

# The Family Tree



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

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## **WRITE IT DOWN IN THE SAND**

I believe forgiving others is a very important biblical concept. Jesus said to the multitude during the Sermon on the Mount, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15). Paul told the church of Ephesus to "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32). The Bible also tells us that forgiveness comes from the heart (Matthew 18:35).

The story is told of two friends that were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they got into an argument. After the argument was over, one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: "Today my best friend slapped me in the face." They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had just been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: "Today my best friend saved my life." The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now you write on a stone. Why?" The other friend replied: "When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

Today, we need to learn how to write our hurts and problems in the sand and how to carve our benefits in stone. C.S. Lewis once said, "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in us." If our greatest need over 200 years ago had been information, God would have sent us an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer. But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior. May we always remember to forgive others, just as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ forgave us.

# Growing up in the Lord

## DEVO

Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a devotional for 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade at the home of Matt and Beth Hester. The bus will leave immediately following evening worship and pickup will be at 8:15.

## Mission Trip Meeting

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

## EVANGELISM

### UNIVERSITY

Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, any 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders that want to go to a one day "camp" on evangelism contact Landon Willis. Anyone going will need money for food. The bus will leave at 7:30am.

## Exalt

Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> after evening worship the 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade will go to Veteran's Park to sing. Kids will need money for fast food. The bus will return to the building at 8:30.

## Count the Cost

Read: Luke 14:26-35...The builder in our Lord's parable started his construction job enthusiastically enough, no doubt, but called a halt when the bills began to come in. The cost was more than he thought. When Our Lord was speaking of discipleship it probably thinned the multitude that followed Him with a short sermon on counting the cost. Many a superficial Christian hears the Word and anon receives it with joy but has no root and no depth and when the bills begin to come in, when he reads the price tag of real discipleship, he falls away. Our Lord was careful again and again to stress the cost of all out devotion to Him. He was not interested in gathering a mixed multitude of enthusiasts, mere joiners just going along for the ride. But never forget that it costs to be a sinner. The bills come in there as well, because "whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap". And it never pays, for "the wages of sin is death". That is a very high cost. The question is not can I afford the life of a Christian, but rather can I afford to not be a Christian?

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**Morgan Wingo Stout** had hip replacement surgery this week and she is now at home.

**Gary Brewer** is home doing better.

**Loralee Kimbrough** had extensive surgery on Friday. She is in a lot of pain.

**Jim Foster** had surgery on Monday.

**RESTORATION:**

**Jim Foster** was restored and requested prayers on Sunday.

**EVENTS**

**Meals for the Hungry** will be THIS Saturday in the fellowship room. Care Group 3 will be in charge.

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

**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 January 20, **the Kids for Christ group** will have a meal and games in the fellowship room. Each family needs to bring finger foods and a drink.

There will be a **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday, January 26 at 8am in the fellowship room.

Following the evening service on Sunday, January 27, we will have a **Chili Supper** in the fellowship room. Care Group assignments will be posted on the bulletin board soon.

There will be a catered **Valentine's Luncheon** for couples (over 60), widows/widowers and singles on Wednesday, February 13 at 11am. If you plan to attend, sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, February 3.

If you have been married for **fifty years or more**, please let Wade or the church office know.

**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.

**Please remember the following in prayer, who will be going on the work trip to Panama City, Florida:**

Brian & Ariel McManus, Chase Lawhead, Wade Hunt, Ricky Bourland, Donny Cansler, Ricky Wagnon, Briley Agee, Vyron & Brenda Bearden and James Borden.

**ATTENDANCE/CONTRIBUTION**

Jan 09 (Wed).....	224
Jan 13	
Sunday School.....	272
AM Worship.....	424
PM Worship.....	237
Contribution.....	\$14,153

# “Changes” by Steve Proctor

It happens. What is normal is suddenly, or unexpectedly, not normal. We have things set up a certain way. It's a way we know and may be comfortable with. Of course we could absolutely hate the way things are too.

No matter the situation there is one thing you can count on when it comes to things here on Earth. At some point, they will change.

Kids grow up. Cars wear out. Job markets dip. Political parties and agendas are voted in or out. The list goes on and on.

Take comfort though. As we go through changes, we have a foundation and anchor that does not. Have faith that our God provides the important things and has never failed to hold us up in the middle of all the changes we face.

He is the same God who was, who is, and who will be. Abide in him and he will abide with us.

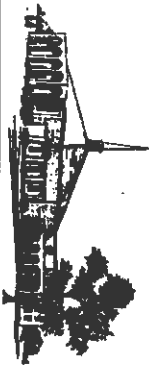
“Oh thou who changes not, abide with me”. When we sing that song, we echo scripture that assures us that among all change there is one constant. A God that knows us and takes care of us.

Don't fear change. Trust in the one who doesn't.

<b>SCHEDULE OF SERVICES</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
9:00 AM	Bible Study
10:00 AM	Worship
5:00 PM	Worship
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
6:30 PM	Bible Study
<b>RADIO PROGRAM</b>	
WBTK(FM 106.3)	Sunday, 10:25 AM
<b>JAIL MINISTRY</b>	
County Jail	Sunday 9:00 AM

<b>ELDERS</b>	
Billy Banks	
Russ Blackwell	
Stan Brook	
Horace Cleveland	
Steve Condra	
Ben McGuire	
Phillip Willingham	
<b>EVANGELIST</b>	
Larry Kilpatrick	
<b>ASSOCIATE/FAMILY MINISTER</b>	
Wade Hunt	
<b>YOUTH MINISTER</b>	
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# COX BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

## CARD & LETTER LIST

January 13, 2019

<p>Madison Cassel 1709 Woodside Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p><b>Care Group 1</b></p>	<p>Madison was baptized last week. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Ashley Cassel.</p>
<p>Samuel Rogers 122 William Holt Rd Iron City, TN 38463</p>	<p><b>Care Group 2</b></p>	<p>Samuel was baptized last week. He is the son of Daniel and Brittany Rogers.</p>
<p>Gary Brewer 1565 Ashton St Tuscumbia, AL 35674</p>	<p><b>Care Group 3</b></p>	<p>Gary has been in the hospital recently.</p>
<p>Children's Inn Cole Kelley 7 west dr Bethesda, MD 20814</p>	<p><b>Care Group 4</b></p>	<p>Cole is the 1<sup>st</sup> grader from Mars Hill who recently had a bone marrow transplant. This has been a rough (past) week for him.</p>

# SHUT-INS

Polly Gautney,  
210 Terrace St  
Sheffield, AL 356560

**Care Group 1**

Would enjoy cards and visits.

Betty Henson  
2207 Marietta St  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

**Care Group 2**

Would enjoy cards and visits.

Ellard Greene  
1705 Wildwood St  
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