

THOSE TO SERVE

February 5, 2012

Announcements	Ken Throneberry
Lead Singing	Phil Randolph
Bible Reading	Dwayne Butler
Opening Prayer	Charles Montgomery
Sermon	Michael Grooms
Closing Prayer	Ron Claiborne

Lord's Supper/Contribution

Bread	Gary Anderson
Fruit of the Vine	Alton Driver
Contribution	Claude Maynard
Serve	Cliff Cozart
	Dan Zajac
	Nick Thompson

Alternates to Serve

Gregg Norton
Nicholas Norton

Appointments for those to Serve are for a month.

All those to serve report to office first.

Nursery Attendants: Amanda Winfree
Kathy Haskins

Attendance Cards: Ryan Jordan
Christopher Zajac

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Secure Doors Perry Knowles

Sound System Cris Roberts

Projection Austin Cohea

Count Contribution Frank Reed, Terry Pritchett
Raymond Tomlinson, Leonard Tipps

Evening Worship

Announcements	Ken Throneberry
Lead Singing	Phil Randolph
Bible Reading	Cliff Cozart
Opening Prayer	Ken Anderson
Sermon	Michael Grooms
Lord's Supper/Cont.	Hal Kirby
Closing Prayer	Clint Draper

Wednesday Evening

Announcements	Ken Throneberry
Lead Singing	Phil Randolph
Opening Prayer	Reid Wiles
Extend Invitation	Michael Grooms
Closing Prayer	Curtis Heflin

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Elders
Ray Dinwiddie
Howard Kello
Ken Throneberry

Ministers
Michael Grooms
P. J. Hicks
Barry Keene
Phil Randolph

Deacons
Houston Cohea
Robin Forrest
Adam Montgomery
Glenn Norton
Frank Reed
Jacky Whited

Missions
Brad Harrub
Donnie Mitchell
F. H. Gates
Gospel Broadcasting Network
House to House, Heart to Heart
India Work Fund (Jack Honeycutt)
India Mission Work
Latin American Missions
World Bible School

Secretaries
Helen Bates
Pam Kello

“Where You Are A Stranger But Once”



HIGHLAND HEIGHTS HERALD

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Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Bible Study	10:00 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Tuesday Morning	10:00 am
Wednesday Night	7:00 pm

Michael's Musings

The apostle Paul stated in **1 Timothy 3:1** that if a man desires the office of a bishop, he desires a good work. The bishopric referred to here is that of an elder, as may be demonstrated by a comparison of **verses 17 and 28 of Acts 20**. Indeed the office of an elder is a work of importance unparalleled in the world, for it bears a weight of responsibility that has eternal significance. The Hebrew writer admonishes: “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you” (**Heb. 13:17**). Here we find a command of God which unequivocally designates the office of the elder as one of rule and authority. By the same token, this verse admonishes Christians to submit to this authority and “obey them that have the rule over you.” The following observations from this verse will serve well to ensure that a church is pleasing to God concerning the matter of its response to the authority of its elders.

Christians are told to *obey* their elders. To obey implies that one has received a command or instruction. Elders are to “feed the church of God” (**Acts 20:28**) which involves the teaching of the word of God. The word of God contains commands for His people. The elders of a local church bear the responsibility of seeing to it that the members of that church know and obey God’s commands. There are times when the elders of a church must make a decision concerning a matter based on biblical principles. The church should support its elders in these matters and comply with their decisions. Elders are not free to make arbitrary decisions or establish laws that are outside the realm of biblical authority.

Christians are told to *submit* to their elders. The Greek word translated “submit” here is *hupēikō* which means to surrender, or to yield to authority. Paul addressed the elders from Ephesus in **Acts 20:28**. He told them that the Holy Ghost had made them “overseers” (KJV) or “bishops” (ASV) over the church there. The Holy Ghost gave the qualifications for elders found in **1 Timothy 3** and **Titus 1**, thus the one who meets these qualifications serves in this capacity with authority ordained by the Holy Ghost. The authority is in the office. As long as a man serves in this capacity as authorized by the word of God, he bears an authority to which the child of God *must* submit. This is not an option! To resist the God-given authority of the eldership is to resist the authority of God! All Christians have a personal interest in submitting to the authority of elders, because “they watch for your souls” (**Heb. 13:17**).

Christians are to respond to their elders in such a way that the elders may shepherd them *with joy, and not grief*. Far too often the long, prayerful hours that are spent by elders are received with ingratitude by the church members. Decisions that are made with tears for the good of the church are met with criticism and rebellion by those who do not know all the details that influenced the decision. Such rebellion is sin. It is true that elders will be accountable for the welfare of the church. It is also true that members will be held accountable for whether they obeyed God’s command to obey and submit to their elders. Elders are to be held in honor. Paul said in **1 Timothy 5:17**: “Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine.”

Michael

Notes of Thanks

Thanks for all the visits, cards, food and especially the calls during Barbara's surgery and recovery.

Love, **Alton & Barbara Driver**

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and for the plant sent to me following the death of my brother.

Grace McMahan and family

Card Making

Everyone is invited to attend a card-making day for *Operation Write Home* in the fellowship room this Thursday, February 2, at 9:30 AM. See **Lynda Dinwiddie** or **Pam Anderson** for more information.

Game Night

Everyone is invited to attend a *game night & get-together* on **Friday, February 3rd** at **7:00 p.m.** in the fellowship room. Bring finger foods, drinks, cards and games for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. See **Houston Cohea** if you have any questions.

Newcomers Dinner

A Newcomers dinner will be held Saturday night, February 4 at 6:00 PM at **Michael & Stacey Grooms'** home. All those who were baptized or have placed their membership here during the past year are invited to attend. Please see **Michael or Stacey** if you have any questions.

Congregational Meal

Our monthly congregational meal will be held this Sunday in the fellowship room following Bible Study. **Care Group 2** will host the meal. Everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish and enjoy the meal and fellowship.

Bible Bowl

Bible Bowl participants are reminded of their study session Sunday at 4:30 as they prepare for the next Bible Bowl. Please be studying **Judges 14-18**.

Sweethearts' Banquet

The annual **Sweethearts' Banquet**, for all our members 60 & above and their spouse (even if one is not yet 60) will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, @ 5 PM here in the fellowship room. More details next week.

Sick & Shut-In

(As of Wednesday)

Cookeville Reg. Medical Center Rehab: **Sheila Phelps** (niece of **Betty Meadows**)

Pavilion Health Care: **Frances Lea, Rm. 205**
Martha Henslee, Rm. 312 (sister of **Patsy Maynard**)

Elmcroft-Memory Care: **Dovie Conatser, D5**

Southern Manor: **Ruby Ray Caplenor, Rm. 149**

Quality Care: **Ruby Jones, Rm. B-7**

Hearthside: **Bill Goostree, Rm. G5**
Hallie Tuggle, Rm. F1
Jill Carpenter, Rm. F2

Mt. Juliet Health Care: **Velvie Denson, Rm. 305B**

Bellwood Assisted Living: **Alvilda Hancock, Rm. 213**

Home: **Gay Churchwell, Frances Gillespie, Clara Nuss, Quinn Anderson, Paul Vance** (brother of **Thomas Vance**), **Ryan Burton** (grandson-in-law of **Faye Burton**), **Raymond Gilmore, James Kidwell** (grandfather of **Lauren Haskins**), **Donnie Clemmons** (son of **Don & Avon Clemmons**, surgery Thurs. @ Williamson Co. Medical Center, Franklin), **Jack Goodall** (father of **Dianne Cozart**)

Shut-ins (and/or) ongoing illnesses:

Margaret Adams, Margaret Alsup, Janelle Arrington, Julia Bates, R. H. Beard, Elizabeth Brown, Jenny Chaffin, Emma Lou Dillard, Bernice Drennan, Inez Major, Betty Meadows, Ernestine Plumlee, Tommie Pulley, Lura Anderson, Cheryl Brooks, Evelyn Bush, Marlette Carey, William Cummins, Tommy Draper, Daniel Epler, Nich Hamm, Tom Horis, Robert Hendrickson, Retta Kirby, Jim Livingston, Garland Meadows, Melvin Piercey, Flora Reeder, Bobby Ricketts, Julian Stone, Amy Sutherland, Mark Vaughn

Please keep all of our sick & shut-in in your prayers!

VBS Planning Meeting

A Vacation Bible School planning session will be held **Sunday, Feb. 5th** at **4:30** in room 30 to plan for our 2012 **VBS**. We need all those who want to be involved to come to this meeting so that we can decide on theme, time, and reflect on last year's VBS.

Keene Thinking

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for the wonderful celebration of my anniversary with the church and my birthday. What wonderful expressions of love you gave me. Thanks for the beautiful plaque, all the many cards, the gift cards, the money tree, the beautiful cake and all the delicious food. You have honored both Nita and I so much more than we ever thought possible. What a blessing this church has been to both of us.

Thanks to our elders for their support, for their friendship and leadership. How wonderful it is to have the relationship I have with these good men. Thank you to the church for the gift certificate to Gospel Advocate. Thanks also to all who planned the celebration and who worked so hard to make it the success it was for Nita and me.

Thank you Michael for all the good words you wrote and said about me. I treasure more than I can express my relationship with you as my brother, co-worker and friend. Thank you P. J. for all your kind words and for all you do to help me. And Phil, thank you for the kind expressions from you; we treasure you as a part of our family.

Most of all, thanks to God and His Son for all the blessings given me that allow me to serve as a minister. After all, it's really all about our heavenly Father and His beloved Son.

We love all of you more than you will ever know.

~Barry & Nita~

Care Group 1

Care Group 1 will meet on Sunday morning down front in the auditorium after Bible study to pick-up their assignments.

CYC

Don't forget that Challenge Youth Conference in Gatlinburg is **right around the corner, February 24th-26th**. The final installment of \$33.00 for teens and adults for the conference will be due by Wednesday, February 22nd. Please turn this in to P. J. Hicks or Helen Bates with checks made payable to Highland Heights church of Christ. It will be a great spiritual feast for our group!

Volunteers for February

Food Box: **Sharon Reed**
Wash Baptismal Garments: **Julie Draper**

To Cook For Meals on Wheels

Feb. 7: **Birdie Spivey, Pat Kolby, Allison Greer**

Feb. 14: **Judy Throneberry, Patricia Rogers, Janelle Grimland**

Scripture Reading

Sunday A. M. - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Sunday P. M. - Philippians 2:1-11

Our Record 1-29-12

Morning Worship	242
Bible Study	201
Evening Worship	215
Wednesday Bible Study	178
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Contribution	8019
Budget	7237
Average to Date	8486