

# Winnsboro Church of Christ

January 18, 2018

Prayer Requests For:

**Committed to knowing God's Word.**

**We are committed to prayer.**

**We are committed to gratitude.**

**We are committed to involvement.**

**We are committed to love.**



These last several days have shown us record cold. The Lord's Spirit has not been cold, however. Last night we enjoyed a great night of fellowship and Bible study. God has been very good to the Winnsboro church.

We are a people committed to being God's church in Winnsboro. Part of that commitment is to be a safe place for all who come here to learn about God. The elders are asking each member who is involved with the youth to participate in a training program concerning child safety. We will have a meeting at 5 p.m. on January 28 to discuss that program. If you teach a children or youth Bible class on Sunday or Wednesday, or if you are involved in "Wild Wednesday" please attend this meeting.

There are six Life Groups that meet regularly. If you are not part of one of these groups I hope you will join one soon. Group leaders are:

Robert & Candi Langhoff and Greg and Cindy Mills  
Mike and Cathy Avery and Tony and Julie Morrison  
Kraig and Cindy Yarbrough, Lloyd Parker and Deborah Parker

Brian and Mary Hunt and Dennis and Judy Phelps  
Drayton and Kristin Hoffman and Marcus and Jennifer Keith

Robby and Cara Fair and David and Kaci Ward

This past Sunday the elders announced that Tommy Antwine and David Blair are being considered as new deacons. Please share your thoughts with the elders concerning their appointment. With no Biblical objection, these men will be appointed deacons on January 28, 2018.

*Gerald Elliott*

**Family of B.D McCarley** - Services were held Momday for B.D. Our deepest sympathy Bobbie and Susie and family.

**June Bass** - Mother to a friend of Lowe Ann's is having health issue.

**Jean Oaks** - Sister to Marvinne, is recovering at the Hallman's.

**Lonzell Holman** - Is at home doing well.

**John Wilder** - Seven-year-old son of Jason & Kristie Wilder continues with chemotherapy.

**Don Nowell** - There is a continued need for gentlemen to sign up and sit with Don so that Simone can have a break.

**Continue to Pray**

Jim Hampton	Debbie Wallis
Sandy Willis	Don Brisendine
Ina Strickland	Carl Grimes
Sandy Grimes	Gary Gaskin
Emery Brown	Eppie Elmore
Eddy McCarley	Joyce Azlin
Kerri Harrell	Rhonda McCarley
Lee Phillips	

**Those in Nursing Facilities/Homebound**

Bob Willis	Grace Lewis *HB*
Hesta Mae LaRue	Shirley Parker
Troy Holmes	Lois Rudsell *HB*

**Attendance:**

**Sunday:**

Bible Class:	85
AM Worship:	121
PM Worship	62

**Wednesday:** 49

**Contribution:** \$5,136.00

**Budget:** \$5,200.00

**Over/Under** (\$64.00)

**YTD:** \$2,104.00

\*The Samaritan Fund is available for any benevolent need that you identify.

**Sermons This Sunday**

January 21 AM Copying Scripture  
Proverbs 3:1-11

January 21 PM Lessons from Joseph  
Genesis 37:12-36

# MAKE A COPY FOR YOURSELF

<sup>15</sup>*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. – 2 Timothy 2:15*

As God and Moses made the final preparations for Israel to enter the Promised Land, the Lord told Moses to instruct the future kings of Israel to make a copy of the law for their personal use. Israel would not have a king for some time, but God knew they would eventually want someone to rule over them. God wanted the kings to use the law as they ruled over His people.

<sup>18</sup>*“And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. <sup>19</sup>And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, <sup>20</sup>that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.” (Deuteronomy 17:18-20)*

Maybe David made a copy of the law. Maybe Solomon did as well. Solomon might have referred to the law early in his reign. There is no indication that any of the other kings did. In fact, some years later, the boy king Josiah had the temple refurbished and the law was discovered. It had been lost for years. Josiah had the people assembled for the first public reading in decades. It appears that over the centuries, the Levitical priests had failed in keeping the law of God before the people . . . and even themselves.

Any person can profit from regularly referring to the law for insight and guidance. Knowing God's will, knowing God's truth, knowing God's plans for us can only help us. A regular, daily reading of God's word can help us fear (revere) the Lord. Regularly reading God's word will enable us to keep those statutes. The person who does not know what God wants from him isn't likely to do it. The laws of God apply to everyone. God wanted the kings to understand this. God wants us to understand as well. None of us are above the law.

Read the word of the Lord. Read it to know it. Read it to live by the standards God sets for those who call on His name.

Gerald Elliott

## NEWS AND REMINDERS

### Upcoming Events

- **January 21 - Elders'Deacons'/Ministers' Meeting**
- **January 22 - Monday Night @ Kyle's**
- **January 24 - WW/SS: Langhoff/Cain/C. Patterson**
- **January 28 - Child Safety Meeting @ 5 P.M.**
- **January 29 - Monday Night @ Kyle's**
- **February 2-3 - Winter Retreat at CDR \*NEW DATES\***  
\* Simple Supper dessert people needed! \*

**The Ward/Fair Life Group meeting has been changed to Saturday, January 20. We will meet at the Hallman's at 5:30.**

**The Avery/Morrison Life Group will meet on January 25 at the church building from 5-9.**

### Bible Reading Schedule

Jan. 17: Gen. 35:1-36:43; Matt. 12:1-21; Ps. 15:1-5; Pr. 3:21-26  
Jan. 18: Gen. 37:1-38:30; Matt. 12:22-45; Ps. 16:1-11; Pr. 3:27-32  
Jan. 19: Gen. 39:1-41:16; Matt. 12:46-13:23; Ps. 17:1-5; Pr. 3:33-35  
Jan. 20: Gen. 41:17-42:17; Matt. 13:24-46; Ps. 18: 1-5; Pr. 4;1-6  
Jan. 21: Gen. 42:18-43;34; Matt.13:47-14:12; Ps. 18:6-36 Pr.4:7-10  
Jan. 22: Gen. 44:1-45:28; Matt. 14:13-36; Ps. 18:37-50; Pr. 4:11-13  
Jan. 23: Gen. 46:1-47:31; Matt. 15:1-28; Ps. 19:1-14; Pr. 4:14-19  
Jan. 24: Gen. 48:1-49:33; Matt. 15:29-16:12; Ps. 20:1-9; Pr. 4:20-27  
Jan. 25: Gen. 50:1-Ex. 2;10 Matt. 16:13-17:9; Ps. 21:1-13; Pr. 5:1-6  
Jan. 26: Ex. 2:11-3:22; Matt. 17:10-27; Ps. 22:1-18; Pr. 5:7-14  
Jan. 27: Ex. 4:1-5:21; Matt. 18: 1-22; Ps. 22:19-31; Pr. 5:15-21  
Jan. 28: Ex. 5:22-7:24; Matt. 18:23-19:12; Ps. 23:1-6; Pr. 5:22-23  
Jan. 29: Ex. 7:25-9:35; Matt. 19:13-30; Ps. 24:1-10; Pr. 6:1-5  
Jan. 30: Ex. 10:1-12:13; Matt. 20:1-28; Ps. 25:1-15; Pr. 6:6-11  
Jan. 31: Ex. 12:14-13:16; Matt. 20:29-21:22; Ps. 25:16-22; Pr. 6:12-15

## Building Your House on the Rock

One of my favorite songs growing up was "The wise man built his house". It was always a lot of fun to yell "Splat!" when talking about the foolish man's house. This song comes from a parable that Jesus told in Matthew 7. It is recorded in similar fashion in Luke as well:

"46 Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? 47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like; 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. 49 But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great." -Luke 6:46-49

Have you checked on your foundation lately? Have you made sure that it is well built on the rock? I think the best way to know is to reflect on the storms that inevitably happen in our lives.

What is my default when the flood comes and beats against me? Can I truthfully say that I stand firm in Christ? Jesus doesn't want us to simply say that we trust Him. He wants us to show it daily in our obedience to Him.

In Him,  
Kyle Thompson

## New Beginnings

**1 Peter 2:1-3 "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good."**

Have you ever felt stuck because you don't have the spiritual desire that leads to growth? Are you held back by past experiences, family influences or current circumstances that lead you to believe that this is the way it is when it comes to you and God? I believe most of us can probably relate to these questions from time to time. For me they describe the feeling of being stuck with no hope of change or growth. In this verse, through Peter, God is giving us direction - "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk", through the new beginnings that we find in Christ, build your desires for the Lord. How do I build desire when I do not have it? Start at the beginning....Earlier in chapter 1 vs. 23 Peter says, "since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;" One of the most beautiful aspects in developing our relationship with Christ is that through baptism, obedience and His redeeming sacrifice we find new life - a fresh start to eternal life. If you are struggling with finding desire and commitment to serve our God then I encourage you to remember the gospel, the healing and cleansing power of spiritual milk. Without it we find a life of confusion and misguided purpose, but with it we find peace and an unexplainable direction! The Lord is good, I pray that we crave His word and increase in His knowledge and understanding as we serve Him together.

Grace and Peace,  
Drayton Hoffman

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Kyle Thompson  
Drayton Hoffman

**Deacons**

Brian Hunt  
Marcus Keith  
Greg Mills  
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David Ward  
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**Secretary**

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# Serving This Week

*Winnsboro  
Church Of Christ  
Invites you to join us!*

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**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:20 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 10:15 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Ladies Bible Class: 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Simple Supper 5:45 p.m.  
Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

**Song Leader**

David Ward

**Opening Prayer:**

Drayton Hoffman

**Communion Leader:**  
**Serving:**

Alan Blair  
Justin Wallis  
Bo Allen  
Brantley Allen  
Carter Giles

**Scripture Reading:**

Kyle Thompson

**Sermon :**

Gerald Elliott

**Closing Thoughts & Prayer:**

David Howton

**Media Control:**

Ethan Ward

**Nursery:**

Julie Morrison

**Greeters:**

Robby & Cara Fair  
Tommy & Linda Antwine

**Visitor Cards:**

Brennan/Aeden/Isaiah