# **ELDERS**

Terry Coomer (931) 260-0333

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# **DEACONS**

Stacy Brewington

Chris Cassetty

**Bradley Earnest** 

Waymon Lafever

**Curtis Lair** 

**Bobby Richardson** 

Roy Webb

**Barry Weber** 

Glen Wilmoth

# **MINISTER**

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#### **Shut In and Nursing Homes**

Carl Kester, Ed & Virginia Nemore, Sherri Martin, & Charles Birdwell.

<u>Bethesda</u> Lyda Taylor, Charles Haney, & Iris Wheeler.

**NHC** Jimmy Webb & Tammy Austin.

<u>Mabry</u> Ola Fox, William Keller, & Tennie Anderson.

<u>Morningside</u> Bill & Liz Tallant, Virgil Medlin, & Pearl Cockrum.

<u>Signature (Masters)</u> Udel Roberts, & Manda Mathis

<u>Lifecare Sparta</u> Eddie DeLoach, Betty Ann Mott.

#### **Battling Cancer**

Betty Stafford, Sue Cassetty, Jacki Presley, Michael Hood, Paul Pippin, Patricia Neal, Jo Norton, Earl Carr, Lori Davenport, Phyllis Brewington, Buddy Collier, Landon Kernea, Tammy Austin, & Areana Spurlock, Earl Carr, Tom Hall, Curtis Green, L.C. Grissom, Linda Gentry, Herman Sullivan

#### Church Careline:

Call for daily updates on the sick and other important news

528-9711

#### PRAYER LIST

## Recovering from Illness, Injury, or Surgery

Pearl Cockrum, Mary Jones, Wade Jackson, Carl Kester, Denzil Thompson, Doris Watts, Sam Bradley, Leslie and Caroline Chase, Louise Richardson, Ella Carter, Bill & Liz Tallant, Helen Maxwell, Ed Nemore, Jimmy Collier, Alexis Moon, Clarence & Cathy Anderson, Gwinn Medlin, Buddy Collier, Eloise Keith, Regina Lawson, Junior Ragland, Frankie Neal, Ann Birdwell, Janice Dildine, Princeton Ball, & Leon Fletcher., Nell Cowan, Sandy Walker, James Loftis, Courtney Scott, James Loftis, Jean Pitts, Larry Jones, Karl Regean, Ella Carter, Evon Hunter

# **Special Requests:**

We express our sympathy to the family of <u>Peggy Lou Sparks</u>. She passed away on December 26th. Her funeral was Saturday, December 30th.

We express our sympathy to the family of <u>Kyle Wallace</u>. He passed away on Monday, December 25th. His funeral was Saturday, December 30th.

We express our sympathy to the family of <u>Elmer Dawes</u>. He passed away on Tuesday, December 26th. His funeral was Friday, December 29th.

- <u>Christine Jones</u>— They were able to place a feeding a tube. She is looking a bit better, but still needs our prayers.
- Scott Davison— (Sue Dyer's son-in-law) He has had partial knee replacement surgery.
- ☐ <u>Amy</u>— (Tiffany Knight's friend) She is in need of our prayers while waiting to find out the results for some health issues.
- ☐ Courtney Scott She has asked that we continue to keep her in our prayers as she is still recovering from her accident. This will continue to be a slow process.

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<b>December 31st</b> — Greeters for today are Peggy Lewis & Machelle Reecer and Randall & Michelle Herron.
<b>January 7th</b> — Greeters for next week are Connie Maxwell & Jud Agee and Treva Lawson & Charlie Lafever.
<b>December 31st</b> — Tonight we will be having our Sunday evening song service. Following a period of singing and a brief devotional, we will enjoy a pot luck meal to ring in the New Year.
<b>January 19th</b> — We will be hosting a singing here at the building. The singing will begin at 7 p.m. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.
<b>Help Needed</b> — The sign-up sheet for driving the van in 2018 is now posted on the bulletin board. This is a very important ministry for several of our members. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a month.
<b>Help Needed (YOUTH)</b> — There is a sign up sheet posted for those who would be willing to help drive a van to Teens 4 Christ in 2018. There is a schedule posted on the youth bulletin board.
<b>EU &amp; EU2</b> — We are now accepting payments for Evangelism University. Cost: EU (\$35) & EU2(\$30). <b>Deadline—January 10th</b>
<b>CYC</b> — We are now accepting payments for CYC. The cost is \$30 per individual. <b>Deadline—January 24th</b>
<b>Congratulations</b> — We would like to congratulate our Quilting Ladies on handing out their 1,000th quilt. We are so proud of then and their ministry. We know that much good has come from this ministry and that God has received the glory.

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

1st— Truman & Kathy Reecer	8th— Danny Fox	
3rd— Waymon Lafever	9th— Logan Earnest	
7th— Louis & I.V. Byers		
Judah Loftis		
Debra Ball		
Arianna Lair		

# December 31st, 2017

#### **WE WELCOME VISITORS**

We are thrilled to have you worship with us today. We hope you feel welcome and wanted. We strive to be a loving and friendly family of believers, and desire to simply worship God in spirit and in truth. We offer you a special invitation to join us at any of our services. We can provide transportation if necessary. Please let us know how we may serve you. For a ride, questions, or Bible Study contact the office or Eric.

#### Schedule of Services

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** For The Record 9:00am **Attendance Last Week Sunday Morning Worship Sun. Bible Study** 116 10:00am 168 **Sun. Morn Worship Sunday Evening Worship Sun. Night Worship** N/A 5:00pm M.W. Bible Study 108 **Wednesday Bible Study** Contribution 7:00pm \$4,427

# Order of Worship

Worship in Song: Jason Brewington

Screen Only— How Deep the Father's Love

Lord's Supper

#412—I'm Redeemed (All Verses)

#99— I Am Thine, O Lord (1,3,4)

Reading: (Hebrews 10:23-25) & Prayer

Screen Only— Bind Us Together

Sermon: "Drawing Near "

Inv: #270—Why Do You Wait (1,2,3)

**Announcements & Closing Prayer** 

#### **Drawing Near**

When you think about what Jesus did for you, how does that make you feel? Because of what Jesus did, we can now have confidence to approach God through Jesus. That confidence should motivate us to encourage one another to grow in assurance as we look for the return of Christ.

I. We can have confidence in Christ (Hebrews 10:19-22).

II. Because of what Jesus did, let us consider what we should do (Hebrews 10:22-25).

As you let the words of verse 19 sink in, I pray that you truly see that the sacrifice of Jesus has opened the way to God. Our gratitude for this should lead us to draw near to God, hold fast to our confession of hope, and seek out every opportunity to stir one another up for good works.



In Hebrews 10, particularly verses 19 through 23, perseverance is key to understanding our responsibilities in the Kingdom. Knowing what Jesus did for mankind in one day for all eternity means we serve Him faithfully daily.

Since Jesus tore down the curtain of separation from God, we may approach Him through Jesus, our advocate. We are like priests coming before the Lord with His blood that is not our own (1 Peter 2:9). We may enter with confidence before our loving God when our once evil conscience has been washed clean (1 Peter 3:20-21). We must remain faithful.

Our service to God is unlike the Son's sacrifice. As royal priests we do not serve God once. We serve Him every day and this takes more than determination to remain faithful. In chapter 10 we see the severe consequence to turning our back on Christ is eternal separation from Him (vss. 26-31). But the Hebrews writer explains three important elements that make remaining Faithful possible.

God has faith in you (vs 23). God has given His faithful a responsibility to work together for the world (vs 24) and finally, God has established that worship to Him will bring encouragement to the faithful (vs 25).

— Richard Harp

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