

# The Family Tree



The Weekly Bulletin of Cox Boulevard Church of Christ – A Place To Call Home



## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

**Our Monday Night For The Master** program is just around the corner. It will kick off on September 10<sup>th</sup>. It's good to be starting back this very successful program. I pray that you are making your plans now to attend. For those who may not be familiar with this program, we will meet at 6:00 PM for a meal together. Then we will have our small bus take a group to various members of our church family that are shut-ins and we will sing songs of encouragement to them. We will also meet in the fellowship room where we will write cards to our shut-ins, those who are in the hospital and nursing homes. We also have a prayer room where some of our members go to pray for our church family and for many others who are in need of our prayers. We also have a group that go out to visit members who may be sick or have not been to church services lately. We also have a group that goes into the World Bible School Room to send Bible lessons to people all over the world. If you have never been a part of this program, please give it a try and I'm confident that you will find something that you will enjoy doing for others.

### **Consider the following passages of Scripture.**

(Matthew 20:28) In the same way, the Son of Man did not come to be served. **He came to serve others** and to give His life as a ransom for many people."

(Galatians 5:13) My brothers and sisters, God called you to be free, but do not use your freedom as an excuse to do what pleases your sinful self. **Serve each other with love.**

(1 Peter 4:10) Each of you has received a **gift to use to serve others.** Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace.

# Growing up in the Lord

## Game Night

Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a game night at the building for all 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders. We will need parents to drive for this activity.

## Skate Night

Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, we will have a skate party at the Florence Skate Center. This will be for grades 5-12<sup>th</sup>.

## SHINE

August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm speaker Chris Miller will be speaking on "a life of integrity: character vs reputation." Food will be provided. Bus will leave at 4:30pm.

## Lads to Leaders

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, after evening worship there will be a supper for any families interested in learning more about our Lads to Leaders program.

## What is in Our Hands

Zookeepers who must handle snakes, tell us that an individual should never grab one by its tail because it can coil around in a split second and sink its fangs into a hand. The correct method is to control it by its head so it can't bite. In contrast, picking up a snake by its tail is exactly what God told Moses to do. As one who must have encountered snakes in the Midian desert, Moses knew this was unwise. We ask, "What was God trying to teach Moses?" There was little difference between throwing the rod to the ground and taking the snake by its tail. Both were acts of obedience to the Lord. The lesson was that God had the ability to use whatever means He wanted in order to validate His message to the people through Moses. Today, what is in our hands? In a sense, our spiritual lives are in our hands because we choose whether we'll squander the hours, days, weeks, months, and years in our own pursuits or if we'll live an obedient life that's useful to Almighty God. If we will obediently do what He asks, the Lord will mightily accomplish His will in us and through us.

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**Ed Wylie** had a heart attack last week. He is doing well.

**SYMPATHY:**

We extend our sympathy to **Kevin Walls and family** on the passing of his grandmother, Eurice Ferguson Walls. Funeral was Saturday.

**EVENTS**

There is a **signup sheet** on the bulletin board for those who would like to have the quarterly edition of the **Spiritual Sword**.

**Meals for the Hungry** will be this Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Care Group 2 will be in charge and needs to be in the Fellowship Room at 10:15 that morning.

Next Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a **Game Night** at the building for the Youth Group (7-12<sup>th</sup> grade). We will need parents to driver for this activity.

There will be a **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

Mark your calendars for our **FALL FESTIVAL** on Saturday, October 27 from 6-8pm in the back parking lot. There will be food, candy, games and activities for all ages.

**CYC 2019** will be February 22-24 in Pigeon Forge at the LeConte Center. Just like last year, the church will not be reserving condos for the adults attending the conference. You will need to secure your own hotel accommodations. However, if you are not part of the youth group and are planning to go to CYC, you need to contact Wade.

On September 9<sup>th</sup> after evening service, there will be a **Lads to Leaders kick-off banquet** in the fellowship room. More details to come later. If you have never participated and have any questions about the program, we invite to join us that evening.

**BRIDAL TEA**

There will be a bridal tea for **Hannah Boyd**, bride-elect of Hunter Renfro, on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30-3pm in the Tea Room. Hannah's selections are at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**Leon & Edith Alsbrooks** will celebrate their 68<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Their address is: 3304 Hatch Blvd, Sheffield, Alabama 35660.

**FREE WOMEN'S CLASS**  
**HERTIAGE UNIVERSITY**

There is a sign-up list for any woman who would be interested in a class taught by Teddy Copeland on **Playing the Hand You're Dealt**. This will be Thursday nights at 6pm in September. This is free to the public.

**ATTENDANCE/CONTRIBUTION**

Aug 08 (Wed).....	205
Aug 12	
Sunday School.....	270
AM Worship.....	377
PM Worship.....	263
Contribution.....	\$13,786

**A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS**

Many of our students have returned to school. Some will return to the schools they were in last year, while others are starting afresh on a new campus, or in a new building with new teachers and new classmates.

No doubt some of them are finding this season to be fraught with difficulty, while others may be elated by the chance to reconnect with old friends, or make new friends. Regardless of where they are on the emotional spectrum, we wanted to share this prayer of blessing as they continue on in their calling as students in this season of life.

Whether you have kids or not, we invite you to pray this prayer over all of our students.

Father in heaven, the start of every school year brings with it a mix of emotions. With so many changes that can be both overwhelmingly joyful and unbearably sorrowful, we pray that you would be found to be the unchanging God who remains constant in a world of ever changing variables.

Lord, as our students enter their schools may they know that you are already there and that you have gone before them. If they go to chemistry class, behold you are there. As they ride the school bus, you are also there. When they enter the locker room, indeed you are there.

But may they not simply be aware of your presence in their lives. May they also see your glory and your hand at work in the subjects that they study. May they see your beauty in their art classes. May they see the glory of your creation in biology. May they see your providential hand in world history. May they see your creative brilliance in mathematics. And in all of this, may they see your great love as they grow in the knowledge of you and your world.

We pray that this year would be a year of relational, intellectual, moral, cultural, and spiritual renewal for our students and for those that they come in contact with. May they come to see the beauty and truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ that tells of the good news that we have not just been saved from something, but that we have been saved for something. May they live as your "sent ones" in the world as they display your goodness, proclaim your truth, and live out your mission.

Oh Lord, may this year be used by you to equip our students to more faithfully and fruitfully love and serve others for the common good of all and to the glory of your name.

We pray this in the name of Christ and for his glory.

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

9:00 AM ..... Bible Study  
 10:00 AM ..... Worship  
 5:00 PM ..... Worship

**WEDNESDAY**

6:30 PM ..... Bible Study

**RADIO PROGRAM**

WBTC(FM 106.3) . Sunday, 10:25 AM

**JAIL MINISTRY**

County Jail ..... Sunday 9:00 AM

**ELDERS**

Billy Banks  
 Russ Blackwell  
 Stan Brook  
 Horace Cleveland  
 Steve Condra  
 Ben McGuire  
 Phillip Willingham

**EVANGELIST**

Larry Kilpatrick

**ASSOCIATE/FAMILY MINISTER**

Wade Hunt

**YOUTH MINISTER**

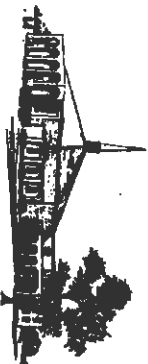
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**COX BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**CARD & LETTER LIST**  
 August 12, 2018

<p>Laverne Benson        102 Creekside Dr        Tuscumbia, AL 35674</p>	<p><b>Care Group 1</b></p>	<p>Sympathy to Laverne on the passing of her brother, Harley Kent on July 30<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<p>Ed Wylie        802 Dixie Ave        Florence, AL 35630</p>	<p><b>Care Group 2</b></p>	<p>Ed had a heart attack this past week.</p>
<p>Blake &amp; Brianna Gray        2325 Poplar Creek Loop        Leighton, AL 35646</p>	<p><b>Care Group 3</b></p>	<p>Congratulations to the Grays on the birth of their baby girl, Paisleigh Kate born on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p>
<p>Glenn &amp; Joye Hester        1200 Authority St        Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p><b>Care Group 4</b></p>	<p>Proud great-grandparents of Paisleigh Kate Gray.</p>
<p>Mason Martin        302 Meredith Dr        Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p><b>Care Group 1</b></p>	<p>Mason was restored last Sunday. He requested prayers.</p>
<p>Kevin Walls and Family        3414 Cypress Lane        Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p><b>Care Group 2</b></p>	<p>Sympathy to Kevin Walls and family on the passing of his grandmother, Eurice Ferguson Walls. She passed away on Wednesday.</p>

# MISSIONARIES

James & Meredith Thompson **Care Groups 1 & 2** Would enjoy cards.  
Via Armando Spadini 24  
Scandicci, Italy 50018

James & Lucy Stephenson **Care Groups 2 & 3** Would enjoy cards.  
P.O. Box 395  
Kingstown, St Vincent &  
The Grenadines

## VISITORS

Dale & Elizabeth Ferrier  
2418 Sword Dr  
Garland, TX 75044  
(visited on 8/05/18)