#### **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

(18) CADEN SWANGER

(20) CAROLYN HATFIELD

(20) JADA LAND

(20) JAMES McCLAIN

(22) TAMMY CLAYTON

(28) ASHTON CLAYTON

(29) JENNY KRETZMEIER

(30) TONY BOSTON

(30) C. J. DAVIS

#### **DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

(1) LYNN AND JOYCE LAYNE	(2 yr.)
(11) GERALD AND JANET LAND	(45 yrs.)
(11) BEN AND LINDA McCOY	(51 yrs.)
(20) ROBERT AND LINDA TURNER	(47 yrs.)
(20) JIM AND JANIS DEARMAN	(47 Yrs.)
(23) JOHN AND ANN COOLEY	(55 yrs.)
(24) DAN AND WILMA MABRY	(56 yrs.)
(24) COREY GREEN AND MICHELLE	E (12 yrs.)
YOUNG	, , ,

#### **DECEMBER**

Lock Building: Joel Danley

Prepare Communion: Sharon Green &

Anita Ross

Pick-up Cups: Mark & Elaine Simons

Van Driver: Bobby Von Rohr

Last Sunday Singing: Gabe Dixon

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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 Lavman, Benny McCoy, Lanny Smith, Bobby Von Rohr

#### Preacher:

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God Sent Us a Savior!

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us as educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness, SO GOD SENT US A SAVIOR!

#### THE RECORD

SUNDAY SCHOOL	137
WORSHIP	154
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT-	

#### SICK/SHUT-IN

Alex Kilgore and Arizona Guy, Sis. Lettie's family have been sick Fay Webb has Bronchitis Emma Foshee not doing well Ouida Richardson has been here with us Amanda Leslie, gall-bladder surgery Sara Goins was in the hospital with digestive problems Wanda Johnson, Claudine Burch's sister **Ieanette Gibbs** here Wed. Barney Hollis doing better Ieanie Hollis is in NHC after being in the hospital, doing better

Peggy Standefer, Ruth Harvey's sister is doing well Kate Walling home doing well after her surgery

**Grace Grayson** is having back problems

**Fred St.Clair** needs prayers and cards, also meals, and visits, not doing well

Ruby Smith is home Cathleen Hendon, Ellen Miller's sister has cancer-has also had a stroke Kathy Philips has cancer, hospice is involved Ruth Turner Ray Johnson is at the home of Roy & Lois recuperating from his injuries Janie Smith is home bound Sarah Dodson home with Hospice Jack Milhollin, he is is James McLain's Grandson Phyllis McGlothen is home COPD Thelma Smith—improving Freddie Layman, Arrietta's son is home after having neck surgery Lou Von Rohr, Bobby's mom Avery and Minnie Lee Deakins Jennifer Smith improved Lynn Layne ICU at Parkridge Ernest Laws is in the hospital Billie Laws is in NHC, in McMinnville send cards to home address (See insert), some better Darlene Raber has bone cancer Ed & Faye Higdon are seriously Ill and ask for our prayers Olen Mooneyham is in Healthsouth

#### **NURSING HOME**

Robert Jarvis

Clara Mae Foley
Jeanie Hollis Room 103
Donna Underwood Room 713
Campbell Underwood
Edna Johnson

## Think On These Things

One of the handiest scriptures in the New Testament is Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Properly manipulated and skillfully twisted, this convenient passage will justify almost any measure of escape from honest responsibility. The next time you find yourself on a Lord's Day, seated on a shady hillside or beside a calm lake, think about this passage. The folks back home in your local congregation are scrambling about to fill the empty spot you left and make ends meet for congregational expenses, but you have this comfortable passage to revel in. Quote it piously, break off a bit of unleavened bread which you especially brought along for this occasion, and take a sip of grape juice and assure yourself that Jesus is vacationing along with you. Avoid, however, reading the entire passage at all costs! Avoid it because Jesus, when He said it, didn't intend it that way at all.

The context of the passage is not Jesus' way of justifying your vacation from Christian responsibilities. Jesus was giving instruction about rebuking and reconciling a sinful brother! The "two or three" in the passage are the witnesses which are to be taken along if the offending brother refuses to hear the one who goes to him alone. Jesus is assuring His disciples of His presence and approval when all efforts have failed and becomes necessary to regard that resistive one as "an heathen man and a publican."

Jesus is not talking about the fact that the Church can exist in very small numbers. He is giving some powerful teaching about a brother who sins against another. Perhaps, before you use this passage to soothe your guilty conscience, you ought to examine your own self to see whether or not your action is not cause for all the folks in the Church back home to regard you as "an heathen man and a publican," which action Jesus might well approve and support!

-article by Jerry W. Neal taken from The Noble Searcher" Nov.27, 2016-

It's time to make the work sheets for 2017, you may be asked to do some of the **EXTRA** things from time to time. Things like lock the building, drive the van, prepare the communion, pick up the cups, last Sunday song leader or be a Greeter, etc.

The card in the Bulletin last week was NOT from the Gatlinburg Church, but from a Church in North Carolina. (Sorry for the mistake)

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

There will be a Soup, Chili and the items that go with these on New Year's Evening here at the building, beginning at 5:30. Stay as long as you like, but you still need to be here at 9:30 the next morning.

**Need Volunteers to laminate flash cards for the next Quarter, See. C. J. Davis.**If you left a note on the Fridge in the kitchen for supplies, it is now missing, see C. J. Davis.

Homemade cards and cookie baking today after the Morning Service for Birth to Middle School Age. Lunch is provided.

#### Fruit Baskets

Please bring 'finger foods' this evening. We will assemble the fruit baskets and then enjoy a time of fellowship together.

#### THANK YOU

We received a thank note from Samuel Azucena and Timothy H. Phillips. Copies of these are on the insert.

**Duties of the Greeters: On Sunday** 

Be at the building by 9:00 on Sunday Morning to greet Members/Visitors If possible, during the last song head back to catch people as they are leaving. You are responsible for getting someone to take your place in your absence.

About 18 of us past 55 ate at Red Lobster on Friday and enjoyed in very much.

December 12, 2016

To the members of the Dunlap church,

After much thought and prayer, I have decided to resign from my position as a deacon with the congregation here at Dunlap. The main reason for this decision is due to my role of preaching every Sunday for the Lake Hills congregation. I feel it is difficult to give attention to the duties of a deacon while missing services here every Sunday. My family and I will continue to worship here when we are not in Chattanooga. As well as, we will continue to help lead the Lads to Leaders program here at Dunlap.

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve this congregation as a deacon for several years now. And my family looks forward to continuing to be a part of the work of the Dunlap church in the future.

With love to all,

Joel Danley and Family

#### SEND A CARD & SAY A PRAYER

<u>Ray Johnson</u>, c/o, Roy & Lois Webb, 2945 Henson Gap Rd., Dunlap, Tn. 37327. He is recuperating from serious injuries received in the recent tornado.

Timothy Leslie, Heavy Troop Thunder Squadron, 3d Calvary Regiment (TF Rifles),

T B Gamberi, APO AE 09354. He Tommy & Brenda's son.

Billie Laws, 225 Miriah Drive, McMinnville, Tn. 37110.

Sarah E. Dodson, PO Box 762, Dunlap, Tn. 37327.

Lou Von Rohr, c/o Bobby Von Rohr, 67 Keener Hill Road, Dunlap, Tn. 37327. She is at Bobby and Brenda's home.

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

<u>Lynn W. Layne</u>, c/o Joyce Layne, PO Box 1434, Dunlap, Tn. 37327. He is the husband of Joyce Carey Layne.

<u>Nancy Feezel</u>, 769 Parrot Rd., Maryville, Tn. 37803. She is 93 years old and has cancer and is Ellen Miller's Aunt. Hospice is involved.

#### VISITATION

Visitation Group Three Meets Today

#### TAKE FOOD TO FUNERAL HOMES

This Week, TEAM 2, Team Coordinator: Sis. Mika Davis, Ph. 718-5204

If you are aware of a body at either Funeral Home,
please call this week's team leader. That way we can be sure this need is met.

SOME ON US ARE NOT TAKING THEIR FOOD TO THE FUNERAL HOME WHEN WE SAY
WE WILL, PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO DO WHAT YOU SAY YOU'LL DO!!

#### **CHURCH WEB PAGE**

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. 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 <u>Baby Diapers</u>. (New Suggestion) Last Week it was <u>Paper Towels</u>. We need more to participate in this effort. Put it on your grocery list, then you won't forget.

#### YOU CAN HELP

There is a Food List in the foyer for Fred and Ouida, please check this out.

Please call ahead for content and time, remember Fred is a diabetic, we just need to bring a plate for each of them.

#### REMINDER

Remember we can watch **GOOD NEWS TODAY** here at the building every Wednesday evening at 5:30.

#### **NEW CLASS**

Bro. Jim Dearman will begin a Couples' Class in January.

Dear Brethren,

I would first like to thank each and everyone of you for your support of me and the work of the Tri-Cities School of Preaching and Christian Development. It is because of your love for God and your love for souls that this work is great a success.

We are right now in the middle of our Winter Quarter with a holiday break coming up soon and we will start back January 5<sup>th</sup> of the year 2017.

We started back our Thursday night class on December the 1<sup>st</sup> with a study of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians. We had ten students for that first class. There is also the possibility of anywhere from six to ten more students to join us for the remainder of the quarter.

Please continue to pray for this work and if you have any questions about the school, feel free to call us at (423-474-2622) or please stop by and we will give you a tour of the school. You are always our welcomed guest at the Tri-Cities School of Preaching and Christian Development.

In Christian love,

Timothy H. Phillips

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December 1, 2016

Dunlap Church of Christ P.O. Box 206 Dunlap, TN 37327

Dear Brethren,

I hope everything is going well for you all. The time has come to finish my studies at the Brown Trail School of Preaching. It has been one of the best experiences of my life, I have been able to learn and grow in so many ways and you have been an important part throughout my training. Thank you so much for showing me God's love through your love, prayers and financial support, I will always be grateful and honored to have had your help throughout the past two years.

For next year I have the plan to continue to serve at the Azle Church of Christ with their Spanish work. We are still in the process of changing my status from a student VISA to a religious VISA or a 6 months permit to work. Hopefully everything is going to work out and I will be able to serve the Church in that place. Graduation is going to be on December the 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Brown Trail Church of Christ building. My mom and dad are going to be here so I am happy because of that.

God has blessed my life in so many ways that I cannot doubt that He is going to take care of my future, still I ask for your prayers for God's guidance in my life. I really appreciate what you have done for me and I just can say THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. I will never forget this experience and I will always strive to use each and every skill I have gained here. May God bless you always!

Your servant in the Lord,

Samuel Azucena