

# The Family Tree



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



**NEXT  
SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 9  
AFTER  
MORNING  
SERVICE**



Care Group 1 – Clean up kitchen

Care Group 2 – Serve

Care Group 3 – Sweep floors

Care Group 4 – Clean off tables & take out trash

***Bring your Favorite Dishes and Drinks***

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Sandy Prewitt will have surgery in the near future.

**SYMPATHY:**

We express our sympathy to the family of Jim Slaughter on Jim's recent passing. The family had a private service last week.

We express our sympathy to Carl Roden and Genia Southern and family on the passing of Carl's son and Genia's brother, Lee Roden. The visitation will be at Morrison's in Tuscumbia, Tuesday, December 4 from 12-2 and the funeral will be there at the chapel at 2pm.

**BAPTISM:**

Darryl & Melanie Ardis (son of Jim & Wynell) were baptized recently. Their address is 5929 White Sands Rd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.

**EVENTS**

Door Knocking will be Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

There will be a Christmas Potluck Fellowship Meal for the entire congregation THIS Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> following the morning service.

Monday Night for the Master will be THIS Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**39ers CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

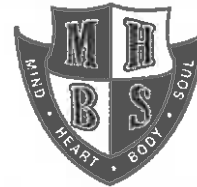
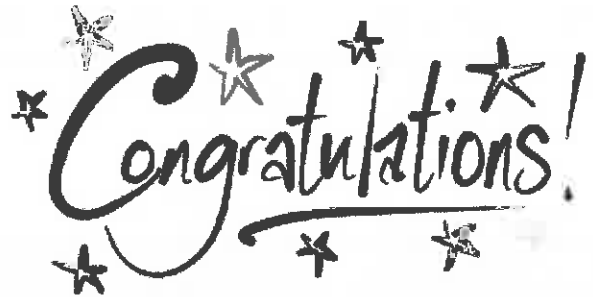
The 39ers will have Christmas Luncheon on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the fellowship room. Bring a wrapped gift (\$5-\$10). Sign-up by Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> if you plan on participating. The cost of the meal is \$10.00.

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES**

The church office is taking names of families with children who are in need of food. This is for our yearly Christmas Food Boxes. Please submit a family before December 14<sup>th</sup>. Someone must be in charge of picking them up on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> between 9am and 12:30pm here at the church.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

On Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4: 00pm, the Youth Group will be delivering fruit baskets to all our widows and widowers. We need volunteers to help drive. See Landon, if you can help.



We are so proud of the Deshler Tigers and Mars Hill Panthers making it to the State Championship game in Auburn.

Bring back the blue map!

Call Landon Willis, if you'd like to ride the bus to either of these games.

**Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

Ronnie & Betty Henson will be married 60 years on December 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Congratulations!

**ATTENDANCE/CONTRIBUTION**

Nov 28 (Wed).....	204
Dec 02	
Sunday School.....	227
AM Worship.....	376
PM Worship.....	201
Contribution.....	\$16,113

# Growing up in the Lord

## Christmas Party

Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the youth group will have a Christmas party at the Willis house. Bring a 5-dollar gift and finger foods.

## CYC

There is a signup sheet for challenge youth conference in the youth center. This is for all 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders planning to stay in the cabin. Cost is \$50 and is due by December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Fruit Baskets

Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm the youth group will be helping to deliver fruit baskets to all our widows and widowers. We need volunteers to help drive.

## SAYS

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, the 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade will go to Atlas church of Christ for the shoal's area youth series. Food will be provided.

## Recipe for Good Success

Without God's instructions, Joshua would have failed at leading the Israelites into the Promised Land. The first instruction was to "be strong and of good courage" (Joshua 1:6). Next, he was to continually meditate on the Book of the Law, and finally, he was to do everything it said. As long as Joshua followed these instructions, God promised him "good success" (Joshua 1:8). God's recipe for success can work for us too, but His idea of success has little to do with money, popularity, or even good health. In the original Hebrew, the phrase "then you will have good success" means "then you will act wise. Just as God called Joshua to walk in wisdom, He wants us to "walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise" (Ephesians 5:15). As we feast on God's word, and obey Him, we have a recipe for good success that's better than anything the world defines as success.

## Why Your Non-Christian Friends Feel Sorry for You

David Maxson

"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."

John 8: 34

Did you know a lot of your non-Christian friends feel sorry for you?

That's right. They feel sorry for you. You don't have any fun. You don't even know how to have fun. You follow a bunch of silly rules. You've surrendered your freedom. You have no life.

What they don't realize is that the "freedom" we have surrendered is not all it's cracked up to be. To be completely "free" (as they would define it) is to be the worst kind of slave. You are a slave to your own desires.

In Proverbs, this way of living is called foolishness. The fool is not anchored in a fear of the Lord, but lives by what he feels in his heart (Proverbs 1:7; 3:5-6). The fool hates to be told how to live (Proverbs 9:8). Because of this, he suffers (Proverbs 1:20-33).

Furthermore, he has no clue as to why he suffers. He cannot see that his suffering is self-inflicted. "The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble." (Proverbs 4:19)

But there is a way out. Jesus said, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32) "But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day." (4:18)

Father, thank you for not leaving us to ourselves! Thank you for the truth which sets us free!

### 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**  
 WBTG(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 Kippatrick

#### ASSOCIATE/FAMILY MINISTER

Wade Hunt

#### YOUTH MINISTER

Landon Willis

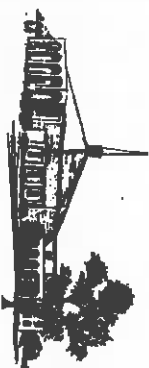
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# COX BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

## CARD & LETTER LIST

December 2, 2018

<p>Collin &amp; Sarah Beth Hester 111 Autumn Circle, Apt I – 107 Sheffield, AL 35660</p> <p>Darryl &amp; Melanie Ardis 5929 White Sands Rd Keystone Heights, FL 32656</p>	<p><b>Care Groups 1 &amp; 2</b></p>          <p><b>Care Groups 3 &amp; 4</b></p>	<p>They recently placed membership here at Cox Blvd.</p>          <p>They were baptized last week here at Cox Blvd. Darryl is the son of Jim and Wynell Ardis.</p>
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# SHUT-INS

Mattie Noble  
Brentwood, rm 7  
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.

Virginia Young  
600 Firestone, Apt 304  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

## 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.

# VISITORS

Lisa Beliew  
1375 Milestone Circle  
Collierville, TN 38017  
(Highland in Memphis)  
(visiting w/mom, Juanita Hester)

Timothy Jones  
16818 Blackburn Rd  
Athens, AL 35611  
(visiting w/parents, Claudie & Barbara Jones)