

The Family Tree



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

LINES FROM LARRY:

On the last Sunday night of this month, the young people will be leading our worship. I am confident that they will do a great job as usual. They will read Scripture, led us in prayer, they will lead the singing and preach from God's Word. I am grateful for all our young people and the way they are trying to involve themselves in church activities. If you would like to be a part of the next youth led worship, then let Landon know and he would be more than glad to include you in this or any other of our youth activities.

I know I've said it before but it needs to be said often and that is, the greatest argument for the validity of Christianity is other Christians. By the same reasoning the greatest argument AGAINST Christianity is other believers as well. It would be nice if Christianity was measured by the world simply by virtue of the evidence and the character and nature of our founder. But most people won't listen to the truth of Christianity until they see the truth of Christianity lived out. It's a humbling realization that no one gets "argued" into the Kingdom of God.

People come to Christ when they are pointed to the Savior. They are pointed to the Savior by the way we live before them. Paul understood this. He gives us great (and intensely practical) advice in Colossians 4:5,

"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

One of the easiest things to do as a Christian is to be a really caring, moral person and never tell people why. This is **Camouflage Christianity**. On the other hand, is it really necessary to wear

bright-colored Christian t-shirts and carry a 50-pound Bible everyday to get the point across? Here are a few suggestions that I have found helpful in letting people know that you are a Christian in ways that have been appealing and not appalling. These are also proven ways to help initiate spiritual conversations. Try to pick at least one and act on it this week, and let me know how it went.

1. Pray over your meal on your lunch break.
2. Let people know how much you love your church.
3. Ask them non-confrontational questions like "Do you have any spiritual interests?"
4. Give God credit in front of others for specific things He has done in your life.
5. Find out what kind of needs people have, then find ways to help meet those needs and tell them why you felt compelled to do so.
6. Offer to pray for needs in others' lives for seven days.
7. Write encouraging notes or emails to people who are hurting and include a short Scripture or prayer.
8. Model a servant spirit by going above and beyond to help others. Be willing to go the second mile.
9. Nurture relationships with people for the purpose of having relationships, not for the purpose of making them a spiritual target or project.
10. Celebrate with others during their good times.
12. Walk with others through their bad times.

WHAT'S YOUR HYMN?

I am convinced that there is a hymn to meet every need and challenge that we face in life. Let me give you a few examples.

Are you troubled? Maybe cumbered with a load of care?
Just remember, *“Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer.”*

Do you feel like nobody cares?
Never forget, *“O yes, He cares, I know He cares,
His heart is touched with my grief...I know my Savior cares.”*

Do you ever feel alone?
*“I know that Jesus is well and alive today,
He makes His home in my heart.
Never more will I be all alone since
He promised me that we never would part.”*

Are you burdened and weighed down with life's challenges?
*“Do you know my Jesus? Do you know my friend?
Have you heard He loves you? And that He will abide til the end?”*

Are you uncertain about the direction of life?
*“If I walk in heaven's light, shun the wrong and do the right,
I know the Lord will find a way for me.”*

Are you having trouble sleeping, while worrying about tomorrow?
*“Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand;
But I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand.”*

Are you happy?
“Lift your voice and praise Him in song; Sing and be happy today!”

Find your hymn! Sing it! Let God comfort your heart!

IN THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Betty Shearin fell and broke her arm. After her checkup, her doctor believes it will heal on its on and no surgery will be required.

Jennifer Bishop had chemo treatment last week and will be going to MD Anderson at the end of this month for reevaluation.

Ellie Floyd is traveling to Cincinnati today for final Cochlear Implant appointments this week.

Joyce Foster is in Shoals Hospital, she is improving and asks for no visitors at this time.

Betty Gist had surgery last Tuesday.

Jo Ann Turman fell last week and is at home.

Wonda Adkins tripped and sprained her right ankle.

SYMPATHY:

We express our sympathy to **Bill & Catherine Mead** on the passing of their grandson, **Les Kiser**. He passed away Friday morning.

We express our sympathy to **Thelma Brackin**, her niece, Cheryl Bradford passed away last Thursday. The funeral was Saturday.

EVENTS

This Thursday, July 19 (*notice date change*) the **Kids for Christ group** will meet at the Killen Time Mini-Golf and Adventure Park at 6:30pm. \$4 for adults and 10 & under are \$3.

This Tuesday, July 10th, the bus will leave at 5:50pm to attend the **Shoals Area Youth Series** at Jackson Heights. Food will be provided.

The **College and Young Professionals Class** will be collecting money to buy peanut butter for the kids in Haiti. We are only collecting money. If you would like to contribute towards this effort, you can give your money to Ariel McManus or Wade Hunt. The deadline to contribute to this is Wednesday, July 25th.

Mark your calendar for our **29th Annual Celebrate in Song**. It will be Friday, August 10th from 7pm til midnight.

Parking Attendants and Ushers are needed for Celebrate in Song, sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Meals for the Hungry will be this Saturday, Care Group 1 will be in charge.

On Friday, July 27, the **Kids for Christ group** will be going to the Birmingham Zoo. The bus will be leaving the church at 8am. Adult admission (ages 12 and up) is \$12.50, children admission (ages 2-12) is \$8.50, and unlimited ride wristband is \$8.00.

The **College and Young Professionals** will meet in the Tea Room following the evening service on Sunday, July 29 for supper. Afterwards we will attend the Songs of Summer Finale at Sherrod Ave.

Songs of Comfort CDs are available for sale in the church office. They are \$15 each and ½ price for those who helped.

The **Youth Group** (grades 7th – 12th) will have a lock-in at the building, immediately after evening service on Sunday, July 29th. Kids will need to be picked up by 7am the next day. Bring snacks and finger foods.

Following the evening service on Sunday, August 5, there will be a **church wide cookout** at the pavilion. Care Group assignments will be posted on the bulletin board soon. There will be activities and games for the kids.

BRIDAL TEA

There will be a bridal tea for **Brianna Robertson**, bride-elect of Spencer Jones, on August 12th from 1:30-3pm in the Tea Room. Brianna's selections are at Target and Amazon.

BAPTISM

Donna Davis was baptized on Sunday morning.

ATTENDANCE/CONTRIBUTION

July 11 (Wed).....	195
July 15	
Sunday School.....	210
AM Worship.....	323
PM Worship.....	196
Contribution.....	\$13,716

**“Let It Be”
Hebrews 13:1-6(NIV)**

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. **2** Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. **3** Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. **5** Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

6 So we say with confidence,

**“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”**

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

WBTF(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 MINISTER

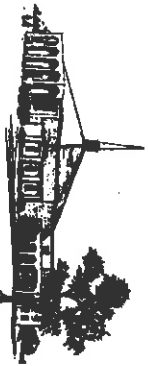
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CARD & LETTER LIST

July 15, 2018

<p>Ben & Sandra McGuire 265 Melissa Dr Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p>Care Group 1</p>	<p>Proud grandparents to Sylvia Ann McGuire born on July 5th.</p>
<p>Drew & Olivia McGuire 6706 Fox Ridge Cir Davidson, NC 28036</p>	<p>Care Group 2</p>	<p>Proud parents to Sylvia Ann McGuire born on July 5th.</p>
<p>Mark Ford 7115 Riverfront Dr Nashville, TN 37221</p>	<p>Care Group 3</p>	<p>Andrea Walls, father, he recently had a stroke. He has been treated for cancer this past year.</p>
<p>Mary Cole c/o Donna Beasley 411 E 18th St Sheffield, AL 35660</p>	<p>Care Group 4</p>	<p>Mary's daughter had surgery on her hip recently.</p>
<p>Betty Gist 106 Dearborn Cir Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p>Care Group 1</p>	<p>Betty had surgery last week.</p>
<p>Giles Gurley and Family 7738 Dr Kennedy Dr Florence, AL 35630</p>	<p>Care Group 2</p>	<p>Giles sister, Betty Honeycutt, passed away on July 6th.</p>
<p>Juanita Hester and Family 600 Firestone Ave, Apt 604 Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p>Care Group 3</p>	<p>Juanita's son-in-law, James Beliew, passed away last week.</p>
<p>Lisa Beliew & Family 1375 Milestone Circle Collierville, TN 38017</p>	<p>Care Group 4</p>	<p>Lisa is Juanita's daughter and Matt Hester's sister, lost her husband suddenly last week.</p>
<p>Donna Herston 8204 County Rd 25 Killen, AL 35645</p>	<p>Care Group 4</p>	<p>Donna is Ed Wylie's daughter. She will have breast cancer surgery on July 17th.</p>

MISSIONARIES

Mike Brooks
(Bangladesh)

Care Groups 1 & 2

Would enjoy cards.

P.O. Box 2216
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

Kyle Butt
(Apologetics Press)
71 Riverchase Dr
Florence, AL 35634

Care Groups 2 & 3

Would enjoy cards.

VISITORS

July 8, 2018 (last week)

Brenda Spires
114 Summer Place, #10
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661
706-604-0238

Justin & Karli Thorne
4720 Marthaler Ln
Leighton, AL 35646

Virgil Wilkerson
2328 Harding Ct
Augusta, GA 30906

Sara Beth Warner
111 Autumn Circle, Apt I-107
Sheffield, AL 35660
(Newcomer to community)
(visited Wednesday, July 11)