

## 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  
 Kathy Dennington  
 Roma Dupree  
 Charlotte Falkner  
 Jeff Fikes  
 Charles Fikes  
 James Francis  
 Charlotte Fulks  
 Dollie Graves  
 Joe Graves  
 Linda Guill  
 Betty Harper  
 Ruby Harrell  
 Tom Holland  
 Catherine House  
 Shirley Johnson  
 Olen Lewis  
 Irene Mapp  
 Wayne Mullins  
 Ceci Mullins  
 Dawn Robinson  
 Carl Segura  
 Bernadine Senegal  
 Ronnie Smith  
 JoAnn Turner  
 Cyndi West  
 Ken Whiteaker  
 Kathleen Yates  
 Jack Zorn

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES  
 SUNDAY 9:30AM

MORNING WORSHIP  
 SUNDAY 10:30AM

EVENING WORSHIP  
 SUNDAY 5PM

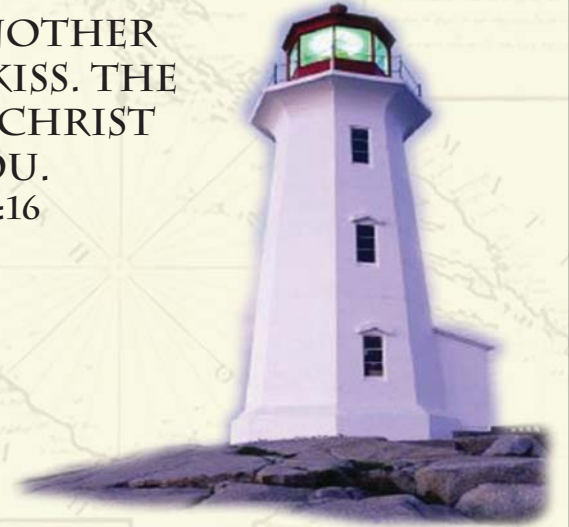
LADIES BIBLE CLASS  
 TUESDAY 10AM SEPT-MAY

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



THE LOCAL CHURCH WITH A GLOBAL MISSION

### Upcoming in June

- 6 Summer Series (Stacey Grant)
- 9 2018 Young Ladies' Day (Avondale church of Christ)
- 10 EDP Meeting
- 11 - 14 VBS
- 20 Summer Series
- 27 Summer Series

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP

Sunday, June 3, 2018

	AM	PM
<b>SONG DIRECTOR</b>	Bernard Austin	Bernard Austin
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	Garland Benefield	Greg Holmes
<b>LORD'S TABLE</b>	D'Jon Jensen - Jim West Glenn Hildebrandt - Steven Mitchell	Glenn Hildebrandt
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Jayce Lovern Acts 21:27-30	Landon Lovern Nehemiah 4:4-6
<b>SERMON</b>	Jeff Johnson	Jeff Johnson
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Jim Fulmer	Jim Fulmer
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Roy Robinson	Jerry Guill
<b>USHER1</b>	Austin Massey	Austin Massey
<b>USHER2</b>	Buck Howell	Buck Howell
<b>AUDIO</b>	Anthony Dilligard	Anthony Dilligard

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

<b>USHER</b>	Buck Howell
<b>WELCOME / PRAYER</b>	Don Graves
<b>SONG LEADER</b>	Bernard Austin
<b>DEVOTIONAL</b>	Jeff Johnson
<b>AUDIO</b>	Anthony Dilligard

"But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them."

*Psalm 103:17-18*

### 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

## YOUR SPACE LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Name of Person(s) Making this Request:

PLEASE PLACE PRAYER REQUESTS IN THE OFFERING PLATE

# BEAMS



## “Straw Men”

An awful lot of articles about spiritual matters on social media amount to setting up straw men. They find the person with the most extreme ideas and pretend that this represents Christians everywhere. They set up a straw man, whack him hard, and, watch him fall down. You can generally detect them in the “click bait” titles they use: “Why the Church Is Wrong About Forgiveness,” “Christians Are Wrong about the Nature of the Trinity, And Here’s Why.”

Cheap shots are being taken at something I love deeply: The church of the Lord Jesus Christ. It makes me think of the Jewish leaders in Rome: “But we desire to hear from you what your views are, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against” (Acts 28:22).

Here are some of the somewhat less than accurate declarations made about the church:

- **They think they are the only ones going to heaven:** No sensible member of churches of Christ ever claimed this. Certainly, the saved are those in the church, but the Lord always was the one who decided who was in that number. Though I am a wholehearted member of a fellowship historically begun by Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone in the US during the 1800s, I doubt that ours was the only movement in history that did anything well. “The Lord knows those who are his” (2 Timothy 2:19).
- **They don’t believe in grace:** To be fair, we believe in both grace and works because the New Testament teaches a blend of both (Ephesians 2:8; James 2:24). I “get” why teaching grace is popular and teaching responsibility is not, but we are under obligation to teach both. We do preach grace; grace is not incompatible with works, however. God gives us grace when in our humanity we fail; that does not mean the rules do not apply.
- **They don’t believe in music:** This is as a misnomer. A cappella singing is music, just of a particular type. The instrument we are commanded to use in worship is our heart (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).
- **They don’t believe in the Holy Spirit:** We search the pages of Scripture for our religious authority and do not appeal to impulses as “messages” of the Spirit. That does not mean we do not believe in God, the Holy Spirit. If the Spirit was to actually speak to me today, he would not contradict something he had already communicated to an inspired writer. To claim thus would be to open us up to all manner of new revelations, communications that would be subjective and contradictory. Scripture (a product of the Holy Spirit) was inspired by God, and its message provides the Christian with everything he needs to live and to please God (2 Timothy 3:16,17).
- **They only preach baptism:** Yes, we preach baptism (Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21). But after 40 years of preaching, I have pleaded for and taught righteous living following baptism too (Revelation 2:10). Never have I heard one of our brethren suggest that baptism ended our responsibilities before God. This charge is not just unbalanced, it is simply not true.
- **Members of the church are hypocritical:** Well, sure, there will always be hypocrites in the church, and their presence is deplorable. But you are missing scores of heroes, missionaries, people who have overcome enormous handicaps, those who have sacrificed greatly for God’s cause. You’re looking at the wrong segment of the church and assuming that if some are hypocrites then that means all are hypocrites. In other words, you have set up a straw man.

Instead of setting up straw men, I urge you to build churches, build young people into leaders, support elders and preachers. Jesus died for this church so casually disdained (Acts 20:28). Value the church as he does.

Stan Mitchell  
(From: Forthright Magazine)

Stan has preached since 1976, in Zimbabwe, California, Texas and Tennessee. He serves as preacher for the Red Walnut Church of Christ in Bath Springs, TN. He is currently Professor of Bible at Freed-Hardeman University.

## FACE 2 FACE

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Dawn Robinson** – had back surgery this morning and is now recovering at Northside, Room 10 (extended recovery area). Keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery and less pain as a result of the surgery.

**Shirley Johnson** - continue to keep her in your prayers as she continues treatment.

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### Announcements and Activities

#### Thank You!

We’ve received a thank-you card from Charlotte Falkner. It will be on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to read it.

#### Vacation Bible School – June 11 – 14, 2018

Please bring sweetened Kool-Aid and cookies. Please, no peanuts or peanut products in the cookies. Also, bring ice cream for the final night.

#### Summer Series 2018 – Begins June 6, 2018

The overall topic is Becoming More Fruitful in Service to God. Each Wednesday evening, various speakers will present lessons emphasizing the Fruit of the Spirit. Please make plans to be here...and bring a friend, too!

#### Elders’, Deacons’, Preacher’s Meeting – June 10, 2018 at 4:00 pm

## OUR YOUTH

### Vacation Bible School

June 11 - 14, 2018

Bring a friend or two...or three!

## PANTRY NEEDS

### Canned Vegetables

(continued)

Condiments (ketchup/mustard)

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### Georgia School of Preaching

#### Spring 2018 Classes

**Avondale**  
2 Corinthians (Dave Rogers)  
April 5 - June 28

**Marietta**  
Gospel of John (Keith Dixon)  
March 13 - June 5

**Book of Numbers** (Randy Kea)  
March 13 - June 5

**Jeremiah & Lamentations** (Dave Rogers)  
March 13 - June 5

**Ephesians & Philippians**  
(Michael Underwood)  
March 15 - June 7

**Colossians and Philippians** (Bobby Gayton)  
March 15 - June 7

**Exodus** (Tommy Tidwell)  
March 15 - June 7

**The Godhead** (Bobby Gayton)  
March 15 - June 7

*Classes are offered in person, online and pre-recorded. See bulletin board for details.*

### Georgia School of Preaching

**Fayetteville church of Christ**  
13-week Series

April 23 - June 11, 2018

**Church History II**  
Steve Vice, Instructor

**Christian Evidence and Apologetics**  
Randy Kea, Instructor

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### 2018 Young Ladies’ Day

June 9, 2018

**Avondale church of Christ**

Speakers: Leslie Neither and Madison Neither

RSVP by May 21, 2018

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### Inspire Youth Conference (IYC)

**Faulkner University**

“I Am...Going to Inspire!”

July 1-5, 2018

Registration opens  
April 1, 2018 at IYCNews.com

## OUR LEADERSHIP

#### Elders

Daron CHeney  
Bruce Haynes  
Greg Holmes  
Jeff Johnson

#### Deacons

Bernard Austin  
Anthony Dilligard  
Jim Fulmer  
David Holbrook  
Tyrone Holden  
Kirk Mahan  
Rex Morris  
Roy Robinson  
Micheal Yates

#### Evangelist

Jeff Johnson