

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

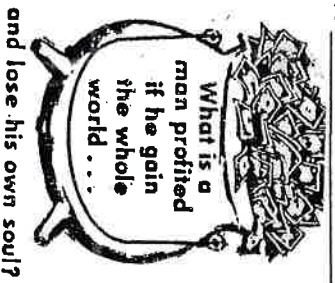
- (3) JEFFERY SMITH
- (7) LANNY SMITH
- (9) PAUL ELLIOTT
- (10) SHARON GREEN
- (11) MIKA DAVIS
- (12) KEITH PICKETT
- (15) EVETTE HAYNES
- (16) RICKEY HICKMAN
- (16) D. HOWARD "Howie" EWTON
- (17) MILDRED CLAUDINE BURCH
- (19) PATRICK SMITH
- (20) JOYCE LAYNE
- (23) IAN SHOEMATE
- (25) BRENDA LESLIE
- (28) MALLORIE DIXON
- (28) LAURA (TENNIE) HIGDON
- (29) MICHELLE FARMER
- (29) RACHEL HIXSON
- (31) BRENDA VON ROHR

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- (1) BILLY RAY GRAYSON (Deceased) (64 yrs.)
AND GRACE GRAYSON
- (5) ROBERT AND MICHELLE FARMER (13 yrs.)
- (16) HOWIE AND DONNA EWTON (42 yrs.)
- (28) JOHN AND CLAUDINE BURCH (64 yrs.)

AUGUST

Lock Building: Robert Turner
Communion: David & Shanna Brady
Pick-up Cups: C. J. Davis Family
Van Driver:



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
 Office (423) 949-3286
 Res. (423) 949-4339

Church of Christ

15964 Rankin Avenue Dunlap, Tennessee 37327



VOLUME XXVI AUGUST 5, 2018 NO. 31
Published weekly by the Dunlap Church of Christ

"AM I GUILTY?"

- 6. *Am I GUILTY of wanting help from others, but having little compassion for their needs? (Luke 6:38)*
- 7. *Am I GUILTY of elevating myself above others? (Phil. 2:3)*
- 8. *Am I GUILTY of thinking I have never sinned? (Rom. 3:23)*
- 9. *Am I GUILTY of saying, "People are not friendly?" (Prov. 18:24)*
- 10. *Am I GUILTY of being an unfaithful servant of the Lord? (Rev. 2:10))*

THE RECORD

Sunday School	137
Worship	162
Contribution	\$5,510
Sunday Night	
Wednesday Night	113

Sick/Shut-In

Lettie Guy – having tests
Ouida Richardson –doing better
After her incident Sunday
Jerry Adams – fell & broke
Parkridge
Charles White – Hospice Care
Janie Smith –not doing well
Donna Ferrazi–thrown from horse
Dawn Graham's aunt
Tanya Harget - surgery
Faye Webb Rotator Cuff Surgery
Doing Good See "Send a Card"
Isaiah – Feeding tube removed
Vera Burdette's little buddy
Carolyn Hatfield – NHC Rm 406
Troy Andrews – Heart Issues
Robert Turner's nephew
Betty Lamb – Erlanger, 6th floor
Jerry Childress - Erlanger
Clint & Kaye Hopkins- health issues
Brenda Leslie's parents
Ellen & Clinton Miller – not well
Jerry Raines
Renae Smith – Home
Gary Smelley – Elaine Simons'
brother, Heart Issues
Brenda Leslie – Shingles Neuropathy
Charline Johnson-Home
Arrietta Layman

Simply Christians

Many people are growing disenchanted with present religious forms which originated in the middle ages and have become meaningless. There is displeasure with denominational structures and dogma. Some, because of such views, have even decided that "Christianity" is not relevant today. We believe they have made that decision because they are not sufficiently acquainted with the Scriptures to be able to distinguish between the gospel of Christ and what men over the centuries have attempted to add to it.

If some of these things have troubled you and you have felt a yearning to return to the simple, uncomplicated religion of Christ, stripping away all the nonessential elements of religion and simply abiding by the truths of Christ, truths which transform the soul and bind it to God, let us suggest that it can and has been done.

The Bible, God's word to man, presents Jesus Christ as the Son of God. He was foreshadowed and predicted in the Old Testament which God used to govern His people until Christ should come and establish the New (Jer. 31:31-33; Gal. 3:19, 23-24). That New Testament reveals the religion of Christ. By studying it we learn all there is to know of the way of Christ.

We learn that among the followers of Christ there existed no denominational organizations whatever. All began at a later time. In the New Testament we see people hearing the gospel and obeying the conditions of God's grace. Being thus saved, they were added to the Lord's people, the church (Acts 2:36-47). As the gospel spread, we find them assembling together in congregations in various localities. Each congregation was under its own elders (Acts 14:23) and no one else on earth. These elders could not make laws and be masters. They were given the responsibility of tending and caring for the congregation as shepherds would a flock (Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Pet. 5:1-3). The only headquarters those disciples knew was heaven, where their head, Jesus Christ, was and is (Eph. 1:22-23).

Their worship was something in which to participate, not something to watch. On the first day of the week, for instance, they would eat the Lord's supper and hear preaching (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-29), they would all sing (Eph. 5:19), they would all pray with various ones leading (1 Cor. 14:15-16), and they would share in their mutual responsibilities by sharing their prosperity (1 Cor. 16:1-2). We find no contributions being collected on any other day than the first day of the week and no hierarchy taxing them or telling them how much to give. They had no organizations clamoring for their support. They gave as they individually purposed in their own hearts (2 Cor. 9:6-7). In all this they were all necessarily involved for each saved person was a priest (Rev. 1:5-6). No one could perform his service or worship for another.

They lived godly lives. They cared for their poor. They taught others. They sent out preachers to teach others in far communities. With simplicity of faith and fervor there was no need of centralization. Without organized machinery, the gospel was preached to the whole of civilization in a short time (Col. 1:23). These disciples of Christ were known as Christians (Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16). They wore no sectarian names. Their religion was not materialistic or sensual. They did not seek to impress men with pious ceremony, rather, they sought to impress God with the only thing that has ever impressed Him contrite obedience (2 Sam. 15:22). Their appeal was not social or recreational. They offered the gospel, for they knew it was God's power to save (Rom. 1:16), and any other appeal was beneath them.

Many sigh, "Oh, if only such could be today." But it is! Free men and women over the earth have despaired of denominationalism, seeing in it neither necessity nor relevance but only a cause of division. They desire the simplicity of what Christ authored, and their number is increasing. How many have taken such a stand? Who knows! They are related and connected only in Christ and not in some organization with machinery to keep a tally. We will not try to number them. What is important, though, is that a group of such people meet within minutes of where you live.

They are just Christians. They worship and serve God in the same way the early disciples did. Christ is their only creed and the Scriptures their only guide. They are not members of any human organization, they are simply a congregation, or church, of Christ. They, in turn, would like to share Christ with you and with all the world.

You too can be just a Christian and serve God without belonging to any denomination, bound by denominational laws or obligations. If such freedom appeals to you, please contact us.

-Dale Smelser-

Carolyn Layman Sallings

Rubel & Pat Clayton

Frank Crownover

Melissa Green – Chemo

Clara Mae Turner –Home

Minnie Lee Deakins

Rhett Morrison – See Address

Lena Ottinger, Ellen Miller's

sister – Heart Issues

Tommy & Ruth Turner

Ben Harwood – Home, Linda

McCoy's brother

Betty Long – Greg's mom

David P. Long – Jerry Douglas'

Brother-in-Law

Emma Foshee

Kate Walling - Homebound

Cathleen Hendon- Ellen Miller's Sister

Thelma Smith – Homebound

Freddie Layman – Arrietta's son

Lou VonRohr – Bobby's mom

Lynn Layne – Joyce's husband

Darlene Raber – Cancer

Rachel Harvey – Sharon Green's mom

Sam McCann- Cancer, friend of Vera

Tim Lassiter – stroke, See Address

Nursing Home

JoAnne Davis – Room 502

Dan Mabry's Sister

Avery Deakins

Johnny Mae Holloway

Pat Kirkland

Mark McLain Room 306

Phyllis McGlothen Room 102

Treva Reed Room 203

Carolyn Hatfield Room 406

Please keep Brother Victor Crabtree and his fellow soldiers in your thoughts and prayers while they are deployed. Victor's contact information;

Victor D. Crabtree

AF-EI

Camp Taji

APO AE 09378

Our sympathy is extended to the families of

*Walter "Poke" Floyd, Jr. who was the Uncle of Emma and Jessica Foshee
Elizabeth Youngblood who was the Aunt of Linda Turner*

And Jay Johnson

YOU CAN HELP

AS A WAY TO ASSIST OUR CHILDREN AND TEACHERS AT GRIFFITH ELEMENTARY, WE ARE ASKING ANYONE WHO CAN TO CONTRIBUTE EXPO MARKERS, BOXES OF KLEENEX AND/OR ANTBACTERIAL CLEANING WIPES. THERE ARE 3 BASKETS IN THE FOYER FOR THE ITEMS.

Church Web Page

www.dunlapcoc.org, this site is maintained by Robert Farmer. The site contains; sermons, information about The Church, information about our congregation, missions, bulletins, etc. Another web page is www.yourspiritualhealth.com, this site is maintained by Michelle Young and contains Freddie's weekly sermons. Copies of the sermons are made by Sharon Green.

Take Food to the Funeral Homes

This Week, Team 2, Team Coordinator: Mika Davis, 718-5204
If you are aware of a body at either Funeral Home, Please call the Team Leader.

REMEMBER: There is a Food List in the foyer for Ouida Richardson.
Call ahead for content and time.

Visitation Team No. 1 will meet this morning after worship.

Send a Card & Say a Prayer

Rena Smith, 23 Russell Street, Apt. 4, Dunlap, TN 37327

Faye Webb, C/O Christy Greer, 912 E. Hendron Chapel Rd., Knoxville, TN 37920,

Phone 423-280-9017

Clint & Kaye Hopkins, 1005 Mountain Creek Rd., Apt. 522, Chattanooga, TN 37405,

Brenda Leslie's Parents

Long, Betty, 52 Long Road, Dunlap, TN 37327, Greg Long's Mom

Holloway, Johnny Mae, NHC, 360 Dell Trail, Dunlap, TN 37327, Member at Kimball

Johnson, Wanda 343 13th Ave, Dayton, TN 37321, Claudine's sister

Layne, Lynn W., c/o Joyce Layne, P.O. Box 1434, Dunlap, TN 37327, husband of Joyce

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,

Grandson of Robert & Robin Thomas, Nephew Jessica Thomas

Smith, Janie, P.O. Box 193, Dunlap, TN 37327, Phone 949-3741

VonRohr, Lou, c/o Bobby VonRohr, 67 Keener Hill Road, Dunlap, TN 37327

Higdon, Darlene, 283 Higdon Road, Whitwell, TN 37397, Tennie's Sister-in-Law

Higdon, Leslie (Sonny), 139 Boynton Road, Whitwell, TN 37397, Tennie's Father-in-Law

Lassiter, Timothy A., 60 Chickasaw Lane 2, Dunlap, TN 37327. He comes to the church services in a wheel chair, friend of Ben McCoy

Items for the Pantry - This week is Body Lotion. Last week was Dishwashing Liquid.

Area Events

**August 5th - 8th Bethel at 7 PM with Bro. Thom Hassler*

**August 10th Sequatchie Valley Singing at Bridgeport 7 PM - 9 PM*

**August 11th - Elder, Deacon, Preacher Seminar, East Main church of Christ, 216 E. Main St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130, 8:30 AM til 1 PM, Speakers: Glenn Colley, Jim Dearman, Alan Highers - ALL MEN ARE WELCOME*

**September 8th, - Girls' Day, East Main church of Christ, 216 E. Main St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130, 9:00 AM til Noon, Speaker: Lori Boyd, Group T-shirts are available, see the bulletin board for details.*

August Greeters: 5th - Rickey & Tina, 12th - John & Ann,

19th - Robert & Linda, 26th - Al & Joy

Manna Meals on Wheels August Food Team:

Alternates: Claudine Burch, Sue Dixon
Rachel Hixson, Betty O'Neal, Linda McCoy, Amanda Dixon, Vera Burdette,

August Delivery Team: Freddie Clayton, Linda Turner, Janet Land