

# The Family Tree



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

Sunday, Russ Blackwell announced to the congregation that he would be teaching the auditorium class on Sunday morning. His topic is going to be on the subject of encouragement.

Instead of a usual article, I'd like to just share with you a few quotes on encouragement that I like; and I hope they will bless your life as well.

“One of the highest human duties is the duty of encouragement. It is easy to laugh at men's ideals; it is easy to pour cold water on their enthusiasm; it is easy to discourage others. The world is full of discouragers. We have a Christian duty to encourage one another. Many a time a word of praise or thanks or appreciation or cheer has kept a man on his feet. Blessed is the man who speaks such a word.” —William Barclay

“Encourage one another daily.” (Hebrews 3:13)

## **MAKE LIFE A LITTLE SWEETER**

O let me shed a little light  
On someone's path I pray.  
I'd like to be a messenger  
Of happiness today!

It may be just a phone call,  
A smile, or a prayer,  
Or long neglected letter  
Would lift the edge of care.

I want to spread some happiness  
In what I say or do,  
Make life a little sweeter  
For someone else! Don't You?

—Alice Mortenson

“Therefore encourage one another  
and build each other up....” (I  
Thess. 5:11)

## **SAY IT NOW**

I'd rather have one little rose  
From the garden of a friend  
Than to have the choicest flowers  
When my stay on earth must end.

I would rather have a pleasant word  
In kindness said to me  
Than flattery when my heart is still,  
And life has ceased to be.

I would rather have a loving smile  
From friends I know are true  
Than tears shed 'round my casket  
When to this world I bid adieu.

Bring me all your flowers today,  
Whether pink, or white, or red;  
I'd rather have one blossom now  
Than a truckload when I'm dead.”

—Anon

# Growing up in the Lord

## Devotional

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, after evening service there will be a devotional at the home of Darrell and Michelle Higgins. Food will be provided. The bus will return at 9:15.

## Door Knocking

Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be going on our monthly church wide door knocking. Come at 9 am and go help spread Gods word throughout the community. Food will be provided.

## CYC Deadline

If you have not signed up for CYC and plan to go, talk to Landon as soon as possible. Price is \$100 for the first kid, \$50 for the second, and no family will be asked to pay over \$150.

## 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.

## Using Your Time Wisely

Time is a gift from God: "This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it". Unfortunately, it is extraordinarily easy and in many cases culturally accepted to waste vast quantities of time. Because of this most people find it difficult to organize and budget their time wisely. Moses prayed: "So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom". What are some ways we can use our time wisely this new year? We can make a daily list of things to do, eliminate time wasters, and spend the most time with what's most important. The most important part of our lives is the part that nobody but God sees. Are you spending private time with Him in prayer and worship? Are you regularly feeding on His word? Are you developing the Fruit of the Spirit in your life? Far too few people spend time growing a great soul! Is your soul prospering? If not, your time is not being spent wisely enough. We need to give priority to that which is most important, a deep meaningful relationship with God. If we don't, we are not using our time wisely.

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Jim Yarbrough is in CCU at ECM.

Jerry Cassel is scheduled for surgery in Memphis on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Sarah Brook will have shoulder surgery on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Darlene Hollins is in ECM.

Jennifer Bishop is in UAB.

Ellie Floyd will be going to Cincinnati for tests on Wednesday.

**RESTORATION:**

Kevin Linley and Neil Terry were restored on Sunday night.

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

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.

**EVENTS**

The **College/Young Professionals Class** will meet in the Tea Room on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for Bible study. Invite a friend to join us!

**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).

**Door Knocking** will be this Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**Everyone** is invited to the Tea Room on January 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm for **hot cider, hot chocolate, and cookies** as we fellowship together before our evening service.

There will be a devotional and activity for the **Kids for Christ group** (preschool and elementary age kids) and their parents after the evening service on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship room. Each family needs to bring finger foods and a drink. Our devotional and craft will focus on the fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23.

There will be a **Men's Breakfast** on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7am in the fellowship room.

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>.



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 03 (Wed).....	192
Jan 07	
Sunday School.....	203
AM Worship.....	374
PM Worship .....	227
Contribution.....	\$14,142

## 2017 Contribution Statements

Another tax year is here so as a friendly reminder, please be sure you have written proof of any contribution by check for \$250 or greater written in 2017. This information has been mailed to you each year and will be mailed to you again this year. Please confirm the information about your contributions is accurate and if not please bring it to the Elders' attention immediately. The IRS will require this proof should you be audited. We are not attempting to be tax advisers in anyway but if the Elders can be of any help or assistance please let one of us know.

Thanks, the Elders

### 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

WBTK(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

Landon Willis

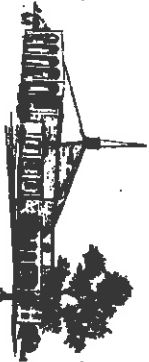
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# COX BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

## CARD & LETTER LIST

January 7, 2017

Jennifer Bishop 200 W Girard St Muscle Shoals, AL 35661	<b>Care Group 1</b>	Jennifer is back at UAB to have more tests run.
Darlene Hollins 805 Glendale Ave Muscle Shoals, AL 35661	<b>Care Group 2</b>	Darlene had a brain tumor removed this past week.
Jerry Cassel 306 Park Ave Muscle Shoals, AL 35661	<b>Care Group 3</b>	Jerry is scheduled for surgery soon for the tumor in his shoulder.
Sarah Brook 205 Terrace St Sheffield, AL 35660	<b>Care Group 4</b>	Sarah will have shoulder surgery on January 11 <sup>th</sup> .

# SHUT-INS

Mattie Noble  
Brentwood  
2505 Alabama Ave  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

**Care Group 1**

Would enjoy cards and visits.

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

**Care Group 2**

Would enjoy cards and visits.

Curtis Posey  
Brentwood, rm 15  
2505 Alabama Ave  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

**Care Group 3**

Would enjoy cards and visits.

William & Chappelle Grubbs  
201 N Cedar St, Rm 213  
Florence, AL 35631

**Care Group 4**

Would enjoy cards and visits.

## VISITORS

December 31, 2017 (last week)

Jennifer & Stella Underwood  
404 Laurel Oak Dr  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661  
(Colin Young's mother and sister)