

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.

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

Wednesday - July 12, 2017

<b>USHER:</b>	Chris Lovern
<b>WELCOME / PRAYER:</b>	Glenn Hildebrandt
<b>SONG LEADER:</b>	Caleb Johnson
<b>DEVOTIONAL:</b>	Chad Martin
<b>AUDIO:</b>	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*

Ruby Harrell  
Clint Cooper  
Jan Coulon  
Olen Lewis  
Irene Mapp  
Faye Brown  
Al Adcock  
Jack & Francis Zorn  
Martha Toney  
Jake Born  
Wileen Crawford  
Carl Segura  
Dollie Graves  
Alzona Freeman

Jacqueline Anderson  
Lowell Strock  
Linda Guill  
Dawn Robinson  
Bernice Smith  
Evelyn Brown  
Anne Clark  
Thelma Chambers  
JoAnn Turner  
Tom Holland  
Shirley Johnson  
Jeff Fikes  
Roma DuPree

Beverly Hixon  
Ronnie Smith  
Kathleen Yates  
Tootsi Shepard  
Valdeese Brown  
James Francis  
JC Davidson  
Wayne Mullins  
Kathy Dennington  
Joe Graves  
Bernadine Senegal

*And Remember Those in Nursing Homes*

Charlotte Fulks  
Charles Burks  
Buddy Allen

Charles Fikes  
Emma Baker

Ceci Mullins  
Andrew Anderson

**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