

NORTH HAMILTON CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Minister's Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.	Worship	10:30 A.M.
Sunday Evening	6:00 P.M.	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.

“Thinking Spiritually About Cancer”

David B. Smith

I have pretty strong feelings about cancer. I hate it. I hate that any person has to struggle with such a catastrophic eating-away of the body. I especially hate that people I love and respect, past and present, have struggled with it. I hate that families have to cope with their worlds being turned

Sunday's Sermons

AM: Ruth & Relationships (Part 2)

PM: Teaching Kids the Truth About Dinosaurs

Men to Serve

AM: Opening Prayer –Carroll Oxford Announcements – Joel Laney
PM: Opening Prayer – Bob Doak Closing Prayer – Phil Phillips
Wednesday: Opening – John Blanks Closing – Curt Stewart
All week: Lock Building – Art Greer Hall Monitor – David Griffith
(Men, please check the duty roster on bulletin board and let John Blanks or George Farmer know if you are unable to serve)

If you have information or updates for the bulletin, please email them to our secretary at nhcocsec@gmail.com

Prayer List

Additional information is available on the bulletin board.

James Anderson
Nancy Birch
Gladys Blanks
Marjorie Cagle
Riley Dennis
Gene Frazier
Sara Grasham

Bill Greer
Kathy Hamilton
Olivia Hamrick
Susie Hargis
Janice Johnson
Grayson Ledbetter
Judy Lusk
Tina Margroff

Jeff McClain
Tony Miller
Connie Richardson
Carlos Shannon
Janice Smith
Diane Stacy
Mark Wheeler

- **Jeff McClain** has another lung scan scheduled for December 10 to see if spots on lung have grown. At this time his doctor is a bit baffled as to what it may be.
- **Marilyn Everett** is now at home, being dismissed from the hospital on Wednesday following surgery on Tuesday.
- **Steve Everett** was then admitted to Memorial Hospital on Wednesday due to fluid around his heart. It was determined that this was due to infection and fluid was removed. During the procedure, aneurisms were detected in two locations, calling for open heart surgery within the next year.
- Former members Brent and Leslie Hamrick, who now live in North Dakota, have requested prayers for their college-aged daughter, **Olivia Hamrick**, who is facing some serious health issues at this time.

Announcements

- **Children's Home Collection:** Glen Richardson from Tennessee Children's Home was here Thursday morning to collect items and money that we had gathered for the home. He again commented on how valuable North Hamilton's support was. Thanks to Rick Essex for doing a super job of gathering the items the home states they need. Also, your cash contributions allow them to purchase needed perishable items.
- **Panama VBS for 2019:** For anyone interested in participating in a VBS mission trip to Panama next summer, there are three trips scheduled, and one is already booked. You can ask Tommy Qualls or Kelly Hemming about their experience this past summer.
- **Martin-Boyd Christian Home:** Remember that we conduct the worship service at Martin-Boyd Christian Home each Sunday in December at two o'clock. This also serves as our evening service during December. Let's plan now to continue our excellent attendance each Sunday. It does mean so much to the residents there as well as giving us a good feeling that we were a part of it. David will be speaking, and Curt Stewart will again arrange for other participants.
- **Holiday Meal:** We can also plan to attend our holiday meal on Saturday evening, December 8. Not to worry, Alabama fans, the SEC championship game is on the first.

Upcoming Events

November 16 – Annual Thanksgiving Singing at Ft. Oglethorpe

November 22 – 59th Annual Thanksgiving Service at Central

December 1 – Monthly Men's Breakfast

December 1 – Ladies' Ornament Party, 4PM at Beverly Randolph's

December 5 – Monthly Men's Devotional

December 7 – Teen Devo at the home of Jesse & Alisha Lowman

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Next month's calendar is on the table in the foyer. Please check that your family's December birthdays are correct and included.

Birthdays

11 – Caleb Qualls

13 – Bobbie White

16 – Stephen Jackson

17 – Kenzie Harvey

Anniversaries

11 – Grady & Jimmie Cash

upside down and often financially ruined. I hate that treatments are sometimes worse on the body than the disease itself. I could go on, but you understand my point. I'm guessing you feel the same way.

I know that hate is a strong word, but we are told to "hate every false way" (Psa. 119:104). Cancer is ultimately one of the terrible consequences brought into the world because of sin. When Eve and Adam partook of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, it changed everything. All of the struggle and pain and stress that God wanted to keep from us became part of our world when the devil gained advantage over the first man and woman. Though we are not guilty of the sin of Adam and Eve personally, we are subject to the effects of their sin (Rom. 5:12). Cancer is just one of them. That is why we hate it.

Physically speaking, there's hardly a scarier word from a doctor. But our view isn't limited just to the flesh. In fact, Paul tells us to look beyond our present struggles and consider grander things. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:17-18). So as much as we all hate cancer, we rejoice in the things that cancer cannot do:

- Cancer cannot destroy our spirit, love for life or our sense of humor.
- Cancer cannot steal our love and compassion for others.
- Cancer cannot take away our friends.
- Cancer cannot destroy our relationship with God.
- Cancer cannot cause God to love us less.
- Cancer cannot take away our hope.
- Cancer cannot destroy our faith.
- Cancer cannot stop us from serving or worshipping God.

I've spent many a sleepless night over the years, struggling with the news that people I love have been diagnosed with cancer. I know you have too. But if we look beyond the flesh and consider all of God's promises, it will help us through.