

## PRAYER LIST

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 Roma Dupree  
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 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  
 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

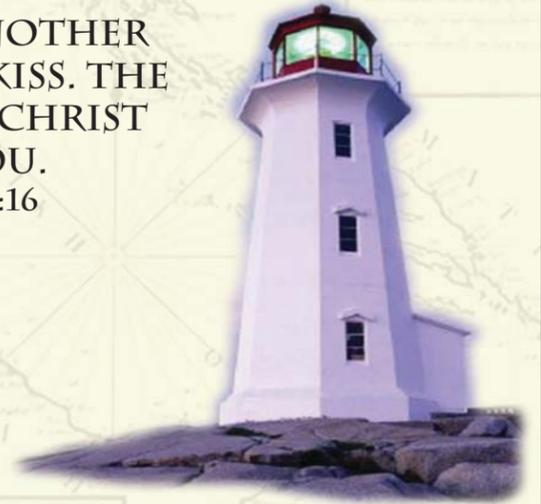
LADIES BIBLE CLASS  
 TUESDAY 10AM SEPT-MAY

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 April

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

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP

Sunday, April 15, 2018

|                          | AM   | PM                |
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| <b>SONG DIRECTOR</b>     | Anthony Dilligard  | Anthony Dilligard |
| <b>OPENING PRAYER</b>    | Tom Johnson  | Bernard Austin    |
| <b>LORD'S TABLE</b>      | Noah Corbin - Don Graves<br>Daron Cheney - John Michael Mitchell | Daron Cheney      |
| <b>SCRIPTURE READING</b> | Emory Green<br>Acts 20:28-32                                     | Kade Lovern       |
| <b>SERMON</b>            | Jeff Johnson   | Jeff Johnson      |
| <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>     | Greg Holmes  | Greg Holmes       |
| <b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>    | Russ Corbin  | Glenn Hildebrandt |
| <b>USHER1</b>            | Jerry Guill  | Jerry Guill       |
| <b>USHER2</b>            | Austin Massey  | Austin Massey     |
| <b>AUDIO</b>             | David Holbrook   | David Holbrook    |

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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| <b>USHER</b>            | Austin Massey     |
| <b>WELCOME / PRAYER</b> | Jim Fulmer        |
| <b>SONG LEADER</b>      | Anthony Dilligard |
| <b>DEVOTIONAL</b>       | Chad Martin       |
| <b>AUDIO</b>            | David Holbrook    |

“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”

*2 Corinthians 5:14-15*

### 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



## Gratitude is the Healthiest Attitude

Most of the influential motivational speakers of our day quote the phrase titling this study. We can cognitively recite all the reasons we are thankful. Do we really, however, feel the thankfulness that warms the heart and provides peace? Could a sense of gratitude be foundational for the sentiment Paul expressed to the church at Philippi? "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7)? Perhaps peace is found when we truly are thankful beyond the surface.

Asking a group to list that for which they are grateful often results in a list of nouns depicting food, shelter and clothing. The English list of nouns taught to children starts with "Person" then "Place or Thing". With a shy grin next we are thankful for family and friends. We are quick to qualify our thanksgiving with the note of the imperfections of others. Could your focus be robbing you of a true "Attitude of Gratitude"?

There is the story of a woman who came to see a therapist with her work problems and wanted a "magic pill" to fix her trouble. She went on about how they treated her so poorly and how they expected so much from her because the others never truly learned their jobs in the first place. Her awful job situation in a market where jobs are hard to come by was destroying her whole life. Her husband worked late every night and the kids scattered to avoid her. She only had a couple friends that listened to her but they could not help. All her troubles logically landed on the job.

The therapist replied, "It's about to get worse...I hear they are going to fire you." "WHAT?" She exclaimed. "How dare they, they can't run that place without me. How would I find another job?" The therapist said, "Well you hate that job anyway right?" She said, "I sure do." "Well, then," He continued, "What is the problem?" She was very confused by his question because logically it seemed best that she not be tortured in such a terrible place. He asked another more specific question. "You hate every aspect of the job, right?" She replied, "Of course I do." The therapist then asked, "Do you do the job out of the kindness of your heart or do they pay you?" She said, "Of course they pay me." Then the therapist began to ask a series of questions. "Do you like the fact they pay you? Do you have health benefits? Do you like having health benefits? Do you get vacation time? Do you like vacation time? Are you sent for additional training for your work? Do you like additional training?" After a positive answer on all the questions, he then asked, "So it's not fair to say you hate everything about this job, is it?"

The therapist made three observations. First, she had mis-diagnosed her own problem. She wanted to go to the therapist and still not get any help. That way she could continue to get the attention of her friends and have an excuse to create a toxic environment at home. The toxic home environment kept the family from asking anything of her.

Second, the job was obviously valuable to her by her reaction at the thought of being fired. Finally, she was caught with self-justification of behavior that polarized people she knew, liked and loved.

The therapist then asked her to write a list of those things she did like about her job. Next, write a list about her husband and children of that which she liked. Finally, she was assigned for two weeks or 14 days to get up each morning and look in the mirror and say into her own eyes, "I like my job because... or I like my husband because... or I like my children because..." Then for the next week or seven days change one word... change like to love. After 21 days she was to report back to the therapist about her terrible job. Amazingly as you might imagine her problems melted and the attention she so desperately needed was given by kind response to her change of behavior.

All the therapist did was redirect her focus from what she hated to what she liked and loved. {Story adapted from Zig Ziglar} Where is your focus? Is that focus robbing you of the healthy attitude of gratitude? Do you need redirection in order to have a healthy heart? God provides the answer to these questions.

"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man" (Matthew 15:18). If those things that come out are consistently sarcastic and critical in nature it's time for a healthy attitude adjustment. Start practicing gratitude for relationships by listing those things you like and love.

"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Love opens the door for gratitude which is the healthiest attitude.

Jeff Johnson

## FACE 2 FACE

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Gloria Gilliann** - Rex Morris' sister, is having chemo/radiation for the next two months and then will have an operation to remove the cancer. Keep her in your prayers.

**Charles Mahan** - is in hospice at home. Keep him and the entire Mahan family in your prayers.

**Family of McKenzie Howard** - friend of many at the congregation who suffered a fatal brain injury in an accident. The funeral will be Thursday at 4:00 pm at the Corinth Christian church in Loganville.

**Bobby Cox** - had shoulder surgery today. Keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

**Roma DuPree** - suffered a reaction to medication. She is doing better now and back on the road to recovery.

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## Announcements and Activities

### Welcome to the Family!

Arthur Brown obeyed the gospel on April 8. Welcome him to the family.

### Graduation High School Seniors

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

**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

**April 23 - June 11, 2018**

**Church History II**

Steve Vice, Instructor

**Christian Evidence and Apologetics**

Randy Kea, Instructor

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**Spring Gospel Meeting**

April 29 - May 3, 2018

**Bremen church of Christ**

**Speaker: Cliff Goodwin**

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**Rooted & Grounded**

May 5, 2018

**Youth Day**  
**Oxford church of Christ**

**Speaker: Clark Sims**

**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.*

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**GSOP Bible Lectureship**

"Go Ye, Means Go Me!"

May 5-6, 2018

**Piedmont Road church of Christ**

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**Gospel Meeting**

May 6-9, 2018

**Central church of Christ**

**Speaker: Harold Savage**

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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