



Dayton Church of Christ

2230 East Highway 252
Huntington, Arkansas 72940



| <u>Service Schedule:</u> | <u>Elders</u> | <u>Deacons</u> | <u>Ministers</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sunday Morning Class..... 9:30 | Joe Bridges | Jeff Brewer Dustin Dacus | Larry Bridges...Dustin Dacus |
| Worship..... 10:30 | Larry Bridges | | Bruce Flippo |
| Sunday Evening..... 6:00 | Tom Dacus | Mike Brewer Jody Morgan | Worship.....100 |
| Wednesday Evening..... 7:00 | Bruce Flippo | | Contribution.....\$3,308 |

Announcements - December 22, 2019

Larry Bridges will be preaching for us this morning. *Dustin Dacus* have our devotional this evening at our Christmas devotional service.

Survey sheets for your input on Larry's presentation regarding the proposed platform lift/elevator are located on the center table in the foyer. Fill one out, and place it in the box no later than next Sunday, **December 29**. Thanks for your help with this.

Christmas is on Wednesday, December 25, as you know. Our regular *mid-week service* will **not be held** this coming week due to family celebrations. **New Year's Day** is the following Wednesday. We **will be holding** our usual mid-week Bible Study that evening.

This month has five Sundays. We will enjoy our *customary lunch together* that day following our morning worship on **December 29**. There will be no evening service that evening. As is our custom, our *contribution* for that day will be going toward the early payment of our church loan.

Donna Leonard underwent surgery in Ft. Smith last Tuesday to remove a portion of her colon as well as her appendix. She is recovering at home. **Suzanne Dacus** had her fourth eye surgery in Oklahoma City last Monday and is recovering. **Liana Bolton** had eye surgery last Thursday and is recovering. **Betty Reynolds** underwent biopsy surgery on her head last Friday afternoon at Mercy Hospital in an effort to find the cause of her severe headaches. **Robin Lowe Swede** has been diagnosed with double breast cancer and is scheduled for surgery on January 10 in Little Rock. 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 TABLE IN THE FOYER (last updated December 1, 2019)

BUILDING LOAN REMAINING TO BE PAID OFF AS OF THIS DATE.....\$107,404.51

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ CURE Disaster Relief.....\$ 50 per mo.
- ◆ Paragould Christian Home.....\$100 per mo.
- ◆ Southern Christian Home.....\$500 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.

THIS IS YOUR "INVESTMENT" IN DOING GOOD

Read the Bible Through in a Year

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| 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 |

"Study To Show Thyself Approved"

Birthdays for the coming week

- December 26 - Bud Cox
- December 28 - Dalli Laster



Anniversaries for the coming week

None



We are **collecting travel size toiletries** such as sample size shampoo, conditioner, lotions, toothpaste and brushes, floss, etc. These items will be taken to the **Ronald McDonald Support House** at Mercy in Ft. Smith and to Little Rock. We are also collecting Best Choice labels found at CV's *Foods* to be used in benefiting **Southern Christian Home and the Paragould Home**.

DO WE LIMIT GOD?

Yes, we do. No, we don't. We don't limit God because we simply don't have the power to limit the Limitless One. God is not like one of our children. They ask if they might go outside to play. A responsible parent will say, yes, but... But don't go out of the front yard. But don't stay outside longer than an hour. But don't strike up any conversations with a stranger who may happen by. Responsible parents always set limitations on their children. But God is not our child. We are His. Do we limit God? Yes, we do. Mankind always has, and, I suppose, always will. David even mentioned that in one of his songs. Speaking of the children of Israel, he said, *"Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel."* **Psalm 78:41** The Syrians limited Him. When they were at war with Israel, and fought them in the mountains, Israel always won. That reality caused them to conclude that God was a God of the hills, but not of the valley. His power was limited. Their conclusion was wrong, wasn't it? And it was silly, wasn't it? Any effort on the part of man to place limitations on the limitless God is equally silly. The only limitations God has are those He places upon Himself. He cannot lie. He cannot be unjust. He cannot sin. The limits of God are the boundaries of His character.

That's important for us to remember, especially when we pray. We pray a lot, don't we? We do so because our Father has taught us that we should. But, when we pray, do we place limitations on God? Do we limit Him to one acceptable response? Do we still struggle with the language of prayer when we pray as Jesus did in the garden, *"Not my will, but thine be done?"* Jesus asked God when He came to the evening before the cross, *"If it be possible let this cup pass from me."* He didn't limit God to one acceptable response. He did not say, *"If You truly love me, You must take this cup of suffering away."* If Jesus had limited the Father, none of us would be heaven bound. There would be no Calvary. There would be no shedding of divine and innocent blood to take away our sins. There would be no hope of resurrection. There can never be limiting conditions placed on our prayers. There can be no ultimatums where we demand of God that He answer our prayer in the way we have stated if He wants our love and devotion.

When Jesus returned to Capernaum from the area of the Gadarenes, Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue met Him while in a state of urgency and panic. His young daughter was dying. Jairus was no doctor, but he knew he was about to lose her. Jesus went with him, but before they could get there some of the servants arrived with the news. *"Don't trouble the Master any longer. The little girl is dead."* From the perspective of the servants it was only reasonable to suppose that nothing more could be done. The child was beyond the reach of any power that they could begin to imagine. They limited our Lord. Jesus brushed the limitation aside, took her hand, and said, *"Little girl, arise!"* Mary and Martha placed the same limitations on Jesus outside the tomb of their brother, Lazarus. They believed Jesus would raise him on the last day, but raising him on the fourth day after his death was unthinkable. So...I ask again. Do we place limitations on God, or do we allow God to answer our prayers according to His will, not ours. As Christians, we make our way through this world only one way. That way is by faith...by letting God be God, and daring to believe that God's will is always the best option in our prayers.

Larry B

"Thy Word is Truth"

Those Who Will Serve Today - December 22, 2019

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| Announcements | Joe Bridges |
| Opening Prayer | Bruce Flippo |
| Closing Prayer | Neal Hurt |
| Song Leader | Lowell Ashley |
| Child Care | Liz Bliss |

Morning Communion

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| 3rd Prayer (Collection) | Larry Wagoner |
| 2nd Prayer (Fruit of the Vine) | Dale Carter |
| 1st Prayer (Bread) | Jody Morgan |
| Servers | Nathan Brewer Nate Garvey Ryan Borst |

Usher....Larrie Owen

Eve. Communion...Joe Bridges

Those Who Will Serve Next Week - December 29, 2019

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| Announcements | Mike Brewer |
| Opening Prayer | Dustin Dacus |
| Closing Prayer | Charlie Bliss |
| Song Leader | Bill Laster |
| Child Care | Rachel & Carolyn Young |

Morning Communion

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| 3rd Prayer (Collection) | Joe Bridges |
| 2nd Prayer (Fruit of the Vine) | Doug Graves |
| 1st Prayer (Bread) | Larry Davis |
| Servers | Moe Jones Ty Clark Sam Laster |

Usher....Dale Carter

Eve. Communion....NA