

The Family Tree



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

LINES FROM LARRY:

It was such a joy to be able to be at worship Sunday. When you have been sick and unable to come to worship, you realize just how much you miss being with God's people on the Lord's day. While I was sick, I was able to see the worship on the internet and I was grateful for that, but there's nothing like being in worship with your brothers and sisters on the Lord's day.

I read about a woman named Hanna who lives in coal country so she's been around miners a lot. She said the most common cause of death among coal miners was electrocution. They live in a remote area and the mining operation there is pretty old and relatively primitive. So there are sometimes problems with the wiring in the mine, and miners actually get electrocuted. What compounds the problems is that the nearest doctor is many miles away, which led Hanna to ask the doctor one time if there was anything the local folks could do to help while they're waiting for the doctor to arrive. She was surprised by the doctor's answer. "Well," he said, "**there is one thing, hug the injured miner.**" Well, obviously Hanna wanted to know why. He said, "When people are about to go into shock, I think there is something about a hug, about human touch - about human tenderness.

Of course all shocks aren't electrical are they? People around us are getting shocked every day by bad news they've just received, by bad treatment, by unexpected developments, by a death, or a failure, or by pain in a relationship. And not all hugs are two arms around a person - although that kind of hug is great. But a hug can be a word of

encouragement, or an offer to help, a gift, a compliment, a place to rest and recover. It's practical love when someone has really been hit hard.

Sometimes we are so preoccupied with our own business and our own burdens we don't even notice the shock victims around us. But your hug might be just what is needed for someone who's been really hit hard. And it isn't that difficult, it usually involves a simple step like a note, or a card, or a good deed, or allowing someone to use your car. I remember several years ago Anna was involved in a car accident. She was stopped at a traffic light and someone came up from behind and crashed into the back of our car. We were going to be without a car while it was being repaired and I remember **Mike Thomas** coming up to Anna and telling her that he was going to lend her his car while her's was being repaired. That's been many years ago, but we both remember the generosity of Mike and it meant a lot to us. Your helping hand can mean just an offer to baby-sit, or grocery shop, or maybe cook a meal. You never forget things like that! Neither does Jesus. In Matthew 10:42 He said, "**If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple he will certainly not lose his reward.**" Jesus notices when we stop and find a way to show practical love to someone, like even a drink of cold water. He'll turn those hugs, those cups of water, into eternal reward someday. So open your eyes, open your heart to see the shock victim near you and find a way to hug them. And when you do, you'll be acting so very much like Jesus.

Looking forward to seeing each of your
Sunday LRK

Growing up in the Lord

Lock-In

Monday, December 31st, from 8pm until 7am the 7-12th grade will have a lock-in. The Lock-In will be at the building. Bring any snacks or games you want.

Youth Service

Sunday, December 30th, our young men will be leading our evening worship. Please contact the church office or Landon Willis if your child wants to help lead.

DEVO

Sunday, January 6th, there will be a devotional for 7-12th grade at the home of Matt and Beth Hester. The bus will leave immediately following evening worship and pickup will be at 8:15.

Game Night

Sunday, December 30th, the 7-12th will go eat and have a devotional and games at the church building. Pickup will be at 8pm.

Resolutions

The day called "New Year's Day" has no religious significance, being just another mark of time on the calendar. However, many in the world look at the day, and think of "beginnings," and on that note plan some renewal which they hope they'll be able to carry forth on throughout the new year and beyond. Such is nothing new to the child of God, since he is constantly to obey 2 Corinthians 13:4- "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." In that spirit of self-examination, making of resolutions is worthwhile activity. Some potential resolutions for the Christian are that he/she will (1) Participate even more fully in the congregation's work, (2) Make time for daily prayer, (3) Make time for daily Bible study, (4) Be in each and every Bible class and worship service. All such activities as these should be the very minimum service the child of God should be rendering. There are many others one could make along with these. There is the need, always present, to examine our giving, and to make corrections needed so that we can truly be obedient to God.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Billie Moseley, grandmother of Darrell Higgins and Tanya Sutton had surgery on a mass this past Friday.

Lisa Yates, aunt of Michelle Higgins, needs prayers for her health.

Lana Jones, friend of Jennifer McInnish, is having complications with chemo.

Morgan Wingo Stout will have hip replacement surgery on January 8th.

Eva Nell Howard recently fell and broke 4 ribs.

SYMPATHY:

We express our sympathy to **Donny Cansler** on the passing of his brother, Andy Cansler.

Our sympathy to **Virginia Young**, her cousin, Mary Ann Brewer Hovater, passed away last Wednesday.

We express our sympathy to **Tim Mauldin**, his father Kenneth Mauldin, passed away recently.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to **Mike & Mona Melton** on the birth of their grandson, Waylon Gray Melton. He was born last Tuesday. Proud parents are Tory and Anna Grace Melton.

EVENTS

Meals on Wheels is this week, please call the church office if you can help with delivering meals.

There are 3 different **Back to the Bible workshops** with sign-up sheets and information are on the bulletin board.

On Sunday, December 30th our **Young Men** will be leading our evening service. Please contact the church office or Landon if your child wants to help lead.

Please remember those on the work trip to Panama City in your prayers this week. Pray for **Wiley & Vicki Dean, Scottie Durham, Evan Threet, Brian & Ariel McManus and Chase Lawhead** as they travel and work.

The Youth Group (7th-12th grade) will have a lock-in here at the building on Monday, December 31st at 8pm until 7am.

The church office will be closed on December 25th

Heritage Christian University is offering audit classes on campus or online for \$99. For the first 40 auditors to enroll for the spring semester, a scholarship will cover the audit fee. If you are interested in the class schedule or more information, please call the church office.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES

If you signed up for a **Christmas food box**, someone must pick it up **THIS** Friday, December 21st between 9am and 12:30pm here at the church.

PRAYER SERVICE

On Wednesday, December 26th at 6:30pm, we will have a **prayer service** here at Cox Blvd.



ATTENDANCE/CONTRIBUTION

Dec 12 (Wed).....	207
Dec 17	
Sunday School.....	220
AM Worship.....	375
PM Worship.....	196
Contribution.....	\$15,138

A Christmas Poem

It was Christmas Eve, as I slept in my bed,
when I heard a great noise, possibly a sled!

I jumped out of bed, to catch Santa in action,
but a bearded man in red was not in the caption.

Instead a man, in shiny white clothes,
he said come nearer, and I'll share a story of old.

He opened a great book, and started to read
about a little town, and mans new seed;

"Oh little town of Bethlehem, a gift for you I bring
a child shall be born, and praises angels will sing.

For this little child, who in a manger born,
will be the holy Savior, the holy Lord.

He will free all men, from this burden of sin,
and will hold each dear, as children and kin."

It was then I realized, Christmas was not about
toys. It was not about race cars, or fancy alloys.

Christmas is about a greater gift, one that never
stops. Christmas is about God's love, a gift we
cannot top.

Wishing You and Yours a Blessed Christmas!

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

WBIG(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

Landon Willis

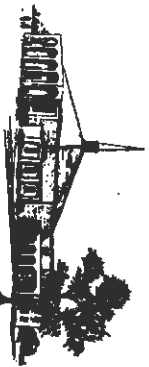
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COX BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

CARD & LETTER LIST

December 16, 2018

Tim Mauldin 355 Wilson Lake Shores Muscle Shoals, AL 35661	Care Group 1	Tim's father, Kenneth Mauldin, passed away recently.
Eva Nell Howard 204 W Douglas St Sheffield, AL 35660	Care Group 2	Eva Nell fell recently and broke 4 ribs.
Lisa Yates 181 Plantation Pl Florence, AL 35633	Care Group 3	Lisa is Michelle Higgins' aunt. She is having health problems and could use prayers and cards of encouragement.
Mona & Mike Melton 111 Creekside Dr Tuscumbia, AL 35674	Care Group 4	Proud grandparents of Waylon Gray Melton born this past Tuesday. Proud parents are Tory & Anna Grace Melton.
Linda Gurganus 130 Fox Loop Muscle Shoals, AL 35661	Care Group 1	Linda's sister, Betty Kelsey, passed away recently.
Lana Jones 117 Kensington Dr Florence, AL 35630	Care Group 2	Lana is a friend of Jennifer McInnish. She is having issues with chemo.

SHUT-INS

Georgia McAnally
Brentwood, rm 13
2505 Alabama Ave
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

Care Group 1

Would enjoy cards and visits.

Loralee Kimbrough
2207 Virginia St
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

Care Group 2

Would enjoy cards and visits.

Jo Ann Turman
62 E Lakeside Dr
Florence, AL 35630

Care Group 3

Would enjoy cards and visits.

William Grubbs
Keestone Assisted Living, room 103
201 N Cedar St
Florence, AL 35630

Care Group 4

Would enjoy cards and visits.

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