

# The Family Tree



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

An old Eastern parable titled “**The Wealth Is Nearer To You Than You Think**,” relates the story of a rich merchant who took a journey to a distant land.

As the businessman traveled, he met a stranger who wanted to travel with him. Although the merchant was glad to have a companion, he was also fearful of his intentions. He was afraid the stranger would steal the treasures that he had brought along on the journey.

Each night when it was time to bathe, he allowed the stranger to go first so that he could hide his jewels. The ingenious hiding place of the rich man’s treasures was beneath the stranger’s pillow. When the merchant would take his bath, the stranger would search through the merchant’s baggage looking for the riches.

Although the stranger knew that the merchant had a bag of jewels, and that the merchant did not take them with him when he went to bathe, the stranger could never find the riches.

Eventually, the day came for the merchant to part company with the stranger. Before the two parted, the businessman revealed the secret hiding place.

The wealth was nearer to him than he thought. In like manner, many individuals today miss spiritual treasures that are right under their noses in the Bible. As the Psalmist David said in Psalm 119:18, “**Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from your law**”.

Another great passage of Scripture along this line is found in the book of

Romans 16:19 and it is really good practical advice from God on how to live and think clean in a dirty world. It says, “**Be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil**”. There’s a lot of junk in the world you and I just don’t need to know about.

The devil is constantly trying to deceive us about evil just the way he did Adam and Eve in the long ago. The fact is the devil seldom destroys people morally by explosion; by some sudden mega-temptation or sin. No, he destroys people by erosion; just slowly wearing you down by getting you to accept as normal or funny that which is repugnant to God. It might be interesting to recognize the things you are watching and listening to and laughing at that you would have never gotten close to just a few years ago. You might not even know it, but gradually spiritual blindness is setting in.

Maybe it’s time to cancel some subscriptions, change the channel, boycott some website, pass up the movie, stay off some social media.

This isn’t about some legalistic lifestyle. It’s about wanting a clean heart and a clean mind so much that you won’t allow dirt in. It’s about loving what Jesus loves and hating what Jesus hates. Yes, that’s a beautiful passage, “**Be innocent about what is evil, wise about what is good.**” Yes, the Word of God is where the real treasure is. Load up on the good stuff. Let Pro. 4:23 be your marching orders, “**Guard your heart because it is the well spring of life.**”

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# Growing up in the Lord

## Ice skating

Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, any 5-12<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## CYC

Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, all 7-12<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> Cox Blvd. will host the Shoals Area Youth Series. Please contact the church office if you can help provide drinks.

## Creating Idols

In ancient times, men took pieces of wood or metal and carved or fashioned them into gods. They literally fashioned gods to meet their own selfish desires. Similarly, in today's society, man still shapes and fashions the true God into a god he prefers. He molds and shapes Him into a god that accepts the very things He once rejected. Thus, in his own mind, modern man has fashioned his own god, and is no less guilty of idolatry than the people of the ancient world. Let us flee from all gods of our own devising and remain faithful to the only true and living God. We may not be literally worshipping an idol but an idol can be anything we put in the place of God. So, what is your idol: Your TV, family, books, food, golf, sports? Hopefully we will be careful and not be guilty of creating for ourselves idols but only serve God.

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**Ridge Williams** will get tubes in his ear on Friday.

**Roy Smith** had 4 bypass surgery last Thursday.

**Shannon Grissom**, is in Vanderbilt hospital after an accident Sunday.

**Nyla Dennis** will have hip replacement surgery at NAMC on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**John Alexander** will have back surgery on Wednesday in Athens.

**Casey Barnes**, son of Flynn & Jan, had chemicals spilled on his hand and is in UAB for treatment.

**EVENTS**

There are 2 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.

The **College/Young Professionals** group will meet in Victory Hall Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> following the evening service for food and games.

After the evening service on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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.

**Door knocking** will be Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**  
**BIBLE CLASSES**

Beginning this month, there will be a change to our Wednesday evening, January 30<sup>th</sup>, all classes meet as normal. In the past, on the last Wednesday night of the month, we met in the auditorium for singing. Beginning January 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a singing in the Tea Room on the last Wednesday night of each month. Anyone who enjoys singing and/or would like to learn to sing better is encouraged to attend this class. Anyone who teaches a class on Wednesday night and would like to attend the singing class is encouraged to find a substitute for their class so they can attend the singing class. Any questions, contact any of the elders.

**ATTENDANCE/CONTRIBUTION**

Jan 23 (Wed).....	216
Jan 27	
Sunday School.....	257
AM Worship.....	366
PM Worship.....	216
Contribution.....	\$13,030

**THOSE TO SERVE DURING DECEMBER 2019**

**READ SCRIPTURES**

Sunday Morning.....Bill Outlaw  
 Sunday Evening.....Jason Fuller  
 Wednesday Evening.....Young Men

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

Opening Prayer.....Randall Hester  
 Closing Prayer.....Justin Flannagin  
 Announcements.....Matt Hester

**PRESIDE AT THE TABLE**

Matt Glass.....Kevin Walls

**PASS LORD'S SUPPER TO ASSEMBLY**

Craig Putman.....Chad Bourland  
 Justin Thome.....Tony Hollander  
 Matt Maxwell.....Collin Hester

**THOSE TO LEAD PRAYER**

Feb 03 O AM.....Tobey Robertson  
 C AM.....Ray Morris  
 O PM.....Tim Goode  
 C PM.....Andy Logan  
 Feb 10 O AM.....Horace Cleveland  
 C AM.....Maurice Cole  
 O PM.....Greg Kimbrough  
 C PM.....Don Gargis  
 Feb 17 O AM.....Tim Tiffin  
 C AM.....Brent Bulman  
 O PM.....Shoals Youth Series  
 C PM.....Shoals Youth Series  
 Feb 24 O AM.....Russ Blackwell  
 C AM.....Bryan Lindsey  
 O PM.....Sam Strickland  
 C PM.....Kevin Williams

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SONG LEADERS**

Feb 06.....Flynn Barnes  
 Feb 13.....Collin Hester  
 Feb 20.....Andy Logan  
 Feb 27.....Chris Phillips

**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**  
 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 Willingham

**EVANGELIST**

Larry Kilpatrick

**ASSOCIATE/FAMILY MINISTER**

Wade Hunt

**YOUTH MINISTER**

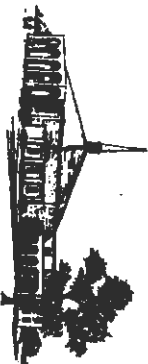
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10 Chelsie Ledlow <b>Tea for Karli Thorne 1:30-3:00</b>  <b>Worship</b>	11 Billy Benson <b>Meals on Wheels 11-15</b> Melanie Kilpatrick Rachel Willis	12 Wyatt Counce	13 <b>39ers Valentines Lunch</b> Garrett Counce Sherry James Wayne Johnson  <b>Bible Study</b>	14	15 Loralee Kimbrough	16 Brenda Spires Brooks McGee Jay Mumer Mandy Mumer <b>Meals for the Hungry Care Group 4</b> Stacy Craft																																																																																											
17 <b>Host Shoals Area Youth Series</b> Wanda Collier  <b>Worship</b>	18 Dottie Pennington Ed Wylie Jennifer Underwood	19 Beth Reed	20 Andrew Morris Kathy Leath Krista Lackey Michelle Higgins  <b>Bible Study</b>	21 James Hargrove	22 Ava Flannagin <b>CYC 22-24</b> Lynne Capocasa Mattie Noble	23 Garrett James Tidus Hollander																																																																																											
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# COX BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

## CARD & LETTER LIST

January 27, 2019

Roy Smith 145 Florida Lane Tuscumbia, AL 35674	<b>Care Group 1</b>	Roy had 4 bypass surgery on Thursday.
Sam Strickland 108 Willow Oak Dr Muscle Shoals, AL 35661	<b>Care Group 2</b>	Sam had a scan on Thursday and should get results on Monday.
William Grubbs Keestone 201 N Cedar St, room 103 Florence, AL 35631	<b>Care Group 3</b>	William had surgery on Thursday.
Robert Sledge 138 Irby Dr Florence, AL 35630	<b>Care Group 4</b>	Robert is a friend of Dottie Pennington. He is having several health problems.

# SHUT-INS

Curtis Posey  
2505 Alabama Ave  
Muscle Shoals, 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.

Leon & Edith Alsbrooks  
3304 Hatch Blvd  
Sheffield, AL 35660

**Care Group 3**

Would enjoy cards and visits.

Curtis Willis  
603 E Grand Ave  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

**Care Group 4**

Would enjoy cards and visits.

## VISITORS (January 20, 2019)

Carolyn Johnson  
204 Pace Lane  
Hardin, KY 42048

Pat Miller  
1403 Fleetwood Dr  
Murray, KY 42071

Mary Lee Goodwin  
7868 Rocky Ledge Dr  
Hixon, TN 37343