



Dayton Church of Christ

2230 East Highway 252
Huntington, Arkansas 72940



<p>Service Schedule: Sunday Morning Class..... 9:30 Worship..... 10:20 Sunday Evening..... 6:00 Wednesday Evening..... 7:00</p>	<p>Elders Joe Bridges Larry Bridges Larrie Owen</p>	<p>Deacons Jeff Brewer Jody Morgan Mike Brewer Cliff Wilson Tom Dacus Charlie Young Chris Young</p>	<p>Minister.....Larry Bridges Assoc. Minister...Dustin Dacus Attendance..... 144 Contribution.....\$2,818.00</p>
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Announcements - December 23, 2012

Next Sunday is the **5th Sunday** of the month. We will be sharing our customary **5th Sunday lunch** on December 30. What better way of bring the year to an end than our gathering that day. Following lunch we will have singing and a devotional by **Reid Carter** back in the auditorium. A communion service will be provided at 6:00 p.m. for those who could not be present that morning. As is our custom the contribution next Sunday will be going to **Southern Christian Home**.

The **contribution box for hurricane relief** in the Northeast is on the center table in the foyer. It will remain until the end of this month and the contribution then sent to the Whites Ferry Road Church of Christ who is overseeing the effort.

Jerry Upton is in Sparks Hospital in room 517 due to fever, congestion, and a blood clot in the lungs. It is hoped he will be able to return home prior to Christmas. **Jane Robinson** suffered a stroke and is in Health South Rehab in room 227B. Primary effect of the stroke was with her speech and swallowing. **Betty Reynolds** continues her struggle with health issues. Both Anthony and Brianna were taken to Sparks last week for IV treatment due to vomiting and intestinal issues with severe dehydration. **Ernie Schlinker**, Freda Parish's brother, continues in the hospital in very serious condition following an automobile accident. **Robert Loudermilk**, Bobbie Flippo's father, continues in very serious condition due to age complications. **Hayward Sorrels**, Jack's brother, has experienced a return of his cancer in multiple places including the lungs. No further treatment will be done. **Roger Young** is home following surgery for colon cancer. Of 18 lymph nodes examined the cancer was found in only two. He will be receiving low dose chemo when he has sufficiently recovered. 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

Ralph Black has arrived in Afghanistan. His address is: *Ralph Black...B CO/I-36IN...TF Spartan...FOB Azzizulah...APO, AE 09313*. Christmas cards may be sent to him at any time, but boxes cannot be sent until after the first of the new year. Keep Ralph in your prayers.

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

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

December 24 - James & Oleta Morris celebrating 66 years!!

I LIKE CHRISTMAS

I always have. I like the lights. I like putting up the tree. I like the different look of our house during the season. I like giving gifts even more than I like receiving them. I like the food...the special meals and special candy that's only made during this season of the year. I like getting together with family. Who doesn't like these things? The downside, of course, is that with all of this there can come tension, harried rushing about to get things done, and spending money we don't have just for the sake of spending. Let's enjoy the former without getting caught up in the latter. But none of the above is really about Christmas, is it? Shopping malls and store chains have stolen the story yet no one has reported the robbery. TV and movie script writers have pilfered it. As much as we love family, Christmas isn't really about families either. Folks talk about the "true meaning" of Christmas and usually mean the events surrounding Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago, but the true meaning of Christmas didn't really surface at the manger.

We all love the birth of a child. That beautiful face...the sweet innocence...the dreams of what might be...the steady gaze that comes out of those eyes...the miracle that we witness each time when we see "love become flesh" truly amazes us. But Christmas is about more than the birth of a child. Lots of children were born in Bethlehem that year. And it's about even more than the crucifixion of that child some thirty-three years later. Lots of men were crucified by the Romans outside of Jerusalem's walls that year. The "true meaning" of Christmas doesn't fully present itself until three days after that crucifixion. That tomb was empty!! Jesus truly did come as Emmanuel...God with us. He came to a sinful and suffering world, took all of the evils of that rebellious world upon Himself, fought the battle with the grave, and came forth triumphant. It's in his triumph over sin, death, and the grave that you and I find our joy and hope. So...rejoice! A child is born in Bethlehem. But remember the story isn't really about babies, family togetherness, or tender feelings. It's not about crowded malls, new iPads, and overeating. It's about God's love for wayward sons and daughters. A love that conquers even sin, death, and the grave. In the manger, through the cross, and out of the empty tomb Jesus entered and exited our world. We have songs to sing because of God's love for us seen in the gift of His Son. Let's sing them! We have a new life of hope to live because grace is real. Let's live it! The angels said, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." **Luke 2:11** Thirty three years later at that tomb the angels said, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here! He is risen!" **Luke 24:5-6**

Yes, I like Christmas. What's not to like? Pick and choose regarding the observation of our traditions. None of those contain the "true meaning." But be sure to celebrate that empty tomb.

Larry B

BETTY REYNOLDS has moved from her cell phone back to a land line. Her number is **479-928-5647**. Please use this number when you need to contact her.

CONGRATULATIONS....James and Oleta Morris will be doing more on Christmas Eve Tuesday than celebrating a national holiday. They are among a very few people in this nation that will be celebrating **66 years** of marriage. During those 66 years they have demonstrated in a very real way to their family and others just what it means to be faithful in marriage and in Christian service. In the year 2012 with marriages struggling to survive and faith for so many waning they show us every day what it means to be faithful. May God continue to bless this couple that we love.

Those Who Will Serve Today

Announcements	Larry Bridges
Opening Prayer	Dustin Dacus
Closing Prayer	Brian Black
Song Leader	Lowell Ashley
Child Care	Dustin & Laura Dacus

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 Phillip Mead

Evening Communion

Mike Brewer

Those Who Will Serve Next Sunday

Announcements	Joe Bridges
Opening Prayer	Larry Davis
Closing Prayer	Cliff Wilson
Song Leader	Dustin Dacus
Child Care	Barbie & Sydney Chronister

Morning Communion

3rd Prayer (Collection)	Mike Brewer
2nd Prayer (Fruit of the Vine)	Stuart Rose
1st Prayer (Bread)	Bill Laster
Servers	Will Styles Ryan Borst Moe Jones

Evening Communion

Larry Davis