



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

**Buffy Dilligard** - needs prayers.

**Gordon Roddenberry** - also requests prayers.

**LaVern Crawford** - is recovering from dental surgery and bronchitis. Keep her in your prayers.

**Tiffany Vaughn** - was hospitalized with kidney stones this weekend.

**Dawn Robinson** - also has kidney stones and is undergoing treatment.

Those Responding...

**David Holbrook** - wants to be right with God and be a part of the family at Conyers.

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**Evening Worship Services - December 25, 2016**

Evening services will begin at 4:00 pm.

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**Assemble Fruit Baskets** - December 14, 2016 (after Bible class)

**Raintree Village**

Please have your gift in by next Wednesday, the 21st. The items will be delivered by Friday.

*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 18, 2016**

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>SONG DIRECTOR:</b>	Anthony Dilligard	Anthony Dilligard
<b>OPENING PRAYER:</b>	Gordon Roddenberry	Tom Johnson
<b>LORD'S TABLE:</b>	Brandon Medley - Glen Hildebrandt Bernard Austin - Dion Williams	Bernard Austin
<b>SCRIPTURE READING:</b>	Ross Mahan John 3:14-17	Walter Norman Ephesians 6:13-17
<b>SERMON:</b>	Jeff Johnson	Jeff Johnson
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</b>	Tyrone Holden	Tyrone Holden
<b>CLOSING PRAYER:</b>	Garland Benefield	Charles Mahan
<b>USHERS:</b>	Jeremy Price Carlos Watts	Jeremy Price Carlos Watts
<b>AUDIO:</b>	Kirk Mahan	Kirk Mahan

**Wednesday - December 21, 2016**

<b>USHER:</b>	Carlos Watts
<b>WELCOME / PRAYER:</b>	Don Graves
<b>SONG LEADER:</b>	Anthony Dilligard
<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

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

Philippians 2:3-4





### The Frost-Bitten Heart

Our bodies can receive frostbite from being too long in the cold. This extreme cold can feel like, and leave the same damage to the flesh as, a burn. The body has nerve endings that are sensors to signal trouble is occurring. The problem is that when the nerve endings are squelched because of the cold, there is no signal and damage occurs. The easy solution is to react so the nerve endings are never squelched. The problem is that the squelching of the nerves happens so slowly that it is not noticed. The best solution is to protect oneself from the cold altogether even though it might be seen by some as over-reacting. Prevention is the best protection.

The Heart, or conscience, can also suffer from frostbite as Satan tries to keep us away from God in the coldness of the world. Like physical frostbite, the soul is gradually numbed with hurt feelings, apathy or simply inactivity. Without our realizing the damage being done by our absence from God, our Hearts become cold and seared. Soon we can find ourselves falling victim to those who would lead us astray—even those within the house of God. It is there, in the house of God, that Satan does his best work. He never spends time on those who are lost, for he holds the key to their eternal future anyway. His desire is to enter the church through a “harmless” activity or to influence others with gossip and seeds of division. There will be no warning. The damage will be done without notice. Suddenly apostasy is rampant and division is inevitable.

We can see this where worship has become a carnival to entertain the participants rather than to please the Mighty God. One local place of worship is offering the “Chance to Win a Car” for just attending services on December 25th. As far from the truth as that sounds, this did not happen overnight. This variance from focus on the Mighty God came a trickle at a time.

In 1967, a campus ministry at the University of Florida began some peculiar but seemingly harmless prayer partnering within the Lord’s church. These were holding each other accountable for specified time of prayer. The development of a discipleship and mentoring program was taking place. There were also, “Soul Talks” when a mentor would teach a small group one night during the week. The encouragement was wonderful... but there was a movement underway. Those who were taken in could not understand why anyone would object. Fundamentally, Satan used something as pure as prayer to gain momentum. Soon another group would follow in similar pattern. Having been trained by those in Gainesville, Florida, this new group claimed to refine the movement found at the Crossroads congregation. Satan’s plan, now revealed, was to build an alliance with numbers. When it comes to departure from Truth, there is power in numbers. “Certainly, a large group could not be wrong” (Exodus 23:2).

These would be led in acceptance, and then denial, that something as pure as prayer could be tainted with evil. This movement would seek to oust elders who resisted the introduction of the new church organization underway. Fundamentally, this movement sought to undermine God-designed church leadership. Elders were criticized for a lack of vision, accountability, and action. Congregations were charged with a lack of spirituality. If you did not get with the new program, you were out.

College students were the first prey of this emotionally-charged evangelistic movement. The new organization would be directed mostly from very large host congregations in larger cities. Though fantastic oration would hide it, most of the direction would come from a few dynamic speakers. Problems arose when Christian behavior began being defined by the leader or leaders rather than by God’s word. Cultish abuse took place in the manipulation of private lives. The over-reach came with a host of problems created by an organization that sought to control rather than to teach the Truth. Those who would not conform or questioned the design would find themselves berated and shamed. Division was inevitable.



Over the decades, a clear distinction between the Lord’s church and those of the “Boston Movement” and the “Crossroads Movement” emerged. The International Churches of Christ was established with a leader, other than Christ, at the helm. Like frostbite, by the time most realized what was happening the damage had been done.

Satan is not done with this idea because it works so well. We have threats coming our way consistently and most likely do not see them. The Devil is alive and well without anything new under the sun, just new to us. If someone invites you to some sort of private prayer group, rest assured that trouble and division is on the horizon. Please notice the warnings we find in God’s word.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. (Matthew 7:15)

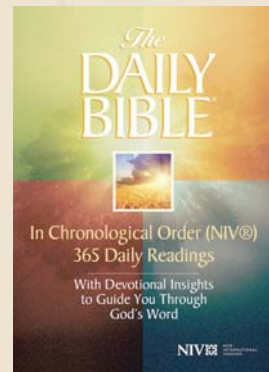
Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron. (1 Timothy 4:1-2)

Watch out for frostbite. Prevention is the best protection.

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

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

- 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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

### Blessing Bags Fruit Baskets

### Pantry Supplies

Canned Fruit