

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Upcoming in December

- 3 Holiday Fellowship
- 10 EDP Meeting
- 10 Teacher's Appreciation & Workshop
- 13 Assemble Fruit Baskets
- 15 Deliver Fruit Baskets
- 27-30 Exposure Youth Camp

## YOUR SPACE

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Name of Person(s) Making this Request:

PLEASE PLACE PRAYER REQUESTS IN THE OFFERING PLATE

## PRAYER LIST

Al Adcock  
 Buddy Allen  
 Jacqueline Anderson  
 Andrew Anderson  
 Emma Baker  
 Jake Born  
 Faye Brown  
 Evelyn Brown  
 Rodney Brown  
 Valdeese Brown  
 Charles Burks  
 Thelma Chambers  
 Anne Clark  
 Clint Cooper  
 Jan Coulon  
 Wileen Crawford  
 JC Davidson  
 Kathy Dennington  
 Roma Dupree  
 Jeff Fikes  
 Charles Fikes  
 James Francis  
 Charlotte Fulks  
 Dollie Graves  
 Joe Graves  
 Linda Guill  
 Betty Harper  
 Ruby Harrell  
 Beverly Hixon  
 Tom Holland  
 Catherine House  
 Shirley Johnson  
 Olen Lewis  
 Charles Mahan  
 Irene Mapp  
 Wayne Mullins  
 Ceci Mullins  
 Dawn Robinson  
 Carl Segura  
 Bernadine Senegal  
 Tootsi Shepard  
 Bernice Smith  
 Ronnie Smith  
 JoAnn Turner  
 Kathleen Yates  
 Jack Zorn

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES  
 SUNDAY 9:30AM

MORNING WORSHIP  
 SUNDAY 10:30AM

EVENING WORSHIP  
 SUNDAY 5PM

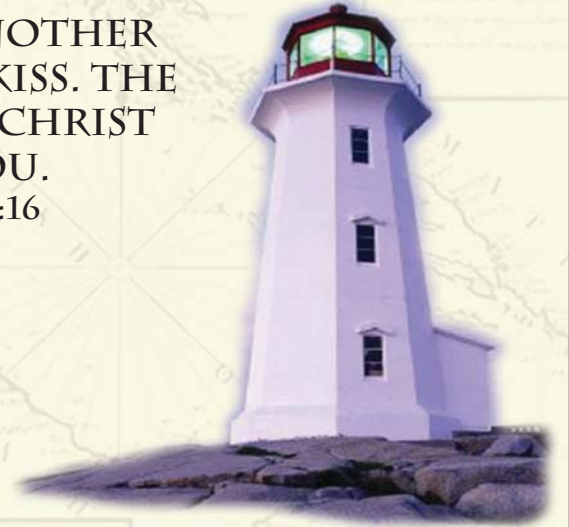
LADIES BIBLE CLASS  
 TUESDAY 10AM SEPT-MAY

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY  
 7PM

CONYERS CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 1410 FLAT SHOALS ROAD  
 CONYERS, GEORGIA 30013

## THE CONYERS BEACON

SALUTE ONE ANOTHER WITH AN HOLY KISS. THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST SALUTE YOU.  
 ROMANS 16:16



A LOCAL CHURCH WITH A GLOBAL MISSION

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP

Sunday, December 3, 2017

AM

**SONG DIRECTOR** Korey Dickens  
**OPENING PRAYER** Bruce Haynes  
**LORD'S TABLE** Josh Robinson - Garland Benefield  
 Tyrone Holden - Noah Corbin  
**SCRIPTURE READING** Johnathan Young  
 Luke 2:1-7  
**SERMON** Jeff Johnson  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Gordon Roddenberry  
**CLOSING PRAYER** Greg Holmes  
**USHER1** Chris Lovern  
**USHER2** Steven Mitchell  
**AUDIO** David Holbrook

PM

Korey Dickens  
 Chad Martin  
 Tyrone Holden  
 Landon Lovern  
 Acts 17:29-31  
 Jeff Johnson  
 Gordon Roddenberry  
 Roy Robinson  
 Chris Lovern  
 Steven Mitchell  
 David Holbrook

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

**USHER** Steven Mitchell  
**WELCOME / PRAYER** Glenn Hildebrandt  
**SONG LEADER** Korey Dickens  
**DEVOTIONAL** Tom Johnson  
**AUDIO** David Holbrook

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!"

1 Chronicles 16:8

### VISION!

At The Conyers church of Christ  
 We want to go to heaven!  
 We will get there by:  
 Obeying the Gospel call;  
 Worshiping in a Scriptural Manner;  
 Evangelizing our world;  
 and Helping our members grow as Christians

# BEAMS



## “Who’s Your Donkey”

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 the 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

## FACE 2 FACE

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Amanda Dickens** - will be traveling to Vanderbilt for tests soon. Keep her and the Dickens family in your prayers for safe travels and as she undergoes tests to determine proper course of treatment.

**Timothy Stephens** – will be admitted to Piedmont Hospital on 12/2/17 and prepped for heart surgery on 12/5/17.

**Richard Guill** - Jerry & Linda Guill’s son, is in Coffee Regional Medical Center in Douglas, GA. He has been diagnosed with pancreatitis.

**Lexi Little** - is in Eggleston with a severe infection.

**Charlotte Falkner** - is scheduled for surgery in December.

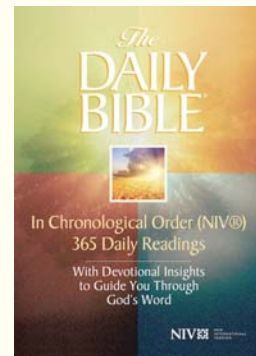
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### Announcements and Activities

**Communion - 2018**  
Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

**Holiday Party** - December 3, 2017  
Fellowship and potluck meal immediately following evening services.

**Ladies’ Annual Ornament Swap** – December 9, 2017 at 10:00 am  
Home of Gayle Allen. Bring your favorite brunch dish to share and one wrapped ornament to exchange. Location address is on the bulletin board in the foyer.



## Join us in 2018

### Read the entire Bible

Daily Bible in Chronological

Get your copy today - Cost: \$17

Sign the sheet in the foyer to order your copy today

## OUR YOUTH

### Lads’ Classes

December 17, 2017

## PANTRY NEEDS

### Canned Fruit

## AREA ACTIVITIES

**GSOP Fall Courses**  
Fayetteville church of Christ

New Testament Greek Language  
August 28 - December 4, 2017

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**Marriage & Relationship  
Enrichment Weekend**  
Fayetteville church of Christ  
December 1-2, 2017

**Will Your Anchor Hold?**  
“Remaining Faithful While Weathering  
the Storms of Life”

Guest Speaker: Melvin Otey

RSVP by 11/22/2017 at  
mail@fcoc.com  
or 770-461-3617

Great Smoky Mountain  
**Marriage Retreat**  
A Great Marriage in 20 Words

**Sponsored by:**  
Jacksonville church of Christ

February 14-18, 2018

Guest Speakers:  
B.J. Clarke  
Melvin Otey  
Dan Winkler

Cost: \$50 per couple  
Early Bird: \$40 per couple

RSVP by 01/15/2018 at  
www.smokymountainmarriage.com

See flyer on board for schedule of classes and  
lodging information

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## OUR LEADERSHIP

### Elders

Daron Cheney  
Greg Holmes

### Deacons

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

### Evangelist

Jeff Johnson

### Save the Date!

March 17, 2018

**Ladies’ Day**  
Fayetteville church of Christ

### “Brave”

Am I Brave Enough to be Godly in an Ungodly  
World?

Speaker: Debbie Kea