personal gain, chose to exercise his freedom of choice and go to Balak.

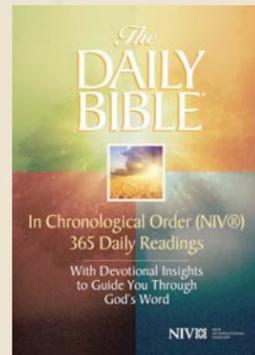
Today, God has given us the choice to hear Him and obey or we may ignore Him. Some, like Balaam are willing to obey God to a point because they recognize His power. Still there is the desire to have one's own way. This brings us to our common behavior that can be described in one question. "What can I get away with?" When we look at God's word with this attitude we have missed the importance of our relationship with God. We are then focused on our own selfish wants and will "push the envelope" with God. Notice that God's anger was kindled against Balaam. One can only conclude that when we "push the envelope" with God, His anger is kindled against us.

Before you saddle your donkey with justification and excuse, think, "Is this personal want, worthy of God's anger?". Choose your path carefully.

Jeff Johnson

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**Read the Bible all the way through in 2017!**



The year 2017 will be the 28<sup>th</sup> year that we have encouraged our members to read the Bible all the way through during the year.

It's only about 5 pages a day!!! Front, back, front, back, front!!

It only takes about 10-15 minutes a day out of the 1,440 minutes the Lord has given to each of us each day!!!

We have received a shipment of "The Daily Bible in Chronological Order." If you get your copy now, you'll be ready to start the new year off right, reading your Bible. If you need to purchase one or more copies (they make great gifts), there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. The price this year is **only \$16 per copy.**

*Prayer List*

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|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Ruby Harrell        | Jacqueline Anderson | Beverly Hixon     |
| Clint Cooper        | Lowell Strock       | Ronnie Smith      |
| Jan Coulon          | Linda Guill         | Kathleen Yates    |
| Olen & Lydia Lewis  | Kay Hyers           | Tootsi Shepard    |
| Irene Mapp          | Dawn Robinson       | Valdeese Brown    |
| Faye Brown          | Bernice Smith       | James Francis     |
| Al Adcock           | Evelyn Brown        | JC Davidson       |
| Jack & Francis Zorn | Anne Clark          | Wayne Mullins     |
| Martha Toney        | Dollie Graves       | Don Mimms         |
| Jake Born           | Thelma Chambers     | Kathy Dennington  |
| Wileen Crawford     | JoAnn Turner        | Joe Graves        |
| Carl Segura         | Tom Holland         | Roma DuPree       |
| Korey Dickens       | Dollie Graves       | Bernadine Senegal |
| Alyssa Morris       | Gwen Mason          |                   |

*And Remember Those in Nursing Homes*

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

**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.

**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 November**

23 Congregational Singing

**UPCOMING IN December**

- 4 Holiday party
- 10 Ornament Swap
- 11 EDP Meeting
- 14 Assemble Fruit Baskets
- 16 Deliver Fruit Baskets
- 18 Southside Youth Devotional - Tara
- 27-30 Exposure Youth Camp

**UPCOMING IN January**

- 3 Ladies' Class
- 8 EDP Meeting
- 8 Youth J.A.M. Session
- 10 Ladies' Class
- 14 Ladies' Breakfast
- 15 Teachers' Meeting
- 15 Southside Youth Devotional

**Mission Focus 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

**Blessing Bags Fruit Baskets**

**Pantry Supplies**

- Canned Soup
- Personal Care Items