

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Upcoming in December

- 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

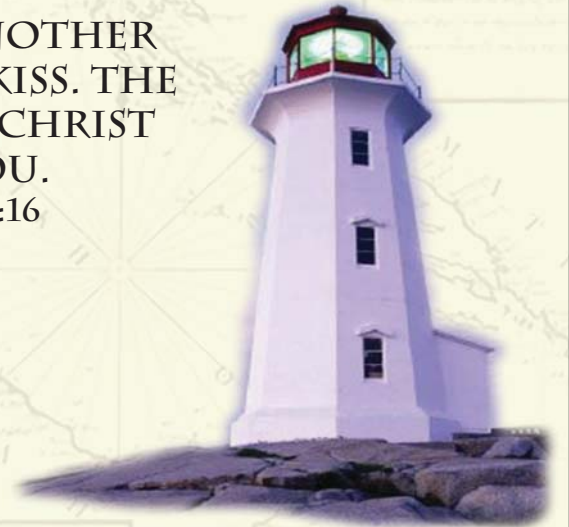
LADIES BIBLE CLASS  
 TUESDAY 10AM SEPT-MAY

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 10, 2017

	AM	PM
<b>SONG DIRECTOR</b>	Bernard Austin	Bernard Austin
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	Daron Cheney	Jim Fulmer
<b>LORD'S TABLE</b>	Tony Ferguson - Roy Robinson Greg Holmes - Lance Holmes	Greg Holmes
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Jayne Lovern Hebrews 9:11-14	Kade Lovern John 10:27-30
<b>SERMON</b>	Jeff Johnson	Jeff Johnson
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Matt Carter	Matt Carter
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Kirk Mahan	Rex Morris
<b>USHER1</b>	Walter Norman	Walter Norman
<b>USHER2</b>	Austin Massey	Austin Massey
<b>AUDIO</b>	Anthony Dilligard	Anthony Dilligard

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

<b>USHER</b>	Austin Massey
<b>WELCOME / PRAYER</b>	Roger DuPree
<b>SONG LEADER</b>	Bernard Austin
<b>DEVOTIONAL</b>	Chad Martin
<b>AUDIO</b>	Anthony Dilligard

"Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.""

John 8:12

### 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



## “The Forstbitten 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 ravaging 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

## FACE 2 FACE

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Timothy Stephens** – surgery was changed to December 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> for medical reasons. Keep him in your prayers for a successful surgery.

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

**Kathy Lankford** - had test run and found a mass on her adrenal gland and will be undergoing more tests.

**Abby Robinson** - is having hernia surgery this Thursday.

**Shauna Roddenberry** - fell this past weekend and hurt her back.

**BrendaBorn** - Cyndy Corbin’s mother, had hip surgery on Monday.

**Agnes Millen** - Lynn Mahan’s mother, was in the hospital with heart problems.

**Those Responding:**

**LaVern Crawford** - requests prayers for strength and that she will commit fully to God.

**Genneal King** - confesses sins and requests prayers for spiritual strength.

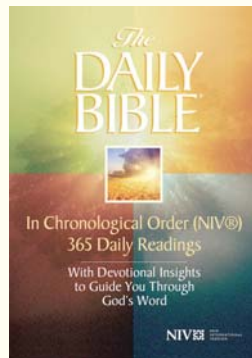
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### Announcements and Activities

**Communion - 2018**

Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

**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

### Teacher Appreciation Lunch & Workshop

### Conyers church of Christ

December 10, 2017

#### Schedule

10:20 - Honoring our Teachers  
12:00 - Lunch  
1:00 - Apologetics Press Curriculum Review

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### 3-Day Apologetics Seminar

January 5-7, 2018

### Buford church of Christ

Speaker: Kyle Butt

#### Schedule

**January 5 - 7:00 pm**

“The Case for Creation”

**January 6 - 1 - 4 pm**

“The Problem of the Dinosaurs?”

“Theistic Evolution”

Tools for Defending the Faith

**January 7 - 9 and 10 am**

“Fruits of Atheism”

“Protecting Our Children’s Faith”

## 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

### Lithia Springs church of Christ

January 13-14, 2018

### Quick-Start Weekend

Speaker: John Deberry

#### Schedule

Saturday - 2 pm

Sunday

10:00 - Bible Class

11:00 - Worship

2:00 - Afternoon Service

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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](http://www.smokymountainmarriage.com)

See flyer on board for schedule of classes and lodging information

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### 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