

# The Family Tree



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



**THIS SUNDAY,  
September 16**  
AFTER EVENING  
SERVICE

## God's Little Princess & Soldiers



*Pizza will be served to kids and their parents!*

# Growing up in the Lord

## Gods Princess/Soldier

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, after evening worship all kids grades 5<sup>th</sup> and down are welcome to join us for a night of food, games and lessons from 6-8pm.

## Youth Service

Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, the young men will be leading the service for the evening worship. Please contact Landon Willis if your child wants to lead.

## SAYS

Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, will be the Shoals area youth series at Tuscumbia church of Christ. Food will be provided.

## Annapolis Ave. Service

Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the 5-12<sup>th</sup> grade will be conducting Sunday morning worship at Annapolis Ave. church of Christ. Please contact Landon Willis if you are able to help lead.

## How to be Happy

Everyone is always looking for the secret of happiness. As Christians we know the secret to happiness is found only in following Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, we often times keep this a secret. Our joy as Christians should be contagious to everyone we are around. According to Proverbs 16:20, "Whoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he." The foundation for our happiness is a proper relationship with the Lord. But to fully experience that happiness, we must build on that foundation in practical ways. Here are some suggestions a preacher had found for happier living:

1. Give something away (no strings attached).
2. Do something kind (and then forget it).
3. Spend time with an elderly person (experience is priceless).
4. Look intently into the face of a baby (and marvel).
5. Laugh often (it is life's lubricant).
6. Give thanks (a thousand times a day is not enough).
7. Pray (or you will lose the way).
8. Work (with vim and vigor).
9. Plan as though you will live forever (you will).
10. Live as though you will die tomorrow (because you will die some tomorrow).

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**Jennifer Bishop** has an infection and is in ECM. She hopes to be able to go to MD Anderson this week.

**Bill Mead** fell recently. He is doing well.

**Karan Bradford** is having some health issues.

**Raymond Madden** is sick and needs prayers.

**RESTORATION:**

**Vera Brewer** were restored and requested prayers after a Bible study.

**SYMPATHY:**

We express our sympathy to **Andrea Walls and family** on the passing of Andrea's father. The funeral was Monday.

**EVENTS**

There is a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in being a **heart mom or heart sister**. Any questions, see Sandra McGuire.

This Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> after evening worship (6-8pm), all kids in grades 5<sup>th</sup> and down are welcome to join us for **God's Princess/Soldier** activities. There will be food, games and lessons.

**CYC 2019** will be February 22-24 in Pigeon Forge at the LeConte Center. 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 and are planning to go to CYC, you need to contact Wade.

If you would like to participate in **Lads to Leaders**, please see Landon, Wade or Randall Hester for your forms.

**BRIDAL TEA**

There will be a bridal tea for **Hannah Boyd**, bride-elect of Hunter Renfro, on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30-3pm in the Tea Room. Hannah's selections are at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We could use some **volunteers** helping the sewing ladies. No experience required! Every Tuesday morning around 9:00. Come join us!

**CAMPAIGN DINNER**

There will be a **campaign dinner** on October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Flynn & Jan Barnes** placed membership here at Cox Blvd. Their address is 1308 31<sup>st</sup> St, Sheffield, AL 35660. They are in Care Group 2.

**QUIET BAGS**

"**Quiet Bags**" are available each worship service located in foyer. Once you are finished with the bag, please return it back to the racks in the foyer.

**The Back to the Bible campaign is set for June 7-14, 2019 at Hillcrest church of Christ in Tuscaloosa. Please sign the list on the Bulletin Board.**

**ATTENDANCE/CONTRIBUTION**

Sept 05 (Wed).....	201
Sept 09	
Sunday School.....	249
AM Worship.....	338
PM Worship.....	234
Contribution.....	\$15,039

**Zero Down—Zero Interest  
Glen Elliott**

“Instant gratification” is the seductive message of the marketplace. You can have what you want right now! You deserve it. Head over heels in debt? No problem. Refinance. Buy more stuff. Too much month at the end of the paycheck? No problem. Get a Payday Loan. Easy terms. Buy now, pay later. One of my personal favorites is “zero down—zero interest.” Zero down means instant gratification. I don't need any money right now to drive the car off the lot. Zero interest is a distraction, keeping our attention away from the cost of those monthly payments in the future.

When Jesus spoke of life's greatest adventure and its everlasting reward, He did so with full disclosure. He did not sugar-coat the demands of discipleship. He said, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mt. 16:24-26). Jesus was clear about the costs and demands of discipleship. To borrow the words of Thomas Paine, Jesus does not recruit into His army the “summer soldier and the sunshine patriot.”

So, if we are looking for a quick-fix religion—get it now, pay for it later—we will be sadly disappointed in what Jesus has to offer. True discipleship focuses on future rewards and present responsibilities. It surprises some to learn that this provides life's most satisfying experiences. When given opportunity to offer sacrifice without personal cost, David firmly responded, saying, “I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which cost me nothing” (2 Sam. 24:24).

Bring on the cost. Bring on the sacrifice. Bring on the inconvenience. In many ways, the value of our faith is determined by what we are willing to give in exchange for it. But, regardless of its appeal, zero down means zero interest so far as spiritual things are concerned.

**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**  
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**

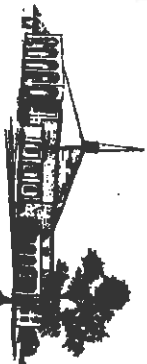
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# COX BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

## CARD & LETTER LIST

September 9, 2018

<p>Gay Lewis 107 Snell Drive Florence, AL 35630</p>	<p><b>Care Group 1</b></p>	<p>Gay's father-in-law, Howard Lewis, passed away last week.</p>
<p>Karan Bradford 103 S Cypress St, Apt 2909 Florence, AL 35630</p>	<p><b>Care Group 2</b></p>	<p>Karan is having some health issues.</p>
<p>Sam Moss 1553 Fox Hollow Trail Knoxville, TN 37923</p>	<p><b>Care Group 3</b></p>	<p>Sam has some bleeding on the brain. This is Margaret Mitchell's brother.</p>
<p>Jean McCafferty 403 Darkmoor Dr LaFayette, LA 70506</p>	<p><b>Care Group 4</b></p>	<p>Jean had a mild stroke. This is Andy Mitchell's mother-in-law.</p>
<p>Jennifer Bishop 200 W Girard St Muscle Shoals, AL 35661</p>	<p><b>Care Group 1</b></p>	<p>Jennifer has an infection and is in M.D. Anderson.</p>

# 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.

Jo Ann Turman  
62 E Lakeside Dr  
Florence, AL 35631

## Care Group 4

Would enjoy cards and visits.

# VISITORS

September 2, 2018 (last week)

Wallace & Pam Hannon  
308 Prosperity Way  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

Mike & Diane Wiley  
1016 Felix Dr  
Birmingham, AL 35214  
(Decatur Hwy CoC)

Steven & Brandi Morrow  
992 Corshie Hill Rd  
Cherokee, AL 35616

Brenda & Jason Smallwood  
P O Box 955  
Sheffield, AL 35660

Erlene Kirkland  
903 Dearborn Ave  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

Leon & Angela Crittenden  
205 Park Ave  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661