

PRAYER LIST

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 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
 Beverly Hixon
 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

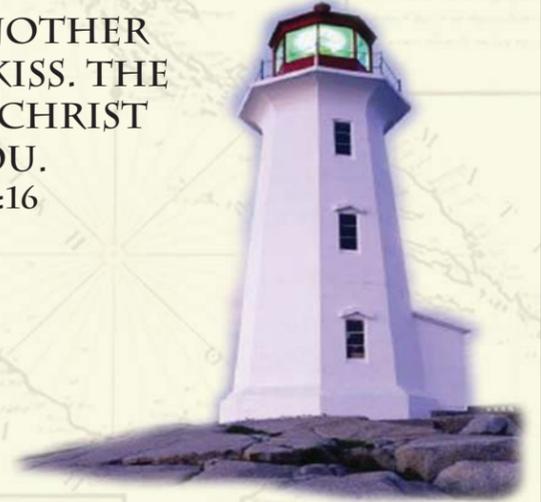
LADIES BIBLE CLASS
 TUESDAY 10AM SEPT-MAY

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 May

20 EDP Meeting
 20 Lads to Leaders Luncheon

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

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, May 13, 2018

	AM	PM
SONG DIRECTOR	Korey Dickens	Korey Dickens
OPENING PRAYER	Greg Holmes	Rex Morris
LORD'S TABLE	Josh Robinson - Rex Morris	Daron Cheney
SCRIPTURE READING	Daron - Walker Howell	Landon Lovern
SERMON	Christian Saunders	Deuteronomy 7:8-9
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Luke 2:15-19	Jeff Johnson
CLOSING PRAYER	Jeff Johnson	Roger DuPree
USHER1	Roger DuPree	Roy Robinson
USHER2	Milford Segura	D'Jon Jensen
AUDIO	D'Jon Jensen	Steven Mitchell
	Steven Mitchell	David Holbrook

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

USHER	Steven Mitchell
WELCOME / PRAYER	Don Graves
SONG LEADER	Korey Dickens
DEVOTIONAL	Jeff Johnson
AUDIO	David Holbrook

"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

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



Is It Bad (or Is It Good)?

Over the generations, words have changed meaning and been used as confusing code for groups who wish others would not understand or feel disconnected. Some words have been added to the dictionary because that which was once slang is now part of everyday language. Add to the spoken and written word a new complication, texting and/or e-communications. These add new barriers with acronyms instead of sentences and numbers or punctuation that communicate ideas.

About forty years ago, in the 1970's, the word "bad" was used to mean exceptionally good. During this decade books were printed to enlighten the "uncultured" of the definitions for common slang. It seems that if words have the power to confuse ideas, bully or cause one to feel severed from a group, the children's rhyme is wrong. "Sticks and stones may break my bones and words CAN NEVER (corrected CAN ALWAYS) hurt me." If words can hurt, bully or communicate acceptance, the proposition of singer, song writer Frank Zappa (1940-1993) is wrong. His proposition was that hearing a word cannot change another's emotional or spiritual condition. This proposition seems a bit odd coming from one who used words and music to modify another's condition or mood as a means of earning a living.

Since words can hurt, we have a new term in this decade, "hate speech". This term is defined as "speech that offends, threatens or insults groups based on race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or other traits". (American Bar Association, www.americanbar.org) There are problems with this commonly used definition. First, consider the last phrase, "other traits". This is broad terminology that would only lend itself to argument in court. Second consider the first explanation, "offends". This too, is very broad and is often used when someone disagrees with another's idea or belief system. What if one was offended by the speed limit? He could charge a municipality with hate speech and have all speed limit signs removed. Then no traffic violations could be proven for speeding; as a result, traffic accidents and fatalities would skyrocket. Let your mind wander for a moment and consider the daily inconveniences with which you live and the result of having the boundaries for those inconveniences removed. Frightening, isn't it?

Consider God's Word from this perspective. Many are offended at those things that God tells us are sin. "Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-10 [ESV]). The same God that tells us these things will prevent us from Heaven is love (1 John 4:16). This is not "hate speech" but the contrary. God protects His creation by telling us those things that are pleasing to Him and those things that are an abomination. Sometimes children are offended because the parents will not allow them to play in the street. That is not to restrict them but to keep them safe even when they cannot understand why.

To children, playing in the street seems like a good idea because there is plenty of room and the surface is just right for a bicycle. The child might respond to the parent that the street is not bad but a good place to play. The child might disobey the parent and manage to miss vehicular homicide. Still it is dangerous and many would be injured and some killed. Why choose to allow the child to play in the street simply because he was born with weaker legs for pedaling or with allergies to grass. There are some things we do not do, even if we think we would enjoy it because the danger is so great. The same applies to those things God has spoken to us.

The entire gamut of sexual activity outside the marriage of a man and a woman is sin as well as robbery, lying, cheating, drunkenness, murder and the like (Galatians 5:21; Revelation 21:8). It is not that God is trying to limit us but that He is protecting us by pointing out those things that are dangerous and detrimental. Like the child who does not agree with the parent or understand why he cannot play in the street, we may not understand why God says we may not practice these things and be pleasing to Him. We may try to excuse behaviors by claiming physical issues or emotional issues but God says no. We may not understand now but later we will have full understanding.

Let us not try to confuse the message by changing the meaning of words. Let us be clear in our communication understanding the power of words (James 5:12). Let us also understand that God is the ultimate authority and therefore what He calls sin is bad because we will not enjoy Heaven. Finally, we must consider that changing our thinking to excuse that which is evil in God's sight does not change God's view. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20).

Since God is love and He knows best, let us follow His lead in all things. God's way is the good way.

Jeff Johnson

FACE 2 FACE

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Shirley Johnson – continue to keep her in your prayers as she undergoes chemotherapy.

Ed Prince – had successful quadruple by-pass surgery last Monday and is now recovering at home. Keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

The Mahan Family - Charles passed away last Thursday morning. Memorial service was Tuesday, May 8th. Keep the Mahan family in your prayers for comfort during this difficult time.

Brian Jenkins – is now at home. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

Josephine Langston – was released from the hospital on Friday after a bout with pneumonia. She is at home recovering. Keep her in your prayers.

Jeanine Smith – a former member and Hubert and Geneva Martin's daughter, has been diagnosed with stage three breast cancer. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

Announcements and Activities

Elders', Deacons', Preacher's Meeting - May 20, 2018 at 4:00 pm

Lads to Leaders Luncheon - May 20, 2018 - after morning services

OUR YOUTH

"School's Out!" Celebration

May 27, 2018

All parents and kids are invited to take a short trip to The Cookout restaurant in Snellville after evening worship.

Bus will leave immediately after evening worship.

(Remember to bring enough money for food)

PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Vegetables

AREA ACTIVITIES

Georgia School of Preaching Georgia School of Preaching Spring 2018 Classes

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

Gospel Meeting
May 6-9, 2018

Central church of Christ
Speaker: Harold Savage

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.

2018 Young Ladies' Day

June 9, 2018

Avondale church of Christ

Speakers: Leslie Neither and Madison Neither

RSVP by May 21, 2018

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
Tyronne Holden
Kirk Mahan
Rex Morris
Roy Robinson
Micheal Yates

Evangelist

Jeff Johnson