

# The Family Tree



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

## LINES FROM LARRY:

Considering the cold weather and the flu that's been going around, we had a good crowd Sunday. We have a number of our members who are still sick and we need to continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

I want you to consider a statement that the apostle Paul made in the book of Philippians.

**“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation (emptied Himself), taking the form of a bond-servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death on the cross.”**(Philippians 2:5-8)

Even though Jesus was divine, deity, the Son of God, Emmanuel (God with us), He entered this world in a humble stable with a feeding manger filled with straw as a bed. What a humble way for our Savior to make His appearance on this earth. This same kind of humility characterized His entire life in this world, first as a carpenter in Nazareth, and then as the Christ, the Messiah, carrying on His official ministry which ultimately led to His death on the cross.

That's our Savior! And our example! Notice how Paul began this text: **“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”** We are to think like Jesus! Do as Jesus did! Jesus asks us to follow His example in humbling ourselves and serving as He served.

Man has always had the desire to be great. A small child asks, “Daddy, do you love me more than sister?” This is exactly the same problem that the Apostles had long ago when

they asked Jesus, **“Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”**(Matthew 18:1) This is the question that prompted Jesus to say, **“Whoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”** (Matthew 18:4)

Even the apostles who had spent over three years as constant companions of Jesus, listening to His great lessons, witnessing His marvelous miracles and His life of love and humility, now, shortly before Jesus' death, find themselves in a power struggle over who is to be the greatest in the kingdom. This led the mother of James and John to request for her two sons positions of honor on the left and right hand of Jesus in His kingdom. How disappointing! The apostles apparently had no conception of what Jesus had been talking about, especially when He had explained about His kingdom.

In response to the apostles' question about greatness, Jesus said, **“Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.”** (Matthew 20:26) The way to greatness in God's kingdom is humility and service! And Jesus left the perfect example. He went on to say, **“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve. And to give His life a ransom for many.”** (Matthew 20:28) In Luke's parallel account, Luke has Jesus saying to the apostles: **“I am among you as the One who serves.”** (Luke 22:27) Humble service is the passport to the presence of God!

Here is a great pearl of wisdom. Write it down! Memorize it! Post it on the refrigerator! Live by it! **“If you are too big for a little place, then you are too little for a big place!”**

Looking forward to seeing all our members in worship Sunday. LRK

# Growing up in the Lord

## SAYS

Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, the 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade will go to the Shoals Area Youth Series at Stony Point Church of Christ. Food will be provided. Bus will leave at 4:45pm and return at 7:45pm.

## 1:27 DAY

Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, the 5th-college age will be spending time with our widows as well as bringing them lunch. Great opportunity to get to know different members of our congregation. Afterwards the 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade is invited to the Willis home for a movie night.

## Spring Retreat

March 23-25 The 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking a retreat to the Ocoee Retreat Center near Cleveland TN. The price is 35 per person. Sign up to reserve your spot.

## Exalt

Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, the 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade will go to Veterans Park to sing with other local congregations at Exalt. Bus will leave immediately following evening service. Will need money for fast food.

## Be Your Brother's Keeper

Philippians 2:1-4 reads: "Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup>not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." As Christians we are to also look out for each other, help and encourage each other. Paul here is exhorting us as Christians to not only do the minimum but to go the second mile for people. A selfish spirit is destructive of Christian love. We must be concerned not only for our own credit, and ease, and safety, but for those of others also; and rejoice in the prosperity of others as truly as in our own. We must love our neighbor as ourselves.

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Jerry Cassel's surgery in Memphis will be on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Darlene Hollins is now at home.

Jennifer Bishop is still at UAB and doing better.

Ellie Floyd received good news from the doctors.

Pauline Strickland is having back problems.

Bryan Kimbrough is still in ECM with a bacterial infection.

**SYMPATHY:**

We express our sympathy to the family of Linda Johnson. We also express our sympathy to Mary Yarbrough and family on the loss of her husband, Jim. He passed away on Thursday. Both funerals were on Saturday.

**EVENTS**

Meals on Wheels is this week.

The Men's Breakfast has been cancelled this month because of the weather.

Lads to Leaders Girl's Song Leading and Winner's Circle will meet this Wednesday and every Wednesday starting this week at 6pm in A-209 (upstairs).

Meals for the Hungry will be this Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Care Group 3 will be in charge and will need to be in the Fellowship room around 10:15am.

Anyone who wants to come and sew with the Sewing Ladies, they will meet each Tuesday around 9am starting next Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Youth Group (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) and parents as well as the college group will be putting James 1:27 into practice on Saturday, January 27. We will be taking lunch to some of our widows/widowers and spending time with them.

Cox Blvd will have a Family & Friends Day on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. More details coming later.

**DONATION**

Roger & Doritta Johnson has donated her DVD "Sacrificial Love" by Doritta Johnson to our church library.

**Back to the Bible Workshop**

There will be a Back to the Bible workshop at Cox Blvd on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am-4pm. Any questions, see Russ Blackwell.

**2018  
BACK TO THE BIBLE  
CAMPAIGN**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to the Bible Summer Campaign will be June 15-22 at the University church of Christ in Mobile, AL. Sign-up sheet is on bulletin board.



There will be a catered Valentine's Luncheon for couples (60 and older), widows/widowers and singles on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Fellowship room. If you plan to attend, sign up by January 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be \$10 per person.

There will be a catered Valentine's Banquet for married couples (under 60) on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Fellowship room. If you plan to attend, sign up by January 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be \$10 per person.

**ATTENDANCE/CONTRIBUTION**

Jan 10 (Wed).....	202
Jan 14	
Sunday School.....	226
AM Worship.....	334
PM Worship .....	243
Contribution.....	\$14,142

## Back to the Bible Workshop

Please remember in your prayers the six who will be conducting a B2B Workshop at the University church of Christ, Mobile. They have about 30 signed up who want to learn how to teach others the plan of salvation.

*Terry Lenz, John Alexander, Judy Blackwell, Hilda Hester, Ann Skidmore & Russ Blackwell.* They will leave on Friday the 19th and return on Sunday the 21st.

## Door Knocking Results

On a blustery day, as Winnie the Pooh would say, there were 64 doors knocked and two Bible Studies and two call backs were set. We appreciate Bill Clark for making the hot chocolate and coffee and Brent Bulman for organizing and teaming up the campaigners- Montana Boyd, Alexa Howard, Betsy Rea and Russ Blackwell. The studies will be taught on Monday & next Saturday and the call backs will be made during the week.

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study  
 10:00 AM Worship  
 6:00 PM Worship

**WEDNESDAY**  
 7:00 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 Wilingham

### EVANGELIST

Larry Kilpatrick

### ASSOCIATE/FAMILY MINISTER

Wade Hunt

### YOUTH MINISTER

Landon Willis

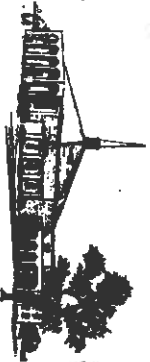
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# COX BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

## CARD & LETTER LIST

January 14, 2017

<p>Kevin Linley 1019 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St Tuscumbia, AL 35674</p>	<p><b>Care Group 1</b></p>	<p>Kevin was restored last week.</p>
<p>Neil Terry 109 Covenant Dr, Apt 102 Tuscumbia, AL 35674</p>	<p><b>Care Group 2</b></p>	<p>Neil was restored last week.</p>
<p>Mary Yarbrough 801 Pickwick St Sheffield, AL 35660</p>	<p><b>Care Group 3</b></p>	<p>Mary's husband, Jim, passed away on Thursday.</p>
<p>Melissa Barber 408 Candler Ave Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p><b>Care Group 4</b></p>	<p>Melissa had foot surgery recently.</p>
<p>Sherry Moore 3511 Hatch Blvd Sheffield, AL 35660</p>	<p><b>Care Group 1</b></p>	<p>Sherry has recently been in the hospital.</p>
<p>Mark &amp; Beth Wilcoxson 2025 Killough DR Tuscumbia, AL 35674</p>	<p><b>Care Group 2</b></p>	<p>Recently lost their son, Matthew, in a tragic auto accident.</p>
<p>Sherry Johnson 163 N Leland Dr Florence, AL 35630</p>	<p><b>Care Group 3</b></p>	<p>Sherry's mother, Linda Johnson, passed away last week.</p>
<p>Jennie Staub 19595 Edgewood Rd Athens, AL 35614</p>	<p><b>Care Group 4</b></p>	<p>Jennie's mother, Linda Johnson, passed away last week.</p>

# MISSIONARIES

Jason Moore                      **Care Groups 1 & 2**                      Would enjoy cards.  
Memphis School of Preaching  
3950 Forest Hills Irene Rd  
Memphis, TN 38125

James & Meredith Thompson   **Care Groups 2 & 3**                      Would enjoy cards.  
Via Armando Spadini 24  
Scandicci, Italy (FL) 50018

## VISITORS

January 7, 2018

Jackie Allen  
106 James Ct  
Florence, AL 35630