



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..... 160
Wednesday Evening..... 7:00	Larrie Owen	Chris Young	Contribution\$2,856.00

Announcements - February 5, 2012

We want to say “thank you” to those who prepared and served the food for the family meal yesterday here at the building prior to Opal’s funeral. You are appreciated more than you know.

We will be hosting the next area wide youth devotional on Saturday, March 3, beginning at 1:00 p.m. A complete schedule will be available soon.

Reid Carter will be speaking during the first portion of our sermon time this evening. We look forward to the opportunity of hearing Reid again.

We will be providing lunch for the **Lions for Christ** on Thursday, March 1, at the student center in Ft. Smith.

Jerry Upton had a biopsy performed on a large lump under his arm and received the results from that on Tuesday. It is a type of lymphoma yet to be determined. A sample has been sent to New Mexico to make that determination. Jerry will be meeting with an oncologist in Ft. Smith next week to discuss possible treatment for this cancer. **Jan Cagle**, Brad’s wife, was scheduled for breast cancer surgery last Monday, but that surgery has been re-scheduled for tomorrow. **James Gaston** met with doctors in Little Rock Friday and is looking at possible loss of a kidney due to a large growth that has been found. **Larry Parfitt** of Wisconsin, friend of Tom and Suzanne Dacus, is undergoing chemo for angio sarcoma. Please keep these as well as all of those on our long term prayer list in your prayers.

FOR OUR LONG TERM PRAYER LIST SEE THE SMALL TABLE IN THE FOYER

WEDDING SHOWER - A bridal shower in honor of **Britney Haynes**, daughter of Teresa & Lowell Ashley, and **Ryan Godwin**, son of Stewart & Terri Godwin will be held here at the building on Sunday afternoon, February 12, 2012, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Britney and Ryan are registered at Target, Dillards, and Pottery Barn.

YOUR INVESTMENT IN DOING GOOD

- ◆ Elder/Preacher School in Sarapheth in India.....\$600 per mo.
- ◆ Mission Work in Kenya...Larry Conway.....\$600 per mo.
- ◆ Truth for Today...Printed material through out the world....copies available in Library.....\$300 per mo.
- ◆ Families First Ministry...Bill Wheeler.....\$200 per mo.
- ◆ Amen Ministry...Military Support.....\$ 50 per mo.
- ◆ Paragould Christian Home.....\$100 per mo.
- ◆ Southern Christian Home.....\$1,400 per mo.
- ◆ Lions for Christ...UAFS.....\$300 per mo.

- ◆ Razorbacks for Christ...UofA.....\$120 per mo.
 - ◆ Student Center...Arkansas Tech Univ.....\$100 per mo.
 - ◆ Student Center...UCA...Conway.....\$ 50 per mo.
- Thank you for enabling this critical work to go on each month. Not included in this information is monthly local benevolence, building payment and utilities, and one time support for other important works. So....if any one asks you, “What are you doing to help in the Lord’s work?” Among other things you can give him this list.

Read The Bible in One Year

Sunday: Jeremiah 46-47; Hebrews 6
Monday: Jeremiah 48-49; Hebrews 7
Tuesday: Jeremiah 50; Hebrews 8
Wednesday: Jeremiah 51-52; Hebrews 9
Thursday: Lam. 1-2; Hebrews 10:1-18
Friday: Lam. 3-5; Hebrews 10:19-39
Saturday: Ezekiel 1-2; Hebrews 11:1-19

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

Birthdays for the week

February 6 - Kim Laster

Anniversaries for the week

None



"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."
Psalm 92:1

GOD AND GOVERNMENT

Both of the above are realities, and one certainly existed before the other. In our great nation we speak often of church-state issues. We have a constitution that seems to clearly separate the two yet we find ourselves in constant battles over that separation. Certainly for those of us who are Christians the Bible position on government is very clear. *'Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.....for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth no the sword in vain; for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.'* **Romans 13:1-5**

So whether it's Paul or Peter or other inspired writers we are to serve under the authority of civil government, be good citizens, and pay our taxes. But it was this same government during the days of the apostles who beheaded Paul and crucified Peter upside down. So.....just what does the Bible say? Is government a good and necessary thing....ordained of God and to be respected? Or.....is it an obstacle standing in the way of God's work that persecutes Christians, does violence to its own citizens, and denies justice? The answer from scripture to both questions is undeniably "Yes!"

Human government is like human family. Both government and family are ordained of God and the activities of both are clearly addressed in scripture. What God has outlined for both institutions in their purpose is both good and necessary. The problem lies with us....not with the institution. There are bad governments and there are bad families. Some spouses murder their mate. Some parents abuse their own children. As Christians we are very concerned about both of these institutions. We do all we can to promote healthy families, strong marriages, and loved and protected children. We also pay our taxes, encourage integrity among our leaders, and show ourselves to be good citizens.

As all of us know we are in an election year. A lot of things bother me as political parties and candidates seek our support. One of the things that bothers me most is that the preciousness of faith is commonly used as a bargaining chip to gain supporters. Candidates who position themselves for power by exploiting religion do no favor to either church or state. The use of scripture for leverage and unethically hammering an ethical issue for selective voter appeal just seems wrong to me. But.....what do I know?

What should we do as Christians, Larry, during this election year? Try not to get suckered into equating the Kingdom of God with a political party or confuse the Christ with the candidate. Read....think....pray....and vote your convictions. And thank God that we have the privilege in this great land of doing all four.

Larry B

Those Who Will Serve Today

Announcements	Mike Brewer
Opening Prayer	Josh Henderson
Closing Prayer	Sam Laster
Song Leader	Bill Laster
Child Care	Jody & Laura Morgan

Morning Communion

3rd Prayer (Collection)	Brian Black
2nd Prayer (Fruit of the Vine)	Doug Graves
1st Prayer (Bread)	Larry Davis
Servers	Tyler Basham
	Charlie Young
	Austin Williams

Evening Communion

Lowell Ashley

Those Who Will Serve Next Sunday

Announcements	Larry Bridges
Opening Prayer	Jerry Upton
Closing Prayer	Jody Morgan
Song Leader	Lowell Ashley
Child Care	Barbie & Sydney Chronister

Morning Communion

3rd Prayer (Collection)	Larry Wagoner
2nd Prayer (Fruit of the Vine)	Josh Henderson
1st Prayer (Bread)	Tom Dacus
Servers	Will Styles
	Moe Jones
	Reid Carter

Evening Communion

Joe Bridges