

The Family Tree



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

LINES FROM LARRY:

We had another great day of worship Sunday. We had several visitors and that's always a delight. Let me encourage each of our members to remember to invite your friends and family members and then be sure to look around for others who may be visiting and be sure to speak to them. A visitors first impression of a church is usually their last one. If they felt welcome they will be back and if they didn't feel welcome, then they will probably not come back.

Our greatest responsibility as Christians is to tell others about Jesus Christ. I read an article the other day about Evangelism that I want to share with you and my prayer is that we will all take the message to heart.

Somehow the driver lost control on a small California bridge. In an instant, the car with a family of four in it catapulted through the railing and into the water. Immediately, that car began to disappear beneath the water. There was this frantic moment that followed, and the two parents emerged from the car, and they were able to swim to the top. Mom had actually been able to free one of her children and help her get out, but their little boy was trapped in the car at the bottom. Meanwhile, a few passers-by had gathered on the bridge above, and one man, who heard the mother's screams for help for her son, dove from that bridge and into the water. A nurse was one of those who happened to be on the bridge that day. Realizing that the boy was going to need immediate CPR if he was rescued, she shook off her fear and she also plunged into the water. After a short time, the man surfaced carrying that boy with him. The nurse immediately began working on him, right there in the water. His life was saved that day by two people who certainly had not planned to rescue anyone that day.

It was really moving to see the mother of that rescued little boy tearfully trying to put her gratitude into words. Someone had cared enough to take the risks to save a life just because they happened to be in the right place at the right time to make the difference.

If you belong to Jesus Christ, I hope you see yourself in that picture. Like that man on the bridge, you're in a position to do something about a person who's dying, spiritually dying, that is. The Bible describes people without Christ as "**those being led away to death**" (Proverbs 24:11). And it adds a command, "**Rescue those who are being led away to death.**" Don't just let them die without a chance. Do something to rescue them. As you think about the people at work, at school, in your neighborhood, maybe in your family or the place you shop or those you recreate with, please tell them about the only One who can save them. Tell them about the only One who can forgive their sins and who loves them enough to die to pay for their sins. You know that if they die without Christ, they have no chance of getting into God's heaven. You know that. You know Christ. You know them **which means you're responsible**. Living a Christ-honoring life before them is important, but it's not enough. You have to tell them about Jesus' death for their sins. They're not going to guess that because you're a nice person.

Jesus said in Mark 10:45, "**Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.**" Jesus abandoned heaven to save us. Rescuers always do that. They have a great fear, a fear of what will happen to the dying person if they don't try to rescue them.

It's no accident that you are **where** you are, **who** you are, **doing** what you do, being **interested** in what you're interested in. God used all that to put you in a position to help save some lives and help some people be in heaven with you. It's the most important thing you have to do; the most important difference you can possibly make with the rest of your life.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you this Sunday with a friend by your side and a smile on your face.

L RK

Growing up in the Lord

CYC

There is a signup sheet for challenge youth conference in the youth center. This is for all 7-12th graders planning to stay in the cabin. Cost is \$50 and is due by November 25th.

Midnight Madness

Sunday, November 18th, after SAYS the 7-12th grade will have games, food, and devotionals until midnight.

SAYS

Sunday, November 18th, the 7-12th grade will go to the shoals area youth series at Florence Blvd. church of Christ. Food will be provided.

Bonfire Devotional

Sunday, November 25th, after evening worship all 5-12th grade will have a bonfire and devotional at the Lenz household. There will be hotdogs, smores, games and more!

Showing Respect to God

In 1 Chronicles 13:1-14, we see how important it is to show respect to God. David had good intentions when he decided to bring the ark back to Jerusalem. During the process, however, Uzzah touched the ark in an attempt to prevent it from falling off the cart. God struck him dead. David was stunned and upset by God's anger. Why did the Lord respond so severely? David came to realize that what he wanted to do for God had to be done with respect for Him and His specific instructions. God had commanded that the ark be carried by the sons of Kohath on poles, not on a cart, nor was anyone to touch it. What David learned is something we too must take to heart. Showing respect for God means learning what He wants us to do and then obeying Him completely. To please the Lord, we must do His work His way. We respect God when we obey His will

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Sandy Prewitt will be getting treatment in Emory this week.

Ellie Floyd will be going to Cincinnati this week.

Cole Kelley will be getting a bone marrow transplant this week.

SYMPATHY:

We express our sympathy to **Billy Benson and family** on the death of his wife, Ruth. Pinkard Funeral Home in Russellville will be handling arrangements.

RESTORATION:

Sandra Morris was restored and requested prayers on Sunday.

EVENTS

There are 3 different **Back to the Bible workshops** with sign-up sheets and information are on the bulletin board.

There will be no **Men's Breakfast** in the month of November.

CYC 2019 will be February 22-24 in Pigeon Forge at the LeConte Center. All **7th-12th graders** who are planning to stay in the cabin will need to pay \$50 by November 25th. Just like last year, the church will NOT be reserving condos for the adults attending the conference. You will need to secure your own hotel accommodations. However, if you are not part of the youth group (**7th -12th grade**) and are planning to go to CYC, you need to sign up on the bulletin board so that we can register you for the conference.

On Saturday November 17th, the **College and Young Professionals Class** will be delivering a Thanksgiving meal to our shut-ins at Cox Blvd. Please be in the kitchen by 10:45am.

Our **Annual Thanksgiving Service** will be on Wednesday, November 21st at 6:30pm. All classes will meet in the auditorium. On Wednesday, November 28th, all classes will meet as usual.

Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 1st from 8:30-10am in the fellowship room. Invite your friends to join us!

There will be a **Christmas Potluck Fellowship Meal** for the entire congregation on Sunday, December 9th following the morning service.

Change of plans on dates: There will be a **work trip to Panama City Beach, FL** on Monday, November 19th through late Friday, November 23rd. If you'd like to go, please call the church office at 256-383-1618.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES

The church office is taking names of **families with children** who are in need of food. This is for our yearly Christmas Food Boxes. Please submit a family before December 14th. Someone must be in charge of picking them up on Friday, December 21st between 9am and 12:30pm here at the church.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS NEEDED

If you have a Christmas tree or Christmas decorations that are still in good shape and you no longer use, please contact the church office. This will be used to decorate the fellowship room for Christmas.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the young newlywed class for the nice dinner you prepared for everyone this past Sunday.

-The Elders

ATTENDANCE/CONTRIBUTION

Nov 07 (Wed).....	215
Nov 11	
Sunday School.....	243
AM Worship.....	358
PM Worship.....	210
Contribution.....	\$13,752

Like a Rubber Band that Has Lost Its Stretch

Glen Elliott

With an extended forefinger as a barrel and a retractable, hitch-hiking thumb as a hammer, we were well-armed to take on the bad guys in our neighborhood. Without any visible or audible confirmation that the gun had discharged, the firing of our weapon was often accompanied by shouts like: “Bang! Bang! You’re dead!” “You’re dead!” was not the sound of the gun; it was our way of letting the other person know that they had been hit and should fall to the ground. Frequently, there was an even louder rebuttal: “You missed me!” Who could argue? The intended target was still standing!

Our imaginative world of pretend warfare advanced with the acquisition of a few rubber bands. Placed delicately across the forefinger and carefully stretched over the thumb, these projectiles could be launched from across the room. They seldom hit their intended target, except at point-blank range. We tried to improve the speed and accuracy of our shots by using the other hand to stretch the rubber band way back so as to release it with greater speed, resulting in greater distance. This method was not without risk. Who has not suffered the self-inflicted sting of a rubber band released in the wrong direction? Still, the rubber band, like other relics of my past, found its place in the stowed away memories of my mind.

For years, I have had a handful of rubber bands in the far-left corner of the middle drawer in my desk. Useful for organizational purposes, these rubber bands also serve as a connection to my past. These connections have been passed along to my sons and grandsons. But, the rubber bands, which for so long have served me well, have become useless—they are stretched out, dried up, and brittle. I plan on getting some fresh, new rubber bands. But, before I do, there is a spiritual lesson to pass along by way of self-examination (2 Cor. 13:5).

Like a rubber band that has lost its stretch, have I **ceased** to be useful in the Master’s service? Disuse is a serious problem so far as stewardship is concerned. It is required of stewards that one be found faithful or trustworthy (1 Cor. 4:2). It was not the one who buried his talent in the sand, but the ones who used their talents for the master, who were commended and rewarded as “good and faithful slaves” (Mt. 25:14-30). Unlike the church at Ephesus which had grown weary and had left their first love (Rev. 2:3-4), we must be “steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” (1 Cor. 15:58). Living on the edge—stretched out, moving forward, outside our comfort zone—deeper and deeper into the will of God. This is how Christians must live. This is the air we breathe. After all, what is faith for, if it does not stretch us in the direction of service to God and compassion for the needs of others?

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
 WBTG(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

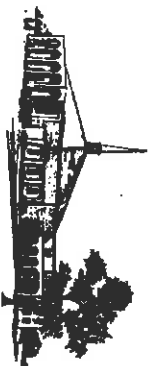
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<p>Elliott Morris 112 Inglewood Dr Tuscumbia, AL 35674</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Care Group 1</p>	<p>Elliott is the son of Ray & Alisa and grandson of Neil & Sandra Morris. He was baptized last Sunday.</p>
<p>Elaine Witt 2102 Edwards Ave Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Care Group 2</p>	<p>Elaine was restored and requested prayers on Sunday.</p>
<p>Steve Morris 2516 Jarvis St., SW Decatur, AL 35603</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Care Group 3</p>	<p>Steve's grandmother, Annie Ruth Carroll, passed away last week.</p>
<p>Cole Kelley 7 West Dr Bethesda, MD 20814</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Care Group 4</p>	<p>Cole is a first grader from Mars Hill. He will receive a bone marrow transplant, soon.</p>

MISSIONARIES

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Care Groups 1-4

Would enjoy cards.