

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Dawn Robinson - was admitted to Piedmont Atlanta early Sunday morning. Keep her in your prayers.

Dollie Graves - had successful surgery last Friday. Keep her in your prayers as she recovers.

Decker John Ragsdale – was born at 3:47 pm on July 5th at 7 lbs 11 oz and 21 inches long. Proud parents are Matt & Laeryn Ragsdale and proud grandparents, Gordon & Shauna Roddenberry. Mommy and baby are doing well.

Bridal Shower - July 16, 2017 at 2:00 pm
Bridal shower for Autumn Pulliam. She is registered at Kohl's and Bed Bath & Beyond. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer for those who can help with food items for the shower or can help out in any other way.

Summer Series – July 19, 2017
Our summer series, *Questions for God*, continues guest speaker, William Howard of New Hope Road church of Christ. His topic is "What is Heaven Like? Is There Only One Way?"

Conyers Youth

Camp Inagehi - July 9 - 14, 2017

Southside Youth Devotional (McDonough) - July 16, 2017

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 - July 9, 2017

	AM	PM
SONG DIRECTOR:	Caleb Johnson	Caleb Johnson
OPENING PRAYER:	Tom Johnson	Charles Mahan
LORD'S TABLE:	Josh Robinson - Greg Holmes Michael Yates - Brandon Medley	Michael Yates
SCRIPTURE READING:	Lance Holmes	Garrett Yates
SERMON:	Jeff Johnson	Jeff Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Kirk Mahan	Kirk Mahan
CLOSING PRAYER:	Don Graves	Jerry Guill
USHERS:	Tony Ferguson Chris Lovern	Tony Ferguson Chris Lovern
AUDIO:	Korey Dickens	Korey Dickens

Wednesday - July 12, 2017

USHER:	Chris Lovern
WELCOME / PRAYER:	Glenn Hildebrandt
SONG LEADER:	Caleb Johnson
DEVOTIONAL:	Chad Martin
AUDIO:	Korey Dickens

Men, please meet in the library 15 minutes before worship.
If unable to serve, please call the Deacon in charge.



THE CONYERS BEACON

"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"

2 Timothy 3:1-5



Why So Happy?

We live in a world where so many struggle with depression and stress. Daytime television programs market the latest relief therapy on talk shows and of course there are the twenty-four hour shopping channels. Commercials market the latest anti-depressant drug during evening shows as well as internet ads popping up on your favorite news page. It seems, we as an international brotherhood of human beings, are in search of happiness.

This search even sends some toward self-destructive behavior up to and including terroristic acts. How could we come to the point that we physically injure or take the life of another and claim satisfaction? In fact there is no satisfaction and the blood thirsty cannot be quenched because there is no joy in destruction. There is no joy in revenge. These behaviors create an appetite that cannot be satisfied.

Though you may not find yourself at the extreme point of terrorism, you may find destructive behavior encompassing you. Spiritual terrorism is destructive to one's self and those all around. This is executed with a different kind of bomb. A simple sentence of criticism or mockery can destroy years of good communication. There is also the heat seeking missile of the assumptive statement of truth leading to an incorrect conclusion. For example, "The captain is not drunk today." This is in fact true. It does however, lead one to believe that this is unusual and the captain is in the habit of being drunk. The same stealth like bomb can be used by a simple shrug of the shoulders or rolling of the eyes after a question. We have such good defense of this behavior by saying, "I was only joking." The Bible, however, has something to say about words manipulated for hurt. "As a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death, So is the man that deceives his neighbour, and says, I was only joking" (Proverbs 26:18-19).

God certainly has a sense of humor because He created us and we have it. When we look at nature we can be amused at the shapes and behavior of the animals. A sense of humor, does not need to manifest itself by injuring others. Could it be that I am unhappy because I create unhappiness in others by my communications?

Is it possible that one who creates stress in others, even jokingly, has fallen victim to jealousy? Jealousy can be used by the Devil to create a world of one's own. This is the world of "poor pitiable me". Jealousy creates a victim mentality that says, "Everyone is better off than me, so I have a right to pull you down". Jealousy also claims it's owner to be the center of the universe. Being the center on one's own universe puts one inevitably on a course for a big bang. If this behavior is left uninterrupted the bang can be devastating and ruin a business or split a congregation.

So how do we interrupt the cycle? The first step is to stop making excuses about abrasive behavior. I have no right to expect others to deal with me just because "That's the way I am." God expects more from me than sour worldly behavior. God knows I can change or otherwise He would not have told me to repent. It's time to change old habits.

We can get in habits of jealousy, anger and selfishness. The second step is to train ourselves to have happy thoughts. God has given us the key to retrain thinking. "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:8-9).

Start with whatever is true this week. That means no mental gymnastics over what people say to us. No jumping to conclusions or trying to read body language. This also means I will communicate clearly and not play games with the understanding of others. "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation" (James 5:12). Clear communication will not rob me of humor. Trying to communicate clearly can have it's own problems in which we find some humor. For the rest of the week, take the dare to only allow thoughts of truth pass through your mind. Life will become simpler and suddenly there will be a peace that may lift a huge burden of unhappiness from your life. It's not a drug or therapy or any other external thing. It is a decision to start thinking in the pattern that God has directed. Watch the joy overflow your cup.

Jeff Johnson

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 Lewis | Dawn Robinson | Tootsi Shepard |
| Irene Mapp | Bernice Smith | Valdeese Brown |
| Faye Brown | Evelyn Brown | James Francis |
| Al Adcock | Anne Clark | JC Davidson |
| Jack & Francis Zorn | Thelma Chambers | Wayne Mullins |
| Martha Toney | JoAnn Turner | Kathy Dennington |
| Jake Born | Tom Holland | Joe Graves |
| Wileen Crawford | Shirley Johnson | Bernadine Senegal |
| Carl Segura | Jeff Fikes | |
| Dollie Graves | Roma DuPree | |
| Alzona Freeman | | |

And Remember Those in Nursing Homes

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

Bulletin Board Area-wide Events

Mission:Possible
 Summer Series
 Lithia Springs church of Christ
 Tuesday Evenings
 June 6 - August 29, 2017
(see bulletin board for weekly topics)

Adventures in Ministry (AIM) Conference
Sponsored by Faulkner University
 Guest Speakers: Lonnie Jones, Drake Jenkins, Andrew Itson
 July 21-23, 2017
 Registration: May 1 - July 1, 2017

Ladies' Day
 Lithia Springs Church of Christ
 Speaker: Cindy Colley
 August 12, 2017
 Registration: May 1 - July 1, 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 July**
- 9-14 Camp Inagehi
 - 16 Bridal Shower for Autumn Pulliam
 - 12 Summer Series
 - 19 Summer Series (William Howard)
 - 26 Summer Series (Stacy Grant)
 - 30 Family Day

- UPCOMING IN August**
- 4 Men's Dinner
 - 6 Prepare for Raintree Pickup
 - 7 Raintree Village Pickup
 - 9 Summer Series (Rubin Walker)
 - 13 EDP Meeting
 - 16 Summer Series (Randy Kea)

Pantry Supplies

- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce