

The Family Tree



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

39ers Valentine's

Catered Lunch



*Luncheon for couples (over 60), widows/widowers and singles
\$10 per person, Call office if you've not signed up and plan to attend.*

Wednesday, February 13th at 11:00am.



Growing up in the Lord

Ice skating

Saturday, February 9th, any 5-12th graders are welcome to go ice skating in Decatur AI from 3-5pm. The bus will leave from the building at 2pm. Bring money for food and \$8 to skate.

Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, February 10th, at 4:15 in the tea room there will be a meeting for any 9-12th graders or parents interested in going on a mission trip to Peru this summer.

CYC

Thursday, February 21st, all 7-12th graders riding the bus to Challenge Youth Conference will meet at the building at 12pm. Please contact Landon if you have any questions.

SAYS

Sunday, February 17th Cox Blvd. will host the Shoals Area Youth Series. Please contact the church office if you can help provide drinks.

Facing Goliath

The story of David and Goliath is as well-known as any story we can find in God's word. David, the Sheppard and lest in his family, versus the mighty undefeated warrior and colossal giant. Many of these amazing stories we hear from the time we are young we begin to think of as just...stories. We begin to view David and Goliath like Cinderella, Snow White, or any other story that's just fun to listen to. However, David really did stand on that hill and fearlessly stare down and kill Goliath and God is telling us this story, so we can learn from his faith. So, the real question is how we can have a faith like David displays in this story. The Bible tells us David ran quickly to the battle line. David had no armor, no experience, no equipment, he was not battle tested, nor was he trained. But one thing he had that Goliath also had was confidence, but the huge difference was his confidence was in His God and not in his own strength. Some of us need to learn how to face our giants. We need to run towards our problems and stop running away from them. Some of us need to introduce our Goliaths to our God. Often in our life, we look at the size of our problems and worry and think they just seem to big! We need to stop looking at the size of our problems without looking at the size of our God. Do you realize who stands ready to battle with you? The God that defeated Goliath.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Tommy Aday was dismissed from the hospital on Monday.

Shannon Grissom, is in Vanderbilt hospital after an accident Sunday. He hopes to go home this week.

Nyla Dennis will have hip replacement surgery at NAMC on February 20th.

RESTORATION:

Lana Parker was restored and requested prayers on Sunday.

EVENTS

On February 9th, the **5th – 12th grade** will be going Ice Skating in Decatur from 3-5pm. The bus will leave church at 2pm. Bring \$8 to skate and money for food.

Girls Songs of Praise will meet on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm in the Ladies Sunday morning classroom by the Elders office.

After the evening service on February 10th, the **Kids for Christ** group will meet in the fellowship room. Each family needs to bring finger foods and a 2-liter drink. We will be making a Valentine's Gift for our widows and widowers.

Any lady who wants to go to **Heritage Christian University** on Thursday nights for a free class, please be at the church building before 6pm. The bus leaves at 6. We should return between 8-8:30pm.

There will be a catered **Valentine's Luncheon** for couples (over 60), widows/widowers and singles on Wednesday, February 13 at 11am.

Monday Night for the Master will be February 11th at 6pm.

Meals on Wheels will be February 11th - 15th.

Any college age and adults that are going to CYC in February and have not paid your \$30 registration fee, please give it to Wade as soon as possible.

Door knocking will be THIS Saturday, February 9th at 9am. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for **Karli Thorne** on Sunday, February 10th from 1:30pm – 3:00pm in the tea room. The baby is a boy, Walker Lance. Selections will be Amazon, The Baby's Room and Target. Care Group 3 Ladies will be in charge of the tea.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Daniel and Lori Woods** on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann Woods. She was born on January 21st. Proud grandparents are **Randy & Kathy Polk**.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to **Kathy and Randy Polk and family** on the passing of Kathy's mom, Nellie Campbell. The funeral was Thursday.

We express our sympathy to **Darrell Higgins and Tanya Sutton and family** on the passing of their grandmother, Billie Moseley. The funeral was Friday.

ATTENDANCE/CONTRIBUTION

Jan 30 (Wed).....	223
Feb 03	
Sunday School.....	260
AM Worship.....	364
PM Worship.....	223
Contribution.....	\$37,300

In Matthew 5:44, Jesus tells His disciples that they should "pray for those who persecute you." This is timely instruction for our nation especially during these turbulent times, but, have you ever wondered what praying for your enemies does? After all they don't see or hear the prayer so how can it affect them? The wonderful thing about prayer is that you don't have to witness it or even believe in it for it to affect you. This should be encouraging for us when we have to deal with an "enemy" and help us pray for them because:

1. You're Not Defeated Just Because Your Foe is an Unbeliever.

Of course this assumes that your enemy is an unbeliever. In my experience I have found it easier to forgive and pray for those who don't believe because I'm not expecting them to act like believers in the first place. Those whose lives are not consciously led by the Lord shouldn't be expected to act like Christians because they don't believe. This is why I find it easier to offer them forgiveness. Most times they don't know what they are doing, who they are doing it to and the consequences they face from an avenging God. I get why Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). The offense that really hurts is the one committed by a believer in Christ. Many times your worst enemy is in the church, singing alongside you or serving you the communion. It's easy to pray for someone who is lost, doesn't know, refuses spiritual things. You can feel sorry for this person and more easily forgive them because they are offending in ignorance. But how to forgive a brother who shares the faith and worships alongside you? Even for this brother in this situation, prayer is the answer and the power required to heal because the One who answers prayer is the Lord of both you and your enemy, believer or non-believer.

2. The Prayer of a Righteous Person can Avail Much.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. - James 5:16

Only a believer can effectively offer a prayer to God. I am often saddened at the thought of how much energy is expended throughout the world every day and night by sincere people who are praying to entities, ancestors and beings that are not God and have no power to hear, let alone answer prayer. This knowledge alone should spur us on to pray fervently not only for our enemies but also that God send out workers to proclaim the good news of the only true God, Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As far as our personal enemies are concerned, we need to pray for them because no one else may be praying for them.

3. All Things do Work for Good and God's Purpose.

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. - Romans 8:28

Even those who consciously work against God are ultimately in His service and our prayers put them there. The only difference is that they will serve unknowingly and will receive no reward for their effort. There's no reason to feel helpless when confronted with our various enemies in this life because God has clearly instructed us in what to do in order to defeat them. Love them so that their attack becomes unwarranted and worthy of judgment; pray for them so that God will work directly in their lives either to limit their attack or win them over to faith and fellowship. Either way prayer is the key to victory.

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
 WBTVG(FM 106.3) . Sunday, 10:35 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

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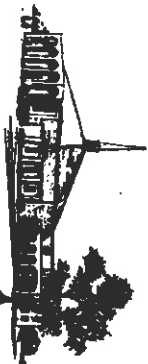
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<p>Casey Barnes 1530 Baker Lane Tuscumbia, AL 35674</p>	<p>Care Group 1</p>	<p>Casey is the son of Flynn & Jan Barnes. He was in a work accident recently, which burned his hands.</p>
<p>Shannon Grissom 503 E 3rd St Tuscumbia, AL 35674</p>	<p>Care Group 2</p>	<p>Shannon was in a tractor accident and is in Vanderbilt Hospital.</p>
<p>John Alexander 779 Bainbridge Rd Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p>Care Group 3</p>	<p>John had back surgery on Wednesday.</p>
<p>Kathy Polk 205 Kimberly Ave Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p>Care Group 4</p>	<p>Kathy's mother, Nellie Campbell, passed away last week.</p>

MISSIONARIES

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Care Groups 1- 4

Would enjoy cards.
(postage \$1.10)

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