

# **NLR OBSERVER**

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## **Prayer List**

~ **Lois Fortson** is not doing well - Springhill – Rm 307.  
 ~ **Treva Voyles** had a stent placed in her kidney last week.  
 ~ **Jonathan Barfield** will enter M.D. Anderson Cancer Ctr. in Houston, TX on January 29<sup>th</sup> to prepare for his bone-marrow transplant. Contributions to his leukemia fund can be made to *Somers Avenue Church of Christ*.  
 ~ **Chelsea Jahnke** was admitted to the hospital due to a virus. She was treated with IV's and released on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.  
 ~ **Judy Rye** is scheduled for foot surgery on January 27<sup>th</sup>.  
 ~ **Diann Simmons**-recovering from injuries & back surgery.  
 ~ **Pam Lewis** is recovering at home from surgery.  
 ~ Chad Necessary's mother, **Marie Necessary**, is dealing with other health issues in addition to cancer treatments.  
 ~ The Cloninger's daughter-in-law, **Susan Cloninger**, is recovering from additional surgery for cancer. Their son, **Tom, Jr.**, will have surgery for cancer in February.  
 ~ Jodie Grice's sister, **Alice Herbert** of OK, had additional surgery for lung cancer on January 15<sup>th</sup>.  
 ~ The Haggards' friend, **Bill Frazier**, remains in Springhill ICU following amputation of both legs above the knees.  
 ~ Pam Lewis' friend, **Donna Ogle** of CA, has a blood clot in her lung.

~ **James Akins** - the Akins' grandson; **Janet Akins**; **Eric Alexander** – Jodie Grice's son; **Frances Bell**; **Bonnie** (*Simington*) **Blevins** – friend of Bob Diles; **Gerri Boultinghouse** – Karen Kidd's mother & Bill White's sister; **Ethel Cook** - Joyce Stewart's mother; **Ken Daniel**; **Tom & Bea Edwards**; **Jonathan Esquivel** – Wilma Ingram's nephew; **Ruth Fuller**; **Wanda Gadberry**; **Joe Gibbins**; **Billy Hale** – Gerald Hale's brother; **Gerald Hale**; **Myrtle Henry**; **Terry Herald**; **Gail Jenkins**; **Irene Jones** - friend of Bob Diles; **Anne Lathimore** - friend of ladies Bible class; **Ray McSwain** - Oren McSwain's brother; **Alice Miller** - the Haggards' friend; **Charles Moore** – Contessa Moore's father; **John Noles**; **Dorothy Ricks** - Linetta McDonald's sister-in-law; **Neva Raper** - Neita Phillips' mother; **LaVerne Robinson** - Pam Lewis' aunt; **Radine & Mary Shock**; **Jenny Smith** - Steve Foster's aunt; **Raymond Taylor** - Calvin Taylor's father; and **Harry Word**

**SYMPATHY** – *We extend our sympathy to the following families:*

~ *Ken, Jan, Brad, and Staci Medlock in the death of Jan's father, Leonard Pilkington.*  
 ~ *Virginia Sullivan in the death of her son, Coy Sullivan, of Edenton, North Carolina.*

**WEDNESDAY MEAL** for January 27<sup>th</sup>  
 will be catfish.



### **M&M SOUP SUPPER & GAME NIGHT**

Please sign-up at the back table for this event. Indicate whether you will bring soup, cornbread, crackers, or dessert. Bring your favorite game and meet us at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>.



*Keep Brittany Penrod and her family in your thoughts and prayers while she is away for a semester of school at Harding's campus in Italy.*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ken & Mary Daniel on their newly adopted 2-yr-old grandson, Josiah! John & Robin Daniel are the proud parents and plan to return from China with Josiah on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Jennifer is Josiah's aunt.



### **5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY SERVICE & POTLUCK**

Next Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, will be a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service. Bring food, drinks, and desserts for the potluck lunch. That will be followed by a brief 12:30 devotional service instead of our usual 5:00 P.M. service.



**BABY SHOWER** - There will be a baby shower for Leslie Cloer on Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> following the evening service. She and Brannon are expecting a girl. They are registered at *Babies R Us* and *Target*.

Can folks tell by your actions that study of God's Word and fellowship with Christians are important to you?

### ~ **Our Record – January 24, 2010** ~

|                      |       |             |
|----------------------|-------|-------------|
| Sunday Bible Classes |       | 211         |
| A.M. Worship         |       | 279         |
| P.M. Worship         |       | 140         |
| Ladies Bible class   | 01/20 | 16          |
| Wednesday P.M.       | 01/20 | 204         |
| Budget               |       | \$9,080.25  |
| Contribution         |       | \$10,299.65 |
| Average              |       | \$9,619.29  |

### **PANTRY ITEMS**

Last Week: Peanut butter / Instant potatoes  
 This Week: Bathroom cleaners/Laundry detergent  
 Next Week: Coffee (small) / Tea bags

## THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

January 24, 2010

### **A.M.**

|                   |                     |               |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Announcements     |                     | Mike Hughes   |
| Song Leader       |                     | Sean Ashberry |
| First Prayer      |                     | Larry Klotz   |
| Scripture Reading | <i>Pro. 3:13-18</i> | Jon Nevins    |
| Communion Prayers |                     | Orin Robinson |
| Closing Prayer    |                     | Carson Sloan  |

### **P.M.**

|                |  |                |
|----------------|--|----------------|
| Song Leader    |  | Chad Necessary |
| First Prayer   |  | Clif Gilliam   |
| Closing Prayer |  | Micah Sexson   |

### **Sound System**

J.R. Evans

### **PowerPoint**

Jerry Ellis

### **Nursery**

**A.M.** – Debbie Mosley & Teresa Story

**P.M.** – Mary Ann Klotz

### **Training Room**

Brenda Barfield, Jan Penrod, & Judy Rye

### **Greeters**

Mark Evans & Mike Hughes

## JANUARY WORKERS

**Finances** ~ Mike Hughes & J.L. Simmons

**Food for Friends** – Mary Diles & Tommie Parker

**Visitation** ~ Joe & Katie Gibbins

**CONTACT ELDER for January – Tim Ashberry**

January 31, 2010

### **A.M.**

|                   |                    |                |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Announcements     |                    | Steve Mosley   |
| Song Leader       |                    | Larry Curtis   |
| First Prayer      |                    | Mike Penrod    |
| Scripture Reading | <i>Prov. 19:20</i> | Chad Necessary |
| Communion Prayers |                    | Chester Ingram |
| Closing Prayer    |                    | Butch Gardner  |

### **P.M.**

|                |  |                |
|----------------|--|----------------|
| Song Leader    |  | Chester Ingram |
| First Prayer   |  | Terry Herald   |
| Closing Prayer |  | Jovan Hill     |

### **Sound System**

Larry Klotz

### **PowerPoint**

Rob DeMoss

### **Nursery**

**A.M.** – Sally Sides & Tommie Simmons

**P.M.** – Jennifer Daniel

### **Training Room**

Sue Simmons & Judy Rye

### **Greeters**

LeeRoy & Margie Moran

## AUDITORIUM CLASSES FOR WINTER– 2010

*December, January, & February*

**Jan. 24** – Psalm 86 – Charles Lewis

**Jan. 31** – Psalm 90 – Charles Voyles

**Feb. 07** – Psalm 105 – Bob Cook

**Feb. 14** – Psalm 107 – Jim Akins

**Feb. 21** – Psalm 116 – Jon Nevins

**Feb. 28** – Psalm 147 – Steve Mosley

**WBS** – We recently received over 1,400 requests for lessons from World Bible School that need to be processed. Please help us get those in the mail. Contact Mark Phillips if you have questions or would like to help.



**L.O.V.E.** – An opportunity for involvement awaits ladies at Somers through our

**L.O.V.E** (*Ladies Offering Vital*

*Encouragement*) **Ministry**. Different levels

of participation are available for those interested in helping with wedding and/or baby showers. (*We have several coming up soon.*) You can view an on-line form at our website by clicking on “Forms” at the top of the home page, or get a printed copy from the back table, fill it out and return to Judy Rye.

**THANKS** – *To all who called and said a prayer on my behalf and for the cards, “Thank you.” Be sure the girls who make up the care baskets know how much I thank them for their time. It means a lot to know that someone cares.*

*~ Love to all, Charlene Battles*

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*Dear Somers Avenue church family, I am just overwhelmed by the kindness and friendliness that we’ve been shown in the short time that we’ve been a part of this loving congregation. I appreciate so much the thoughtfulness shown to my mother. The gift box is filled with goodies and things she can use, and she ate the M&M’s right away! We especially appreciate all your prayers, as she struggles to regain her strength and heal her broken shoulder.*

*~ In Christian love, Ralph & Joyce Stewart*

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*Dear Christian Friends, Thank you for your special kindness and for the way you have of making happy occasions from even the most ordinary of days. Thank you for the basket of goodies. It was a great treat. ~ In His love, Neva Raper*

*(Neita Phillips’ mother)*

## **WHAT SHOULD WE BE?**

Matthew 4 lists five qualities of Jesus’ disciples:

Vs. 18 – They were busy workers.

Vs. 19 – They listened.

Vs. 20 – They were willing to change.

Vs. 20 – They left what they were doing *immediately*.

Vs. 20 – They followed Him.