



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jerry Guill - is now recovering at home after a brief stay in the hospital.

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.

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

Puppet Practice - December 4, 2016 at 5:00 pm

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

Exposure Youth Camp

December 27-30, 2016

Fees are Due Now. Sign-up Sheet is in the Foyer

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:

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

Minister:

Jeff Johnson

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Those to Serve

Sunday - December 4, 2016

	AM	PM
SONG DIRECTOR:	Caleb Johnson	Caleb Johnson
OPENING PRAYER:	Daron Cheney	Chad Martin
LORD'S TABLE:	Walter Norman - Garland Benefield Tyrone Holden - Buck Howell	Tyrone Holden
SCRIPTURE READING:	Dion Williams Matthew 1:18-23	Noah Corbin John 19:1-6
SERMON:	Jeff Johnson	Jeff Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Gordon Roddenberry	Gordon Roddenberry
CLOSING PRAYER:	Don Graves	Roy Robinson
USHERS:	Chris Lovern Michael Yates	Chris Lovern Michael Yates
AUDIO:	Ross Mahan	Ross Mahan

Wednesday - December 7, 2016

USHER:	Michael Yates
WELCOME / PRAYER:	Glen Hildebrandt
SONG LEADER:	Christian Saunders
DEVOTIONAL:	Charles Mahan
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

“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give
thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy
endures forever.”

Psalm 136:1, 26



Who's Your Donkey? (Part 2)

In our last study, we focused on Numbers 22. There we saw Balaam give in to the potential gain from responding to Balak's insistent invitation. We considered the importance of a decision to "push the envelope" with God and the result of having His anger kindled toward us. We need to choose our paths carefully.

It is truly amazing how much God loves so much that even when we take chances, He gives us the opportunity to get back on track. Balaam took two servants and was on the road to see the King of Moab riding his donkey. Then the most peculiar behavior is displayed by the donkey.

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 22:23-33)

Note the first thing the donkey does to avoid the angel of the Lord is get off the road and go somewhere, anywhere else. Could it be that God would try to lead you off the road to destruction and into a place of safety?

Do you find yourself surrounded with others that seem emotionally lost, physically limited or spiritual foreigners to God? Overwhelming circumstances could be God's providential care providing you with opportunities to think of and care for others. We have a choice to care for others or feel sorry for ourselves because there is so much to do. Jesus said, "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12).

Next the donkey presses Balaam's foot against a wall. Have you ever felt the pressure of justifying your actions? You wanted this thing, everyone could understand, and would not be satisfied without it. Jesus said, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). Perhaps the pressure would release if we look to God for our pleasure instead of worldly things.

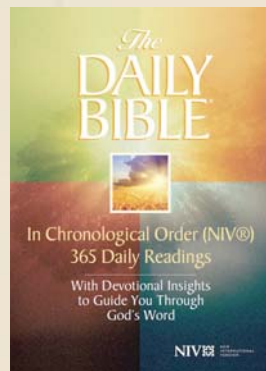
Finally, the donkey just lays down in the road. Balaam is humiliated in front of the others. After being beaten a third time, the donkey speaks to Balaam. Balaam is reminded of the faithful service from the donkey. As his eyes were opened, Balaam sees how close to death he actually came.

For you and I, Jesus laid down His life on the cross at Calvary. He brings us his message of love by way of God's word. When we study God's word and realize that sin will cost us eternity, our eyes are opened to the truth. Realizing how close we were to the Devil's Hell, we will trust and obey the words of the Savior. Jesus is faithful and just to forgive those who obey Him.

God has given us this moment as an opportunity to consider Him and others before ourselves and things. Choose your path carefully. You have the power to choose that which will provide an eternal reward. What will you choose?

Jeff Johnson

Read the Bible all the way through in 2017!



The year 2017 will be the 28th 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

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
Alyssa Morris

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

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

And Remember Those in Nursing Homes

Charlotte Fulks
Charles Burks
Buddy Allen

Charles Fikes
Emma Baker

Ceci Mullins
Andrew Anderson

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 December

- 4 Holiday party
- 10 Ornament Swap
- 11 EDP Meeting
- 14 Assemble Fruit Baskets
- 16 Deliver Fruit Baskets
- 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 4th Quarter

Blessing Bags Fruit Baskets

Pantry Supplies

- Canned Soup
- Personal Care Items