

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

**Jeff Fikes** - Charles and Nima Fikes' son, is battling stage four cancer. Keep him, his family, Nima and Charles in your prayers.

**Francy DeBartola** - Gayle Allen's sister-in-law, had bypass surgery today. Keep her in your prayers.

**The Family of Don Mimms** - Nima Fikes' brother-in-law, passed away on Sunday. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**Robin Wynn** - J.C. Davidson's brother-in-law, is in CCU in Savannah recovering from complications from a recent surgery. Keep him in your prayers.

**Bobby Allen** - will be having knee surgery on March 1st. Keep him in your prayers.

**The Family of Dwight Moses** - Renee Holmes' brother, passed away on Monday. Memorial service will be on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in Waycross, GA.

**Calvert Chin** - Elsa Chin's uncle, is not doing well and in need of prayers.

**Bernice Smith** - Amy Yates' and Austin Massey's aunt, is not doing well. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Those Responding:**  
**Martha Dunlap** (02/12/2017) - requests prayers for peace in her home, our country, and church family.

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**Challenge Youth Conference** - February 24-26, 2017

**Care Group 2 Fellowship** - March 4, 2017 at 2:00 pm  
 A potluck get-together at the Saunders' home.

**Congregational Singing** - March 5, 2017

**Vacation Bible School Meeting** - March 5, 2017 at 4:00 pm

*Conyers Youth*

**Southside Youth Devotional**

(Atlanta Airport)

February 19, 2017

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 5PM

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**  
 TUESDAY 10AM SEPT.-MAY

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**  
 BIBLE STUDY 7PM

**Elders:**

Daron Cheney  
 Greg Holmes  
 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 - February 19, 2017**

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>SONG DIRECTOR:</b>	Korey Dickens	Korey Dickens
<b>OPENING PRAYER:</b>	Garland Benefield	Garland Benefield
<b>LORD'S TABLE:</b>	Christian Saunders - Raoul Saunders Don Graves - Walker Howell	Don Graves
<b>SCRIPTURE READING:</b>	Simon Jenkins James 4:10-12	Landon Lovern Genesis 12:1-5
<b>SERMON:</b>	Jeff Johnson	Jeff Johnson
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</b>	Greg Holmes	Greg Holmes
<b>CLOSING PRAYER:</b>	Rex Morris	Glenn Hildebrandt
<b>USHERS:</b>	Jerry Guill Michael Yates	Jerry Guill Michael Yates
<b>AUDIO:</b>	Kirk Mahan	Kirk Mahan

**Wednesday - February 22, 2017**

<b>USHER:</b>	Michael Yates
<b>WELCOME / PRAYER:</b>	Glenn Hildebrandt
<b>SONG LEADER:</b>	Korey Dickens
<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

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

1 John 4:7-11





## Who Is Your Excuse?

The comedian Flip Wilson was famous for his saying, "The devil made me do it." In as much as the devil does tempt us, he never makes us do anything. Still for some reason, when we do wrong we want to blame someone. This is nothing new.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." (Genesis 3:1-13 ESV)

Reviewing the last few days of your life, who or what have you blamed for your behavior. Some blame stress and use it as an excuse for being thoughtless and rude. When noticing the last week in the life of Jesus we see plenty of stress. After being ruthlessly beaten and nailed to the cross we find this point in history, "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots" (Luke 23:33-34). If there was ever anyone who had justification to react harshly even to the point of revenge, it was Jesus. The Savior, however, not only did not react but took the guilt of those who crucified Him with humility.

When you are tempted to blame another for your actions give this passage some thought.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11)

If we truly want God's forgiveness, we are going to have to take responsibility for our actions. Just saying, "That's how I am" is no excuse. Blaming others as the cause of your reaction rather than response is no excuse. Even when we try, God will put blame where it belongs and the debt of sin where it belongs.

Facts are facts in that we all find ourselves at the end of the rope upon occasion. The devil did not make you do it but laughs every time we blame him for our failure. The wonderful part of human existence is that we have a loving God who gives us a way out.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

## Prayer List

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	Kathy Dennington
Jake Born	Thelma Chambers	Joe Graves
Wileen Crawford	JoAnn Turner	Bernadine Senegal
Carl Segura	Tom Holland	Gwen Mason
Dollie Graves	Shirley Johnson	Calvert Chin
Alzona Freeman	Jeff Fikes	

### And Remember Those in Nursing Homes

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

### Bulletin Board Area-wide Events

**"Weekends in the Word"**  
Buford Church of Christ  
March 4, April 1, & May 6, 2017

**"Happy Hives" - Ladies' Day**  
Fayetteville Church of Christ  
Guest Speaker: Tish Clarke  
March 11, 2017

**"Why Women Need Women" - Ladies' Night Out!**  
Oak Hill Church of Christ  
Guest Speaker: Ashley Casson  
March 17, 2017

**"Bearing Fruit" - Ladies' Day**  
McDonough Church of Christ  
Guest Speakers: Claire Slocumb & Summer Collier  
March 18, 2017

**"Man of God-Embracing our Manhood"**  
Buford Church of Christ  
Guest Speaker: David Decker  
March 24-25, 2017

**"A Common Love" - Ladies' Day**  
Piedmont Road Church of Christ  
Guest Speaker: Lori Boyd  
March 25, 2017

### 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 February

- 19 Southside Youth Devotional - Airport
- 20 Puppet Practice
- 21 Ladies' Class
- 24-26 Challenge Youth Conference
- 28 Ladies' Class

#### UPCOMING IN March

- 4 Carge Group 3 fellowship
- 5 Congregational Singing
- 5 VBS Meeting
- 7 Ladies' Class
- 11 Spring Cleaning
- 12 EDP Meeting
- 13 Monday Night for the Master
- 14 Ladies' Class
- 19 Southside Youth Devotional - East Point
- 21 Ladies' Class
- 24-26 Men's Retreat

### Mission Focus 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

#### Pantry Supplies

Peanut Butter & Jelly