

TIMES OF SERVICES
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 AM
Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday PM Worship 2:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 PM
Ladies Bible Class Tuesday
10:00 AM

THOSE SERVING

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Dwayne Watson

SONG LEADERS
July 23 Rob Stroud
July 30 Jon Stroud

PRESIDE:
July 23 Wiley Ballard
July 30 Doug Pirtle

**SERVING ON LORD'S
TABLE:**

1. Jimmy Telcide
2. Michal Thompson
3. Bobby Fincher
4. Kenneth Fincher
5. Doug Durham
6. Doug Pirtle
7. Larry King
8. Kevan Baker

DOOR GREETERS
July 23 Boyd/Jean Cribb
July 30 Bobby/Marie Fincher

**PREPARING LORD'S SUP-
PER**
Susan Fincher

EVANGELIST :
Tommy Tidwell
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July 23, 2017

THE BURDENS OF LIFE

I love my job as a preacher and an elder, and every day I truly thank God for the fact that I can be used by him to do what I can to help others to know God better and to know His Son, Jesus. If I had life to do over again, I would preach again, and strive to do a better job than I have in the past. Thankfully, I have a loving congregation that has been patient with me, and I appreciate this more than you know.

In the course of this week, I have had the opportunity to talk with three of my brothers and sisters in Christ here at South Cobb. As I talked with them I have seen the burdens that they have on their heart. One is facing surgery soon for cancer; another faces the possibility of a diagnosis of cancer. Yet others have struggled with difficulties and struggles with ongoing cancer. You never hear them complain; they are worship with the church with smiles on their face and songs in their hearts. Others here are dealing with daily sickness and striving to get better; yet others struggle with the "joys" of growing older and being reminded daily of all of their aches and pains.

Couple this with the fact that, lately, there has been on my mind and heart the struggles families in this congregation are dealing with financially, emotionally and spiritually. My heart goes out to the husbands, wives and children of this church who are struggling with these family problems – and what their beliefs about God and His Son are. Will these precious souls remain faithful to God, or will Satan win?

God's word has the power to deal with all of these things. It brings hope and comfort to those who are facing the burdens of life and are getting them down. May I suggest these things for all of us to study as we all face these burdens of life:

Psalms 23 – a passage read at funerals, that tells us that when we walk through the "*valley of the shadow of death, we should fear no evil, for God is with us.*"

Matthew 6 – Jesus talks about discipleship and how we must be better than the Pharisees (Matthew 5:20); but he really keys in on worry and fear in Matthew 6:25-34. He emphasizes that we cannot, by worry, add one cubit to our stature, or worry about food to eat or clothes to wear. We must do what we can, but we must have faith in God for all that we can't.

Philippians - the entire book stresses the fact that we can rejoice in all of our troubles. Paul emphasizes that life is short, and he would not mind his own passing so that he could be with Christ (Philippians 1:20-23). He kept his mind focused on eternity. (Without doubt, this is what every Christian needs to do daily – think eternally!) God has designed men for fellowship with him, and he sent his Son to save us so we can have that eternal

IN THE MILITARY:

Ishmael Gordon-California
Jesse Blanton-California
Jon Shipp-Texas
Micaiah Thompson-NC
Malachi Bien-Aime-SC

SHUT INS

Fannie Pigg/Kevin Bierley

IN NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING

Melba Shinholster
Star Manor Assisted Living
241 Nelson ST
Cartersville GA 30120

Sarah Harmon
Presbyterian Village
East/West Connector

Thelma Pirtle
Powder Springs Nursing Home
room 305
Powder Springs GA
770-222-7056

Jerry/Roslyn Anderson
Delmar Gardens
Smyrna GA

Eva Lou Satterfield
Pruitt Nursing Home
Room 149
Mulkey RD

Joy Rebb
Powder Springs Nursing Home
room 213
Powder Springs GA



OUR SICK & PRAYER REQUEST

ALEXAS FOSTER a girl that Joanne Bryant knows, is suffering from Spinal Muscular Atrophy. If you would like you can send her a card to 428 Chesapeake Way, Rockmart GA 30153.

AMANDA WOODS is trying a new treatment that seems to be helping.

BARRY BROADWAY covets our prayers as he battles cancer again.

BETTY JANE ROGERS (Nancy Walker's mother) stroke.

CHARLES SMITH (Lexann's uncle) dealing with diabetes and dementia.

CHRISTIAN LAMMERS (neighbor of Peter's family) stomach cancer and diabetes.

DAVID NIXON had surgery at Emory at John's Creek for his colon cancer.

DEBRA HARDIN (friend of Betty Singleton) had a stroke and is in Rehab.

DIANE NIXON is back in Cobb Hospital room 422 with internal bleeding

DOROTHY CASON will have surgery on her jaw August 3rd at Emory Midtown.

DWIGHT REESE prostate cancer.

FRITZ TELCIDE (Joanne Bryant's father) early onset dementia.

JAMES BROWN (Dwight Reece's Stepdad) Prostate Cancer.

JEFF NOVITCH will have surgery on his wrist on August 2nd to remove the plate and screws.

JOY REBB asks for prayers for her sister Pat Hunter, Pat's husband and their youngest daughter Jennifer.

MARY WHEELER, (Amanda Woods Grandmother) Alzheimer's.

MARGIE GATTIS health is declining.

MOLLY DURHAM (Doug Durham's grandmother) dementia.

LAURA SALINAS battling Chron's disease.

MYRIAME THOMPSON asks for prayers for her mother Maude.

NANCY HAYES, sister of Jean Cribb, is not doing well. They are trying to get her to move to a nursing home. Her son **MARK HAYES** is suffering with diabetes.

NINA REECE asks for prayers for her health problems.

SHIRLEY GLOSSON is out of rehab and is home doing well.

SOPHIE WALKER Spina Bifida.

LARRY SHEEHY, Susan Jackson's brother, is having health issues due to the treatment for lymphoma.

VIOLET WATSON, Dwayne Watson's mother, has been moved to rehab after being in the hospital. She is still having problems with cognitive issues.

WILMA BERRY (Celeste's mother) is suffering with rheumatoid arthritis.



The Facial Anatomy of a Soul Winner

I was thinking the other day about all the sayings I used to hear concerning parts of our heads that were meant to keep us alert and going in life. We have all heard them from time to time in our lives: from parents, teachers, and coaches. But I was also thinking of how they can apply to our trying to reach others with the message of Christ. Note, for example:

- Keep your thinking cap on.
- Keep your eyes on the ball.
- Keep your ears open.
- Keep your nose to the grindstone.
- Keep a stiff upper lip.
- Keep on smiling.
- Keep your chin up.

In other words, we need to keep thinking of ways to reach people, keep focused on the goal, keep listening for opportunities, keep after it, keep courageous, keep optimistic, and keep staying proud of who we are as a Christian. It is only then that we will be able to face others with the message of hope and influence others toward Christ. Christian, what does your face look like?

Edd Sterchi, Campbellsville, KY

TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of teachers for the 2&3 year old class on Sunday and Wednesday and the 4&5 year old class on Wednesday night. Please let Rob Stroud know if you are interested in either of these classes.



ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

July 16, 2017

- Sunday AM Bible Study 74
- Sunday AM Worship 129
- Sunday PM Worship 43
- Wednesday Bible Study 66

CONTRIBUTION

Budget \$4,500.00
 Contribution: \$3,882.00
 Avg. Cont. for July \$4,015.00

WEDDING RECEPTION

July 30th is our monthly congregational meal and during this meal we will be celebrating Tristen Anderson and Becky Turpin on their recent marriage July 7th. They are registered at Target. We hope everyone will stay and enjoy the fellowship and congratulate them.



AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

August 13th at Woodstock Church of Christ



LADIES BIBLE CLASS WILL NOT MEET AGAIN UNTIL AFTER LABOR DAY.

SENIOR LUNCHEON
 August 10th



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT
 "From Someday to Sunday"

The families of Lesley Ellice Bobb and Augustine Akpan Sunday would like to cordially invite you to their wedding ceremony on August 12, 2017 at 3pm at the South Cobb Church of Christ. Private reception to follow.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Will be Aug. 19th at the building at 8am.



UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Summer Series continues through August each Wednesday night at 7:30pm.
2. August 20th Teacher Workshop with Michael Whitworth.
3. Gospel Meeting August 27-30 with Glenn Hitchcock. Please mark your calendars and plan to support these efforts this year.



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fellowship. Sometimes we get attached to things here – beloved, we need to think eternally. In Philippians 4 Paul states that he knows how to be humbled and how to abound. He has learned to be content with the things of this life, as well as its sufferings, and he knows that he can get through it all with Christ (Philippians 4:13). We can as well.

Hebrews tells us that it is worth it to be faithful to the Lord. While many Christians were giving up their faith to return to Judaism and the world, the writer encourages faithfulness in light of the fact that everything is “better” in Christ. As he winds down the book, he stresses what other passages has stressed, “*Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with what you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you. So we may boldly say: “The Lord is my helper, I will not fear, What can man do to me?”*” (Hebrews 13:5-6, the Hebrew writer quoting from Deuteronomy 31:6 and Psalms 27:1). It is interesting that the Hebrew writer quoted from the Old Testament for these things, emphasizing that these things can be used by any generation and by all people.

We need encouragement in this walk of life; God gives us His word to guide us, and brothers and sisters to encourage us. We all face burdens, let us “*bear one another’s burden, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*” (Galatians 6:2)

THE HEAVENS DECLARE

“The heavens declare the glory of God and the skies proclaim His handiwork” (Psalm 19:1). Our DNA contains instructions for building proteins out of sequences of amino acids. There are 500 or so known amino acids, but life uses only 23. The average protein in a cell is about 450 amino acids long so there are 23 to the 450th power or 10 to the 613th power different proteins our DNA might construct. Life uses about 10 million proteins. If we took those 10 possible proteins and split them into planet-proportioned groups of 10 million each, there would be 10 to the 606th power groups. Astronomers tell us there are 10 to the 23rd power habitable planets at a maximum in the universe, so you could spread those groups of proteins over the planets in 10 to the 583rd power universes without having a single duplication of a single protein on any two planets. Planet earth and the life on it are special, unique and not accidental. Church, our God is an awesome Creator. Glory be to His holy name!

Steven Clark Goad, Blythe, CA, BulletinDigest.com

Summer series lineup Rebuilding the Broken...

July 26 A leader who communicated the need for helpers (Nehemiah 2:17-18)	Michael Walker
Aug 2 A leader who did not allow opposition to stop a good work (Nehemiah 2:19, 4:1-9)	Rick Sharpe (Fayetteville)
Aug 9 A leader who kept God in his plans (Nehemiah 2:20)	Matt Amos (Woodstock)
Aug 16 A leader who led by example (Nehemiah 4:13-23)	Patrick Gray (Villa Rica)
Aug 23 A leader who refused to compromise (Nehemiah 6:2-4)	Dwayne Watson
Aug 30 GOSPEL MEETING WITH GLENN HITCHCOCK	
Sept 6 A leader who continued to encourage (Nehemiah 8:9-10)	Rob Stroud