



Dayton Church of Christ

2230 East Highway 252
Huntington, Arkansas 72940



<u>Service Schedule:</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Minister:</u>
Sunday Morning Class..... 9:30	Brian Black	Jeff Brewer Jody Morgan	Larry Bridges
Worship..... 10:20	Joe Bridges	Mike Brewer Cliff Wilson	
Sunday Evening..... 6:00	Larry Bridges	Tom Dacus Charlie Young	Attendance..... 132
Wednesday Evening..... 7:00	Larrie Owen	Chris Young	Contribution\$2,733.00

Announcements - December 25, 2011

Next Sunday is the beginning of the New Year. Our schedule of services for that day will remain as usual with Bible classes for all ages beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The **Chili Supper Cook Off** is back. Get out your favorite recipe and fix up a batch to bring on Saturday evening, January 14, beginning at 6:00 p.m. here at the building.

On Sunday evening, January 15, we will have a special **speaker from Paragould Christian Home** to update the work there and bring our evening message.

We will be hosting the next **area wide Youth Devotional** on Saturday, January 28, beginning at 1:00 here at the building. Kids, be sure to put that date on your calendar and plan to be present to enjoy activities with other teens from area churches.

On January 29th, the next 5th Sunday, **Jonathan Neeley, Campus Minister for ATU**, will be here with some of the students and will be bringing our morning message. Jonathan will also be teaching our teen class that morning. Parents, be sure to have your teens here as he shares with them the support activities available at the Campus Center.

Beginning with the new year we will maintain two separate prayer lists; one to address short term needs and the other to address needs over the long term. Short term needs will be those facing surgery or other needs that are not expected to be of long duration. Those needs will continue to be listed in this bulletin each week. Those in need of prayer for the long term will be kept on a separate list on the table in the foyer where the prayer request forms are found. Since this list remains fairly stable from month to month we ask that you pick up that list and keep it at home to remember those with long term needs. Most of those on the list below need our prayers every day for the foreseeable future. James reminded us that *“the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”* Thank you for your continued prayers in behalf of those in need.

PRAYER LIST

In Hospital or Rehab:

Cancer: Bruce Mari, Janet Cagle, Amanda Thorpe, Paul Phillips, Randy Bridges, Eric Strickland, Patsy Frost, Kay Wetherington, Lillie Looper, Carl Rogers, John Pope, Bill Laster, Mikki McGee, Tommy Cantrell, Melissa Shaffer, Betty Moses, Annie Peterson, Peggy Sherrill, Maria Rounsavell, Jenny Hoyle, Michael Thornton, David Bakley, Sharon Blythe, Marilyn Hardigree, Donald Jones, Kelly Bailey, Drew Holland, Lynn Hatabaugh, Doug Bishop, Donna Wofford, Lela Ainsworth, Kathy Coleman, H.B. Stewart, Beverly Jones, Sue Jones, Carrol Basham Sr., George Herring, Wicki Frary, Johnny Turner, Lucy Findley, Cindy Raddatz, Josh McCutcheon

Illness/Injury: Marlene Gish, Melba Risner, Betty Wheaton, Calvin Denton, Jackie Martin, Joan Striplin, Howard Denton, Clinton Cox, Adriene Howard, Mark Ferguson, Chelle Spears, Chuck Buckner, Danny Slate, Raymond Cumbie, Liz Turner, Blaise Loman, Amanda Webb, Pam Smith, Angie Hester, Deidre Williams, Arley Carlton, Gary Hardcastle, Raymond Smith, Megan Wyatt, Janie Anderson, Katie Delp, George Ainsworth, Madison Lowe, Oleta Morris, Michael Fitzgerald, Donna Brewer, Ken Howard, Bill Parish, Bobby Robinson, Sharon Pittenger, Ann Moore, Jesse Williams, Joie Jeffords, Darrell McKinney, J.T. Chastain, Berneal Wyatt, LeAnna & Beth Johnson, Betty Kinsey, John Gerrick, Hanna Scott, Laura Morgan, Jimmy Johnson, Jerry & Faye Upton, Louise Williams, Wayne Canada, Bill Smith, Clinton Basham, Gene Brewer, Myrtle Hunt, Joyce Ridenour, Kelly Ainsworth, Johnny Sanders, James Morris, Harold Lowe, Norma Owen, Shelley Flippo, Jeff Brewer, Edmond Brewer, Brice Parker, Paula Laubach, Martha Boyd, Lois Blaylock, Roy Huff

Elderly: Charles & Juanita Gasaway, Nell Milam, Edrie Hart, Evelyn Holmes, Jane Robinson, Earlene Carson, Orby McDaniel, Opal Terrell, Mildred McKusker, Wanza Presson, Betty Reynolds

Read The Bible in One Year

Sunday:	Isaiah 5-6;	Ephesians 1
Monday:	Isaiah 7-8;	Ephesians 2
Tuesday:	Isaiah 9-10;	Ephesians 3
Wednesday:	Isaiah 11-13;	Ephesians 4
Thursday:	Isaiah 14-16;	Ephesians 5:1-16
Friday:	Isaiah 17-19;	Ephesians 5:17-33
Saturday:	Isaiah 20-22;	Ephesians 6

The Gospel Minutes are also available on the table in the foyer.

Birthdays for the week

December 29 - Doug Graves
December 29 - Beverly Jones
December 29 - Carson Swede

Anniversaries for the week

None



To Mary Gabriel said, "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus." Luke 1:31

IT'S CHRISTMAS!

When I was a kid growing up in the '50's in Washburn Valley those words would produce more excitement than any other words I heard during the year. I would get so wound up that I not only couldn't sleep on Christmas Eve, I couldn't sleep well any night after the tree went up. Of course, our tree didn't ever go up until a few days before Christmas. Our tree was always a cedar and with a pot bellied coal stove heating the house that thing would become a "fire bomb" in just a few days. Kids in Washburn in those days were all in the same boat. The general rule seemed to be something to play with, something to wear, and something to eat. We never wrapped gifts in our house. That would be a waste of money that could be better spent other ways. But I digress. Christmas was exciting!! Still is! At least for most. Not for all. Sometimes the realities of life can kick the excitement right out of you. The recession has cost people jobs. Limited incomes and children's expectations can create real challenges for parents. Empty seats at the supper table cannot be hidden. Many have lost loved ones over the last year. Henry Nouwen wrote the following about a "dry" Christmas he was experiencing:

It just seemed that I wasn't a part of it. At times I found myself looking at it all like an unbeliever who wonders at what everybody is so busy and excited about. Still, in the midst of it all I say.....even though I did not feel.....that this day may prove to be a grace after all. Somehow I realized that songs, music, good feelings, nice presents, big dinners, and many sweet words do not make Christmas. Christmas is saying "yes" to something beyond all emotions and feelings. Christmas is saying "yes" to a hope based on God's love for us that has nothing to do with what I think or feel. Christmas is believing that the salvation of the world is God's work not mine. As human folks in an often sad and disheartening world, things may never look just right or feel just right. The world is not whole, and we are all reminded from time to time of that reality. But it is into this broken world that God sent His Son....the One called Most High, Prince of Peace, Savior.

I think of Him and pray, "Thank you, Lord, that you came, independent of my feelings and thoughts. Your heart is greater than mine." Maybe a "dry" Christmas, a Christmas without much to feel or think, will bring me closer to the true mystery of God-with-us. What it demands of all of us is genuine faith.

So.....Christmas is here. Maybe with a lot of excitement.....maybe with very little. For all of us the challenge continues to be to simply trust God, and know that Jesus coming into this world affirms something much larger and much more lasting than "seasonal sentiment." It affirms that God loves us, and that He gave His Son at Bethlehem and at Calvary so that we might know forgiveness and live in hope. May the blessings of that Gift belong to all of us on this day and each day.

Larry B

Those Who Will Serve Today

Announcements

Larry Bridges

Opening Prayer

Jerry Upton

Closing Prayer

Austin Williams

Song Leader

Bill Laster

Child Care

Barbie & Sydney Chronister

Morning Communion

3rd Prayer (Collection)

Joe Bridges

2nd Prayer (Fruit of the Vine)

Chris Young

1st Prayer (Bread)

Doug Graves

Servers

Brandon Brewer

Reid Carter

Clayton Carter

Evening Communion

Larry Bridges

Those Who Will Serve Next Sunday

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Closing Prayer

Song Leader

Child Care

Morning Communion

3rd Prayer (Collection)

2nd Prayer (Fruit of the Vine)

1st Prayer (Bread)

Servers

INFORMATION

NOT

AVAILABLE