

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- (1) CRYSTAL EWTON
- (1) MARK SIMONS
- (3) SHANA BRADY
- (4) CARSON DeBORD
- (4) DAVID BRADY
- (5) WADE GRAHAM
- (8) ALLIE BRADY
- (12) LOGAN BURDETTE
- (12) KERRY HOLLIS
- (13) JENNIFER DAVIS FOSHEE
- (13) AVERY DEAKINS
- (15) MOLLY DAVIS
- (18) CADEN SWANGER
- (20) CAROLYN HATFIELD
- (20) JADA LAND
- (20) JAMES McCLAIN
- (22) TAMMY CLAYTON
- (30) TONY BOSTON
- (30) C. J. DAVIS

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- (1) LYNN AND JOYCE LAYNE (4 yr.)
- (11) GERALD AND JANET LAND (47 yrs.)
- (11) BEN AND LINDA McCOY (53 yrs.)
- (20) ROBERT AND LINDA TURNER (49 yrs.)
- (20) JIM AND JANIS DEARMAN (49 yrs.)
- (23) JOHN AND ANN COOLEY (57 yrs.)
- (24) DAN AND WILMA MABRY (58 yrs.)
- (24) COREY GREEN AND MICHELLE YOUNG (14 yrs.)

**DECEMBER**

*Lock Building: C. J. Davis*  
*Communion: Ben & Linda McCoy*  
*Pick-up Cups: Sue & Tennie*  
*Van Driver: Bobby Von Rohr*

**Church of Christ**  
**P. O. Box 206**  
**Dunlap, Tn. 37327**

*See You at The Worship Service*  
*With Your Bible*

**Sunday**

9:30 A.M. Bible Study  
 10:30 A.M. Morning Service  
 5:00 P.M. Evening Service

**Wednesday**

6:30 P.M. Bible Study

**Men Who Serve**

**Elders:**

Tony Boston 949-5065  
 Greg Long 645-0661  
 Al Simmons 949-7121

**Deacons:**

Wiley Boston, C. J. Davis,  
 Glen Edison, Robert Farmer,  
 Tim Layman, Benny McCoy,  
 Lanny Smith, Bobby Von Rohr

**Preacher:**

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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS....  
 NOT YOUR CROSSES.  
 COUNT YOUR GAINS....  
 NOT YOUR LOSSES.  
 COUNT YOUR JOYS....  
 NOT YOUR WOES.  
 COUNT YOUR FRIENDS....  
 NOT YOUR FOES.  
 COUNT YOUR COURAGE....  
 NOT YOUR FEARS.  
 COUNT YOUR LAUGHTER....  
 NOT YOUR TEARS.  
 COUNT ON GOD....NOT YOURSELF!

## THE RECORD

SUNDAY SCHOOL-----124  
WORSHIP-----157  
CONTRIBUTION-----\$4301  
SUNDAY NIGHT-----102  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT-----115

### SICK/SHUT-IN

Ben & Linda McCoy  
Darla Witt  
Arrietta Layman  
Ouida Richardson  
Jared Clayton to have hip surgery  
Freddie Clayton to have upper  
back surgery Dec. 3  
Ann Smith, Christy Pickett's  
mom is not doing well  
Janelle DeBord, James'  
Grandmother is in the hospital at  
Cookeville  
Paul Poland, see address  
Charles White--hospice  
Jeff Bailey-Vera's Nephew in  
MICU at Erlanger Rm. 3012  
Clint & Kaye Hopkins, Brenda  
Leslie's parents  
Ellen Miller  
Gary Smelley, Elaine Simons'  
brother-Heart issues, now has  
Leukemia  
Rubel & Pat Clayton  
Frank Crownover  
Melissa Green-cancer free  
Minnie Lee Deakins

Robert Thomas, home, blood clots

Rhett Morrison-see address

Buck & Justine Ewton & their daughter  
are having health problems

Lena Ottinger, Ellen Miller's sister

Ruth Turner, homebound

Ben Harwood, home

Betty Long, Greg's mom

Emma Foshee

Kate Walling, homebound

Janie Smith, homebound

Cathleen Hendon, Ellen Miller's  
Sister

Thelma Smith, homebound

Freddie Layman, Arrietta's son,

Darlene Raber...cancer

Sam McCann, cancer, friend of Vera

Jerry Harvey, Ellen Miller's brother,  
(See address)

Tim Lassiter-hospital at Pikeville

Kim Sherrman needs our prayers

Connie Prater

Sue Jackson

Anna Gaston-hospital

Joe Collins

NURSING HOME

JoAnne Davis... Rm. 502

Dan Mabry's Sister

Avery Deakins Rm. 206

Paulette Hamilton

Pat Kirkland

Phyllis McGlothen... Rm. 102

Treva Reed...Rm. 203, hospital-ICU

## Common Ground

I recently read a little article written by the late Bill Jackson entitled, *Preparing For A Smaller Brotherhood*. The thrust of the article was that the need to be prepared for such was not simply a matter of "preacher excitability and exaggeration," but one of documented fact and observable direction heading. Of course, the Lord, Paul, and Peter all had the same thing in mind (Luke 18:8; I Timothy 4:1; II Timothy 4:1-4; II Peter 2:1,2). This article will deal with the *why* of the need to so prepare.

The common ground that the faithful of God have with the rest of the faithful of God is the blood of Jesus Christ. As they walk in the light of truth (I John 1:7), the blood continues to cleanse and sustain fellowship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and with all others who are thus walking. It is the absence of this common ground that causes friction and ultimate fractionalization. Peace and harmony as God desires can only be maintained in this common ground.

But there also is another common ground; the common ground of rejection of God's Word and Will. Many find fellowship with others in this rejection. Birds of a feather flock together. Ministerial associations, alliances of denominations, and pulpit swapping demonstrate this common ground. If I reject what the Bible teaches about something and you do too we have something in which to be united. It's fellowship in opposition to God, but it is something that you and I can be at peace and in harmony with one another in. This common ground is nothing to be proud of. Some would even categorize such as "wonderful fellowship" when, in actuality, it is a united partnership on the road to eternal destruction (Matthew 7:13,14). Just because I may have decided to do what I want to do, in spite of what the Lord says I must do, how have I helped my cause by finding someone else just as foolish as I to go along with me? I haven't. Such a common ground will insure that we will both be lost throughout eternity.

Common ground? Just because you may find others to stand with you does not mean that's where you should be standing. Misery loves company. Think about it!

-Freddie-

## GREETERS FOR DECEMBER

2<sup>nd</sup>....Al & Joy....9<sup>th</sup> Tony & Trish....16<sup>th</sup>....Freddie & Tammy....23<sup>rd</sup>....Gabe & Family....30<sup>th</sup> Dan & Wilma

## FOOD LIST

There is a food list in the foyer for Ouida Richardson and for Robert & Michelle Farmer and children. Your help is needed.

## GOSPEL MEETING

At the Hall December 2-4 at 7:00 each evening with Jason Barger on Sunday, Adam Boggess on Monday and Rick McGowen on Tuesday.

## THANKS

Thanks to the "Manna Meal" ladies and men for the Thanksgiving meal for Widows and Widowers. It was delicious and I had enough for two meals. Thanks, Wanda

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend can say, Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so very much, whatever the part. Dear church of Christ, Thank you so much for the delicious sugar cookies and cinnamon rolls that warmed our hearts and filled our tummies during our time of grief. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers for our family. The Pat Jones Family.

Melissa Green, co-worker and friend of Dana, who has been in the church bulletin for many months, has completed chemo and found out Wednesday that she is cancer free. She wanted to say thank you to everyone who has prayed for her.

Please send a lot of cards!! Katie Kerr, 10115 Brockdell Rd., Pikeville, Tn. 37367. Katie is 16 years old and is to have brain surgery soon. Both Katie and her mother, Diane Kerr were baptized at Mt. Vernon on 11/18/2018.

## LADIES DAY

At Magby Gap on April 27, 2019 with Sis. Janis Dearman. "TENDING YOUR SPIRITUAL GARDEN."

There is a list in the foyer for anyone you would like the Church to send a 'fruit basket'. We will have finger foods and assemble the baskets on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> after the Evening Service.

## BUDGET for 2019

There will be meetings soon to discuss the Budget for the upcoming year.

**SEND A CARD & SAY A PRAYER**

Harvey, Jerry, 1977 Crawford Cove Rd., Springfield, AL 35146. He is Ellen Miller's brother and his cancer spread all over.

Higdon, Leslie (Sonny), 139 Boynton Road, Whitwell, TN. 37397. He is Tennie's Father-in-law

Johnson, Wanda, 343 13<sup>th</sup> Ave., Dayton, TN. 37321. She is Claudine Burch's sister.

Lassiter, Tim, 60 Chickasaw Lane 2, Dunlap, TN. 37327.

Layne, Lynn W., c/o Joyce Layne, PO Box 1434, Dunlap, TN. 37327. He is the husband of Joyce

Carey Layne.

Long, Betty, 92 Long Road, Dunlap, TN. 37327. She is Greg's Mom.

McGlothen, Phyllis, NHC, Room 102, 360 Dell Trail, Dunlap, TN. 37327.

Morrison, Rhett, c/o Nick & Allison Morrison 2168 Bluff View Drive, Dunlap, TN. 37327. He

is the grandson of Robert and Robin Thomas. Nephew of Jessica.

Poland, Paul, 1016 Little Sorrel Rd., Hixson, TN. 37343.

Smith, Janie PO Box 193, Dunlap, TN. 37327. Ph. 949-3741.

Smith, Theima, 104 Hubert Heard Rd., Dunlap, TN. 37327.

## VISITATION

Visitation Team One will meet today for their assignment.

## TAKE FOOD TO FUNERAL HOMES

This Week, TEAM 5, Team Coordinator: Sis. Tina Hickman, Ph. 949-6474

If you are aware of a body at either Funeral Home, please call the

team leader. That way we can be sure this need is met.

## CHURCH WEB PAGE

[www.dunlapcoc.org](http://www.dunlapcoc.org). This site was built and is maintained by Bro. Robert Farmer.

This contains: sermons, information about The Church, information about the Dunlap

congregation, Missions, Bulletins, etc.

Another web page is: [www.yourspiritualhealth.com](http://www.yourspiritualhealth.com). This was built and is maintained by

Michelle Young. Freddie's weekly sermons are on this. Copies are made by Sharon Green.

## ITEMS FOR THE PANTRY

Our Pantry Item this week is Furniture Polish. Last Week it was Laundry Detergent.

## IN THE MILITARY

Victor D. Crabtree, AF-EI, Camp Taji, APO 09378. I'm sure he would like a card

from you while he is deployed.

Tommy and Brenda's son, Mes/Marmal Timothy Leslie, TAAC N-HQ, Camp Marmel

APO AE 09354.

SR, Stewart, Jarrett N., address later.

## MANNA MEALS ON WHEELS FOR DECEMBER

Food Team: Anita Ross, Sue Dixon, Tennie Higdon and Vera Burdette.

Delivery Team: Linda Turner, Dana Lowdermilk and Evette Haynes

**NOTE: We need more people involved in the Manna on wheels endeavor.**