

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- (27) ROBERT SALLINGS
- (28) DAN MABRY
- (28) KATE WALLING
- (30) ANZLEE YAWN
- (31) CALLIE BROCK
- (31) JOY SIMMONS

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- (31) GABE AND AMANDA DIXON (19 yrs.)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- (3) JEFFERY SMITH
- (7) LANNY SMITH
- (9) PAUL ELLIOTT
- (10) SHARON GREEN
- (11) MIKA DAVIS
- (12) KEITH PICKETT
- (12) BENTLEIGH BRAGG
- (14) EMILY CLAYTON
- (15) EVETTE HAYNES
- (16) RICKEY HICKMAN
- (16) D. HOWARD "Howie" EWTON
- (17) MILDRED CLAUDINE BURCH
- (19) PATRICK SMITH
- (20) CLARA MAE FOLEY
- (20) JOYCE LAYNE
- (23) IAN SHOEMATE
- (25) BRENDA LESLIE
- (28) MALLORIE DIXON
- (28) LAURA (TENNIE) HIGDON

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- (1) BILLY RAY GRAYSON (Deceased) (63 yrs.)
AND GRACE GRAYSON
- (5) ROBERT AND MICHELLE FARMER (12 yrs.)
- (16) HOWIE AND DONNA EWTON (41 yrs.)
- (18) CHRIS AND CHERIE MEEKS (7 yrs.)
- (28) JOHN AND CLAUDINE BURCH (63 yrs.)

AUGUST

Lock Building: Tm Layman

Prepare Communion: Tommy & Brenda Leslie

Pick-up Cups: C. J. Davis Family

Van Driver: Anthony Shaffer

Last Sunday Singing: ???????????

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
- 6:00 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:

- Freddie Clayton
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WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN LIFE

A little more KINDNESS and a little less CREED;
A little more GIVING and a little less GREED;
A little more SMILE and a little less FROWN;
A little less KICKING a man when he's DOWN;
A little more "WE" and a little less "I";
A little more FLOWERS on the pathway of LIFE;
And FEWER on graves at the END OF STRIFE.

THE RECORD

SUNDAY SCHOOL-----xxx
WORSHIP-----150
CONTRIBUTION-----\$4324
SUNDAY NIGHT-----125
WEDNESDAY NIGHT-----122

SICK/SHUT-IN

Fay Webb will have back surgery Aug. 12

Cheryl Clayton

Patty Clayton-foot problems

Michelle Young is in

Memorial-she has aplastic anemia

Wally Kirby, preacher at Morgansville doing better (See Address)

Frances Hopkins she is Cheryl Clayton's Mom (See Address)

Jeanette Gibbs (See Address)

Ouida Richardson

Lena Ottinger, Ellen Miller's sister has heart problems

Pansy Burch Claudine's daughter-in-law

Ruth Turner

Betty Long, She is Greg's Mom

Emma Foshee

Wanda Johnson, Claudine Burch's sister, (see address)

Kate Walling

Janie Smith is home bound

Greg Rains, son of Joe and Vera

Gladys Blanks from the North Hamilton Congregation

John Blanks has prostate cancer

Liz Dillard

Tim Johnson, Brenda Von Rohr's Brother

Carol Hubbard, taking chemo, see address

Cathleen Hendon, Ellen Miller's Sister

Isaiah Kelly, less than 1yr. old

Scarlet Geary Nolan has breast cancer

Lynn Holloway from the Central

Congregation in Chatt. not doing well,

(See address) Is now at home

Connie Layne has cancer

Phyllis McGlothen has COPD, is home

Nellie Ruth Layne, Arrietta's sister,

Brooke Mendenhall, Breast Cancer,

Thelma Smith—improving

Freddie Layman, Arrietta's son

Lou Von Rohr, Bobby's mom

Avery and Minnie Lee Deakins

Lynn Layne, Joyce's husband

Darlene Raber has bone cancer

Darlene Higdon has pancreatic cancer

NURSING HOME

Clara Mae Foley

Donna Campbell Underwood, Rm. 713

AUGUST

Greeters: August 6th Jim & Janis

13th Gabe & Amanda

20th Howie & Donna

27th Rick & Tina

You Don't Want To Follow Jesus If...(part #2)

God is Not a Priority

Some people are simply too busy for Christianity. It has been said, "God does not want weekend visitations as our father, but full custody." There are those who have sports, shopping, hobbies, and many other activities ahead of their relationship to God. While one may not quit Christianity altogether, the attempt to squeeze in a little Jesus when convenient is not going to work. Jesus often stressed the total commitment necessary to be his disciple. A divided allegiance simply will not do (Mt. 6:24; 13:44-46; 22:37-40). There have been those who wanted to follow Jesus but wanted to do other things first. Jesus would not accept it: "To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, let me first go and bury my father.' And Jesus said to him, 'Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God'" (Lk. 9:50-60). Jesus was not harsh or insensitive to someone burying his deceased loved one. This man seemed to be wanting to go back and be home just in case his father died. He was delaying his discipleship for another event that he wanted to put first. Jesus was saying, let the spiritually dead bury the dead, but you should get busy proclaiming the kingdom. If I have many other priorities like becoming successful in business, getting my degree, or finding the right mate ahead of being a Christian, I might not want to follow Jesus. While those things are not inherently sinful, they need to take a back seat to my relationship with God. The Jesus who left the glories of heaven and came to earth to be spat upon, beaten, tempted, and mocked on our behalf will not take second place to my calculus homework or my fairytale love story (see Phil. 2:5-11). If you believe you have more important things to do, Jesus is not the one to follow.

The Past Is Priority

The Bible has a lot to say about looking back. The Bible encourages us to have a healthy handle on our past as sinners (Eph. 2:1-9). We were sinners and have been saved. We need to remember this so that we can reach out to others without a proud and arrogant spirit. However, the Bible also warns against being so stuck in past success or failure that we fail to live for the future (Phil. 3:13-14). Some people are so wrapped up in how bad they were that they never look ahead to see how bright their future can be with God. Others, are so enamored with their former days of service to Jesus that they forget that life must be lived in the present. Jesus discouraged people from looking back when they wanted to follow him: "Yet another said, 'I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God'" (Lk. 9:61-62). Again, Jesus told this man not to worry about the family left behind, but to face forward and follow Him. Turning back is not an option for the disciple of Jesus. If there is something in your past more important than your future with Jesus, you do not want to follow him. The calendar of the Bible always reads today; not yesterday or tomorrow (Pr. 27:1; Mt. 6:34). If we assume we had it better when we served sin in the past and Christianity has only made our lives boring, we will eventually turn back and be in a worse condition than before (2 Pet. 2:20-22).

Conclusion

In Luke 9:58-62, three times people wanted to follow Jesus and three times Jesus just about talked them out of it. We should not make Christianity harder than Jesus did, but we also should not make it easier. We should not lead people to think following Jesus will erase all their problems, make life smoother, and always be expedient. The way to Jesus is still narrow (Mt. 7:13-14). Some people treasure comfort, hobbies, and the past so much that they may not want to follow Jesus.

SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Sis. Billie Laws. She was Trish Boston and Tammy Layman's Mother.

RESPONSE

Bro. Keith Burdette asked for the prayers of The Church.

MEALS ON WHEELS

There is a new list in the foyer for items needed for August for Meals on Wheels. Also, we would like to have 20 names on our list of recipients. Please add someone you know who is sick or not able to prepare a meal.

***LADIES in MARRIAGE AND FAMILY CLASS** this quarter: This is a new class and is for Ladies only.*

GOSPEL MEETING

At Bethel Aug. 6-9 at 7:00 with different speakers reach night. (See flyer on the Bulletin Board)

LADIES' DAY

At Central in Chattanooga on August 12 with Sis. Jennifer Webster. (See Bulletin Board.)

At Union Grove in Bradley County on Sept. 9th with Sis. Jeanny McCracken Gilpin. (See Bulletin Board.)

SEMINAR

Elder, Deacon and Preacher Seminar at East Main Street in Murfreesboro on Aug. 5. (See flyer on Bulletin Board)

FIFTH SUNDAY

*The Contribution TODAY will go toward the Building Fund.
We will also have a covered dish dinner TODAY.*

THANKS

Thank you for the doughnuts you sent in the passing of our family member, Sharon Douglas. Gary & Peggie Patton

PRAYERS NEEDED

Deoundon Worley, son of Scotty & Renee Worley. He is 7 years old and has pulmonary hypertension. He left Friday for Texas and hopes to receive a double lung transplant. Renee will give us an address when he is in Texas. His Dunlap Address is P.O. Box 1414.

SEND A CARD & SAY A PRAYER

Jeanette Gibbs, 271 Grove St., Pikeville, Tn. 37367. New Address!

Frances Hopkins, 184 Buddy Skyles Rd., Apt. 302, Dunlap, Tn. 37327. Send a card.

Wally Kirby, 107 Haney Road, Bloomington Springs, Tn. 38454. He has some serious health problems and has been to Vanderbilt.

Nellie Ruth Layne, 166 West Lee Drive, Palmer, Tn. 37365. She is Arrietta's sister and will be in the Nursing Home for a time.

Phyllis McGlothen, 575 McDowell Rd., Dunlap, Tn. 37327.

Lynn Holloway, 2214 Gold Point Circle, Hixson, Tn. 37343. Lynn is not doing well.

Now at home (from Central in Chattanooga)

Gladys Blanks, 1338 Thrasher Pike, Hixson, Tn. 37343. Gladys is from the North Hamilton congregation and has a continuing illness.

Carol Hubbard, 1421 Cloverdale Circle, Apt. 406, Hixson, Tn. 37343. She is Wanda, Janet and James' sister and is taking cancer treatments.

Wanda Johnson, 343 13th Ave., Dayton, Tn. 37321. She is Claudine Burch's sister.

Lou Von Rohr, c/o Bobby Von Rohr, 67 Keener Hill Road, Dunlap, Tn. 37327.

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

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

VISITATION

No Group Visitation meeting today. Visit Someone!

TAKE FOOD TO FUNERAL HOMES

This Week, TEAM 4, Team Coordinator: Sis. Sarah Land, Ph. 243-7732.

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 OF 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 Fabric Softener. Last Week it was Toilet Tissue. 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 Ouida Richardson and Phyllis McGlothen. Please sign this. Please call ahead for content and time.

REMINDER

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