

PRAYER LIST

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
 SUNDAY 9:30AM

MORNING WORSHIP
 SUNDAY 10:30AM

EVENING WORSHIP
 SUNDAY 5PM

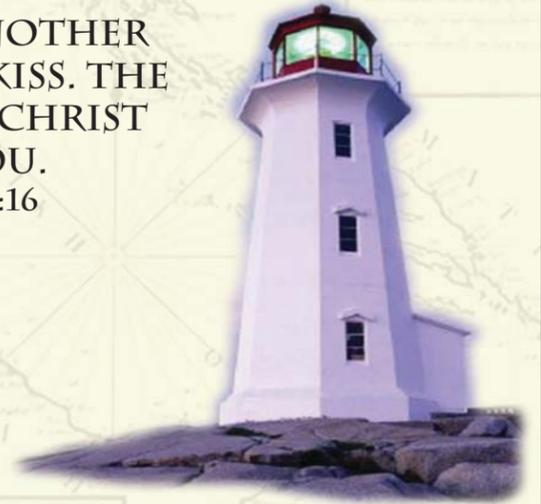
LADIES BIBLE CLASS
 TUESDAY 10AM SEPT-MAY

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 April

- 15 EDP Meeting
- 15 Southside Youth Devotional (Conyers)
- 29 Focus Weekend (Family Day)

YOUR SPACE LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Name of Person(s) Making this Request:

PLEASE PLACE PRAYER REQUESTS IN THE OFFERING PLATE

LEADING OUR WORSHIP

Sunday, April 1, 2018

	AM	PM
SONG DIRECTOR	Caleb Johnson	Caleb Johnson
OPENING PRAYER	Daron Cheney	Roy Robinson
LORD'S TABLE	Simon Jenkins - David Holbrook Bruce Haynes - Emory Green	Bruce Haynes
SCRIPTURE READING	Landon Lovern 1 Peter 3:21-22	Garrett Yates Luke 12:16-21
SERMON	Chad Martin	Chad Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jim Fulmer	Jim Fulmer
CLOSING PRAYER	Bernard Austin	Don Graves
USHER1	Tony Ferguson	Tony Ferguson
USHER2	Steven Mitchell	Steven Mitchell
AUDIO	Austin Massey	Austin Massey

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

USHER	Steven Mitchell
WELCOME / PRAYER	Anthony Dilligard
SONG LEADER	Caleb Johnson
DEVOTIONAL	Tom Johnson
AUDIO	Austin Massey

"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."

James 1:12

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



Why So Unhappy?

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

FACE 2 FACE

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

JC Davidson - is not doing well and is again in Piedmont Newton. Keep him and the family in your prayers as there is not much more that can be done. He is being sent home for hospice care.

Roma DuPree – has been released from the hospital and is now at home recovering. Keep her in your prayers for continued success.

Charles Mahan – continue to keep him in your prayers. He is not doing well.

The Family of Willie Mae Simmons – Renee's mother, who passed away on Friday morning. Services will be on Saturday, March 31st at Bentley and Sons Funeral Home in Macon GA. Keep Daron and Renee and the entire family in your prayers for comfort.

The Family of Gwen Spears - Gwen was a former member at Conyers. She passed away on Monday evening. Keep the family in your prayers for comfort.

Announcements and Activities

Graduation High School Seniors

Please complete the information sheet in the foyer and return requested items to Ronita Cooper by April 18th.

Teachers' Meeting – March 25, 2018 - after evening service

Elders', Deacons', Preacher's Meeting - April 15, 2018 at 4:00 pm

OUR YOUTH

Southside Youth Devotional
(Conyers)

April 15, 2018

PANTRY NEEDS

Cleaning Products

Single Paper Towels

4-pack Bathroom Tissue

Single Tissue Boxes

AREA ACTIVITIES

Georgia School of Preaching

Fayetteville church of Christ
13-week Series

January 8 - April 12, 2018

Book of Revelation
David Decker, Instructor

The New Testament Church in a Modern World
Randy Kea, Instructor

Greek II
Dave Domingue, Instructor

Epistles of Jude and John
Dave Rogers, Instructor

Inspire Youth Conference (IYC)

Faulkner University
"I Am...Going to Inspire!"

July 1-5, 2018

Registration opens April 1, 2018 at
IYCNews.com

Georgia School of Preaching

Spring 2018 Classes

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

Buford
Jeremiah and Lamentations (Dave Rogers)
March 5 - April 23

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.

Area-Wide Singing

April 13, 2018

Central church of Christ
Covington, GA

Rooted & Grounded

May 5, 2018

Youth Day
Oxford church of Christ

Speaker: Clark Sims

Lunch provided

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