

# The Family Tree



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

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Youth will be going this weekend.

Sign-up now to reserve your spot. \$35 per person



**LEADERETTES**

**MARCH 29 – APRIL 1**

**NASHVILLE, TN**

# Growing up in the Lord

## 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.

## Lads to Leaders

March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> is Lads to Leaders. Please be praying for a safe and successful trip for all those involved.

## Maywood Benefit

If you are needing tickets or more information regarding the annual Maywood camp Benefit dinner please contact the church office.

## Split Service

Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, for evening service we will have split guys and girls worship services. This will be working with Lads to Leaders. If you would like to help lead please contact Landon Willis.

## When You Leave Worship

*"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11).* To be a true Christian means to oppose evil. To stand with Christ often means to stand against people and ideas that are set against Him. While a Christian is to be patient and loving, he or she is not to be passive. A Christian is a soldier in a war. Have you ever thought Jesus seemed harsh in his dealings with people? However, it was not that Jesus was trying to be offensive, but in standing for what was right it was necessary for Him to oppose certain beliefs, teachings, and even people. It was necessary to tell people what they needed to hear rather than what they wanted to hear. How much do you believe in God? How much do you trust the Bible as God's word? How convinced are you that Jesus is God's Son? How committed are you to the Bible's standard of righteousness? If you are truly faithful to God and firm in your devotion to His will, then you must stand against what opposes these things. It is easy to speak up for Christ when others are doing the same. The real test though comes when we must speak for Him when others are speaking against Him or His word. Its easy to be a follower of Christ at worship but its more difficult once we leave. This is where being a follower of Christ truly starts! When we take it outside of the Sunday and Wednesday worship services. Or as Jesus said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**Mary Alice "Mert" Murner** had mouth surgery last week.

**Lynne Capocasa, Jennifer Bishop & Eva Nell Howard** are now at home.

**Earl Evans** (former member) will be having surgery on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. He is in ECM, room 166.

Remember the **Youth Group** traveling to Tennessee for the retreat this weekend.

**Dorothy Griffin**, sister of Bettye Staggers, is in critical condition in Gadsden hospital.

**Restoration:**

**Genia Southern and Ronnie Henson** were restored and requested prayers on Sunday.

Cox Blvd will have a **Family & Friends Day** on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a catered meal following the morning service (BBQ, Cole Slaw & Baked Beans). Begin now to invite your family and friends to join us.

The **Maywood Christian Camp Benefit Dinner** will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Heritage Christian University. Iron Horse will perform, and Dr. Kirk Brothers (incoming HCU president) will speak. There will be a silent auction, and a limited number of items will be auctioned live. Dinner tickets are \$50. Please contact Matt & Beth Hester, Pam Lenz, Landon Willis or the church office, if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

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We will be taking a trip to the **Alabama Crimson Tide A-Day football game** on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Leave church building at 9:00am and return by 8:00pm. Game is at 1:00pm. Please see Brian McManus or Russ Blackwell, if you have any questions. Clear bags only to get in the stadium. Bring money for food. Game is free!

The **39ers** will be going to the Red Bay play "Southern Hospitality" on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$25 which includes a meal. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**EVENTS**

The **Lads to Leaders Convention** will be in Nashville on March 30<sup>th</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>. If anyone can donate snacks or drinks or give money towards this, it would be appreciated.

**Care Group 4** will be meeting after THIS SUNDAY morning service in the Fellowship room instead of the Tea Room. The children (4<sup>th</sup> grade and down) will be going to Victory Hall. Lunch will be served for all. If you have a suggestion and you rather not speak at the meeting, please give to an Elder or drop in drop-box by the office. **Care Group 3** will be going to Park Place this Sunday after service.

**Our young men** will be leading the worship on Sunday night, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the auditorium. **Our young ladies** will be leading a service in the fellowship room for ladies only at the same time. If you want to participate in either in of these services, contact Landon.

The **College/Young Professionals Class** will meet in the Tea Room Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for a Bible study. Invite a friend to join us!

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, April 8<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 is Joy from Galatians 5:22-23.

**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.**

**ATTENDANCE/CONTRIBUTION**

Mar 14 (Wed).....	250
Mar 18	
Sunday School.....	252
AM Worship.....	379
PM Worship .....	259
Contribution.....	\$12,678

# Church Comes First

Just wondering when we lost our sense of indignation regarding events and activities planned without regard to our responsibility to worship the Lord on the first day of the week. Do you remember when Christians would voice disapproval and refuse to support or participate in such activities? Even on Wednesday nights, schools respected the beliefs of those who attended mid-week Bible study. Over the years, we have come a long way in the wrong direction! Assembling with the saints on the Lord's Day has become something we do only when nothing else stands in the way. Where is the love and devotion in that kind of "left-over" religion?

We used to teach our children that "church" comes before baseball and every other organized activity which might interfere with this priority. Slowly, we have not only relaxed our expectations for our children, but have taken up similar excuse-making for ourselves as well.

A Sunday morning marathon in Little Rock—how exciting. I participated in a number of road races myself. I can relate to the sacrifice of preparation. I know something of the joy of completing the race and the comradery of joining in with others in the big event. But should such be engaged in at the cost of setting aside personal priorities? I think not.

Jesus says, "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness..." (Mt. 6:33). If people would take a stand, refusing to participate, organizers would be forced to move the event to a time when participation did not result in spiritual conflicts. And, even if things don't change, who are we to relegate God to second place? Think of it as an opportunity to teach our children that God really does come first in our lives!

## 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

WBNG(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

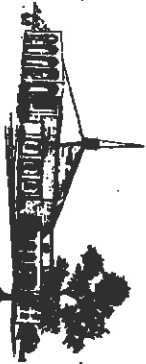
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**COX BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**CARD & LETTER LIST**  
 March 18, 2018

<p>Mary Alice "Mert" Murner        1106 Anna Dr        Tuscumbia,, AL 35674</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Care Group 1</b></p>	<p>Mert had mouth surgery on Wednesday.</p>
<p>Jennifer Underwood        404 Laurel Oak Dr        Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Care Group 2</b></p>	<p>Jennifer recently placed membership here at Cox Blvd.</p>
<p>Wade Loggins        21198 Loggins Road        Athens, AL 35614</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Care Group 3</b></p>	<p>Wade has cancer and will have surgery the first of April. His daughter, Leah Seibert, passed away last August from cancer.</p>
<p>Ken McClure        261 Bear Creek Dr        Cherokee, AL 35616</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Care Group 4</b></p>	<p>Ken had a bad fall and is bruised up pretty bad.</p>
<p>Brooke (Bishop) &amp; Josh Smith        703 Stevens Ave        Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Care Group 1</b></p>	<p>Proud parents of Esther Ryle Smith. She was born on March 14<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<p>Barry &amp; Jennifer Bishop        200 W Girard St        Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Care Group 2</b></p>	<p>Proud grandparents of Esther Ryle Smith.</p>

# SHUT-INS

Mattie Noble  
Brentwood, rm 7  
2505 Alabama Ave  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

**Care Group 1**

Would enjoy cards and visits.

Loralee Kimbrough  
2207 Virginia St  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

**Care Group 2**

Would enjoy cards and visits.

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

**Care Group 3**

Would enjoy cards and visits.

William Grubbs  
Mitchell-Hollinsworth Nursing Home  
805 Flagg Cir  
Florence, AL 35630

**Care Group 4**

Would enjoy cards and visits.

# VISITORS