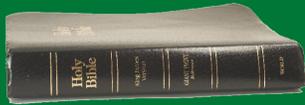


January 7, 2018



*The Cedar Grove Church ~ A place where Jehovah is exalted, Jesus Christ is Savior, the Bible is respected, Christians love one another and heaven is our final goal.*

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# Newsletter

## "MY AXE BLADE IS DULL!"

A long time ago, the story is told, a man was asked to be involved in a good work of the Lord. He replied, *"I can't! My axe blade is dull!"* The one who had asked him to be involved said, *"I don't understand. What does an axe blade have to do with you being involved?"* The man replied, **"Nothing, but if you are looking for an excuse, one is as good as another!"**

There are good lessons to be gleaned from this little story.

There is a difference between an EXCUSE and a REASON. At times it is impossible or best not to be involved even in a good work. At times change is necessary. There can be *"reasons"* (sensible, logical, valid thoughts) for doing or not doing something.

When it comes to EXCUSES, one is as good as another! If we want to support a new football team, back a different candidate – we can no doubt find an reasons (or excuse) for change (valid or trivial).

Please be careful when making spiritual decisions. Please realize that actions and attitudes live for a long time (especially in the hearts of young ones). There have been MANY sad and tragic times when children and grandchildren have been *"turned away"* from following God because of the ungodly and offensive actions of their family sowing discord, causing division, bringing harm to the precious bride of Christ.

Consider what the Lord would do in your place; what He would say, what attitude He would possess. Realize

that your HEAVENLY FATHER sees and hears everything you do or say.

STABILITY, FAITHFULNESS, LOYALTY – These are key words to the work of the Master, our Lord Jesus Christ. Dear ones, as individual members, let us be the reliable, faithful ones who will *"be there"* and *"involved"* in the Lord's service. Let us not be fickle, offering one excuse or another, finding fault with others to justify our action. Fault can always be found in another – for all sin (Rom. 3:10,23), make mistakes, err in judgment. Simon Peter (in the first century) was guilty of foolish and hurtful deeds – but the Lord did not cast him aside, but rather allowed him to develop into a powerful servant (the sermon as recorded in Acts 2 confirms this).

Please be careful what you hear and believe. Satan has vocal, out-spoken servants. So much of what is being told is false, half-truths, distorted. A person who has an agenda for change will often say whatever is necessary, spread half-truths, turn against friends, slander, etc. to accomplish their goal.

May we always KNOW that we are to be servants, slaves, ministers to the Master. Honor and respect God's laws for our lives. Respect God's plan for HIS church.

The church is so IMPORTANT. The church is much greater than any and all of us. Christ is the head of the church; the authority (Matt. 28:18) and He has spoken (Heb. 1:1-2). Let us teach the truth, support the truth, live by the truth and know that one day we will be judged by the truth.

### Schedule Of Services

Sunday Bible Study ..... 9:00 AM  
Sunday AM Worship ..... 10:00 AM  
Sunday PM Worship..... 5:00 PM  
Wed Bible Study..... 7:00 PM

### Elders

Randy Baker – (256) 247-9784  
Richard McLemore – (256) 627-8858

### Deacons

Newell Graham • Jackie Looney • Paul Sain

# A Family Update

**UPDATE ON OUR SICK** – Dan Holland – Was great having Dan and Judy with us in worship last week. Rachal Wallace is also been quite sick.

**SYMPATHY** – To the family of **Lucille Ball** (sister of Judy Holland) • Family of **Bobby White** (brother-in-law of Faye Chandler) • Family of **Rebecca Durham** (sister of Ronald Craig).

**LTB Class** will meet this Sunday afternoon at 4:00.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED** – It was wonderful having Wayne Howard with us last Sunday. He asked for forgiveness / prayers in his behalf.

**CALENDARS** – There are still some 2018 Daily Bible Reading Calendars here – Let's put them to good use by giving them to our friends, strangers, neighbors, etc. They will teach all the year long.

**MOVED** – Bro. Guy Collier is now in Mitchell-Hollingsworth in Florence. We love and miss him.

**A NIGHT OUT WITH THE CEDAR GROVE FAMILY** – A while back we would designate a specific night and place to meet for a meal. We are planning to do that again – starting soon. Be looking for the details and we hope you can join us - It will be a fun night and great food.



Betty Barclay	Margorie Nash
Bobby Bedingfield	Jamie Patterson
Guy Collier	Edith Romine
Florene Hill	Melia Romine
Dan Holland	Peggy Spry
Julia Holley	Betty Stark
Wayne Howard	Estelle Terry
Gary Lovell	Thomas Waldrep
Jay Moreland	Connie Young

*"...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"* (James 5:16).



This month our items are:  
 Beanie Weanies • Mixed Fruit  
 Can of Beans • Salmon

## LEADERSHIP

## Assignments (For Month Of January, 2018)

### TO SERVE

Announcements  
 Song Leader  
 Reading (AM)  
 Reading (PM)  
 Open Prayer (AM)  
 Close Prayer (AM)  
 Lord's Supper  
 Assist At Table  
 Assist At Table  
 Assist At Table  
 Open Prayer (PM)  
 Close Prayer (PM)  
 Wed. Open Prayer  
 Wed. Close Prayer

### January 7

Tony Clemons  
 Newell Graham  
 Newell Graham  
 Robert McGee  
 Bobby Bedingfield  
 Jay Gibson  
 Randy Baker  
 Bobby Bedingfield  
 Jay Gibson  
 Jeremy Fleming  
 Tony Clemons  
 Jackie Looney  
 (10<sup>th</sup>) Jeremy Fleming  
 (10<sup>th</sup>) Bryce Romine

### January 14

Tony Clemons  
 Mark Lytle  
 Newell Graham  
 Robert McGee  
 Newell Graham  
 David Romine  
 Randy Baker  
 Bobby Bedingfield  
 Jay Gibson  
 Jeremy Fleming  
 Dan Holland  
 Donald Spry  
 (17<sup>th</sup>) Jackie Looney  
 (17<sup>th</sup>) Jeremy Fleming

### January 21

Tony Clemons  
 Tony Clemons  
 Newell Graham  
 Robert McGee  
 Mark Lytle  
 Bobby Bedingfield  
 Randy Baker  
 Bobby Bedingfield  
 Jay Gibson  
 Jeremy Fleming  
 Richard McLemore  
 Randy Baker  
 (24<sup>th</sup>) Bryce Romine  
 (24<sup>th</sup>) Mark Lytle

### January 28

Tony Clemons  
 Richard McLemore  
 Newell Graham  
 Robert McGee  
 Gavin Trousdale  
 Justin Romine  
 Randy Baker  
 Bobby Bedingfield  
 Jay Gibson  
 Jeremy Fleming  
 David Romine  
 Tony Clemons  
 (31<sup>st</sup>) Paul Sain  
 (27<sup>th</sup>) Gavin Trousdale

**Attendance:** Jackie Looney • Wayne Griffin •• **Sign:** Randy Baker •• **Assist Treasurer:** David McLemore

**Bulletin Board:** Steffanie, Hannah & Hope •• **Communion:** Marlene Baker