



# Dayton Church of Christ

2230 East Highway 252  
Huntington, Arkansas 72940



<b>Service Schedule:</b> Sunday Morning Class..... 9:30 Worship..... 10:20 Sunday Evening..... 6:00 Wednesday Evening..... 7:00	<b>Elders</b> Joe Bridges Larry Bridges Larrie Owen	<b>Deacons</b> Jeff Brewer      Jody Morgan Mike Brewer     Cliff Wilson Tom Dacus        Charlie Young Chris Young	<b>Minister</b> .....Larry Bridges <b>Assoc. Minister</b> ...Dustin Dacus Attendance..... 153 Contribution.....\$3,086.00
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## Announcements - December 30, 2012

Today is the **5th Sunday** of the month. We will be sharing our customary **5th Sunday lunch** following worship services this morning. What better way to bring the year to an end than our gathering today. 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. this evening for those who could not be present this morning. As is our custom the contribution today will be going to **Southern Christian Home**.

Today is the last day for the **contribution box for hurricane relief** in the Northeast. The money will be sent to the Whites Ferry Road Church of Christ who is overseeing the effort. **Thank you** for your caring.

**Jerry Upton** is back home following his hospital stay with a blood clot and other issues. He will continue the shots for the clot as well as other medications he is taking. **Jane Robinson** has returned home from rehab following her stroke and is doing reasonably well. **Ernie Schlinker**, Freda Parish's brother, continues in the hospital in very serious condition following an automobile accident. Our sympathy is extended to **Bobbie Flippo** and her family in the passing Christmas day of her father, **Robert Loudermilk**, following a long illness. The funeral was held yesterday at the Westark Church in Ft. Smith. **Odis Jones**, Moe Jones nephew, had a double lung transplant and is in a Dallas Hospital. **Roger Young** is continuing his recovery at home following recent colon cancer surgery. **Hanna Gitthans**, twenty year old relation of Brownie & Anna McBride, has been diagnosed with spinal cancer. The prognosis is not good. 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 (updated Dec. 30, 2012)**

**Ralph Black** has arrived in Afghanistan. His address is: *PFC 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. His **e-mail address** is: *blackralph@ymail.com*

## 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 20-22:	Ephesians 6
Monday:	Isaiah 23-25:	Philippians 1
Tuesday:	Isaiah 26-27:	Philippians 2
Wednesday:	Isaiah 28-29:	Philippians 3
Thursday:	Isaiah 30-31:	Philippians 4
Friday:	Isaiah 32-33:	Colossians 1
Saturday:	Isaiah 34-36:	Colossians 2

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

## Birthdays for the week

January 1 - Linda Young  
 January 2 - David Mohundro  
 January 3 - Brian Black  
 January 3 - Shelley Flippo  
 January 5 - Wanza Presson



## Anniversaries for the week

None

**A NEW YEAR**

It's only a day away. To some folks New Year's Eve is more important than Christmas Eve, and is celebrated with partying into the wee hours of the early morning. To others the approaching of the final day of the year provides a time of quiet reflection...a reminder often of opportunities lost and a determination to somehow "do better" in the new year than we did in the past. For football fans the new year is indeed the "most wonderful time of the year." We are confronted with an almost endless array of bowl games for our enjoyment. The history buffs among us know that new year is not what it once was. The date has changed. Up until the Middle Ages the new year began on the vernal equinox...which was March 20 in 2012. But the new year provides us with more than just an opportunity to feed our football appetite or to change the date on our checks. It provides time for reflection...and for the resolution that generally accompanies it. In the process of my personal reflection I have discovered several things to which I desire to pay greater attention. One of those is found in **Romans 15:13**. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." I would like to get a better handle on joy.

Down through the centuries those calling themselves Christians have often left others with a rather sour taste in their mouths. We have evidenced a faith that is both unhealthy and uninviting. The concept of "sainthood" is more austere than it is lovable. It is more rigid and forbidding than it is humane and merciful. It is associated more with frowning than with smiling or laughter. That's a shame. Pleasure is not wicked, and laughter is one of many gifts God gives us. Jesus loved being with people. He loved celebrations and social gatherings. He truly enjoyed life, and the people were drawn to him by the thousands. I'm afraid sometimes that I'm more comfortable with discipline than I am with joy. I am more familiar with what "not to do" rather than what "to do." A long list of negatives is a poor way to define the gospel of good news. The concept of redemption is about going to heaven, but it's also about making life here something positive and holy. Do we remember what Paul said? "Jesus gave Himself for our sins to deliver us from the **present** evil world." **Galatians 1:4** He came...not just to change our eternal destination...but to change our present life as well. As we approach the year 2013 maybe it would do us all good to change our wrinkled brows and wringing hands for an earnest pursuit of godly joy. Our joy, regardless of human circumstance, should be a great advertisement for the faith we profess. The hope we share that is built on the faithful promises of God should dominate any tendency we have to carry pessimism and gloom into the lives of others. So...enjoy the football...sample all of the good food...and rejoice for Heaven's sake as well as your own.

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**

We extend our congratulations to Kyle and Ashley Laster on the birth of their daughter last Friday, December 28, at 10:28 A.M. Her parents have given her the name **Dalli May Dawn Laster**. She is 20 inches long and weighs in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. Proud grandparents are Sam and Samantha Laster. Equally proud great grandparents are Bill and Edna Laster.



Those Who Will Serve Today

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)	Sam Laster
Servers	Will Styles
	Ryan Borst
	Moe Jones

Evening Communion

Larry Davis

Those Who Will Serve Next Sunday

Announcements	Mike Brewer
Opening Prayer	Jack Sorrels
Closing Prayer	Cliff Wilson
Song Leader	Bill Laster
Child Care	Dusty & Laura Dacus

Morning Communion

3rd Prayer (Collection)	Larry Wagoner
2nd Prayer (Fruit of the Vine)	David Young
1st Prayer (Bread)	Jody Morgan
Servers	Charlie Young
	Sam Laster
	Moe Jones

Evening Communion

Joe Bridges