

# *NORTH HAMILTON CHURCH OF CHRIST*



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## **January 6, 2019**

### **Elders**

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### **Minister**

David B. Smith

### **Deacons**

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### **Minister's Office Hours:**

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

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

## **“What We Often Forget About Elders (Part 1 of 2)” David B. Smith**

I've been several different places as a preacher, and have experienced church-work with and without elders. I have also preached in hundreds of places more through meetings and lectureships and have observed congregations in both states (*i.e.*, with and without elderships). Without question, it is a good thing for a

### **Last Week's Attendance**

Bible Class: 108

Worship: 180

Wednesday: 99

### **Sunday's Sermons**

AM: Foundations: Redemption

PM: Questions & Answers

### **Men to Serve**

AM: Opening Prayer – Joe Anderson      Announcements – Willard Elsea

PM: Opening Prayer – Chris Randolph      Closing Prayer – Carroll Oxford

Wednesday: Opening – Bob Newsom      Closing – Brad Jones

All week: Lock Building – Harold Birch      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](mailto:nhcocsec@gmail.com)**

### **Prayer List**

*A complete list is available on the bulletin board.*

Several of our family will be having **surgery** this week. Let's keep them all in our prayers: **Susie Hargis** will have surgery Monday to place tubes to prevent the fluid buildup that has plagued her as she battles lung cancer. **Doris Gibbs** will have a shoulder replacement on Monday, and **Terry Pursley** is scheduled to have surgery on Tuesday.

**Tommy Douglas** underwent aneurism repair surgery Friday. Pray for quick recovery

**Caroline Lasater** in entered Parkridge Hospital Wednesday. She may have a heart enzyme issue.

**Gene Frazier** had additional fluid removed Friday and is now awaiting additional testing (Spectrophotometry) to determine possibility of the return of Mesothelioma. He expects to have results later this week.

### **Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy to Carroll & Paulette Oxford on the loss of their brother-in-law, Jack Hollar, who passed away Thursday in Virginia.

## Announcements

- **Congregation Meeting:** The Sunday evening service on January 20th will be very brief. Following dismissal there will be a congregation meeting where updates will be given as well as some important plans for 2019. You are naturally encouraged to attend since this is a weekly worship service; however, you are also urged to remain and help us plan for a great, successful 2019. Should you have an item you wish discussed, please give to one of the elders prior to the meeting in case they need some time to address.
- **Martin-Boyd:** We and the staff and residents of Martin Boyd Christian Home extend sincere thanks to all of those who attended and helped to conduct the services we held there in the month of December. It is such an encouragement to our brothers and sisters there.
- **Teen Devotionals:** For those willing to host a monthly teen devotional, the 2019 sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the hall or you may see Travis Fridell.
- **Ladies' Bible Class:** The LBC will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 8, at 10:00 am with a new study in a book titled "I Have Been Young" by Willard Conchin. This is an excellent time for you to join the class if you are available on Tuesday mornings. If you plan to be there and need a book, please see Gloria Greer. Come join us for this study and a little fun along the way while you fellowship with the other ladies in the class.

## Upcoming Events

- 1/9 – Church Raiders at Lake Hills. Plan to leave North Hamilton at 6PM.  
1/13 – Meeting after morning service for those interest in visiting Tennessee Children's Home.  
1/13 – Meeting after morning service for those planning to attend CYC, itinerary will be available.  
2/10 – Quarterly Fellowship Meal after morning service  
2/24 – Combined Singing service at the Soddy congregation

## This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Copies of the complete January calendar are on the table in the foyer.*

### Birthdays

- 9 – Joyce Haithcock  
Nelta Jo Hicks  
10- Brad Jones  
Steven Pell

### Anniversaries

- 8 – Carroll & Paulette Oxford

congregation to have an eldership—not just any group of men, but qualified men doing their best to serve God as shepherds. I think you know it, but we are extremely blessed to have the elders we do at North Hamilton. Not every congregation has what we have, and we should thank God for it. But I wonder if perhaps this is where our prayers stop. We give thanks frequently that we have elders, and ask God to bless them. And we should be doing this every day. But do we think about what is really involved in being an elder in the church? Maybe if we knew what they bear daily, our appreciation would deepen for the men that desire this enormous and important work in the Lord's kingdom. Here are a few things for us to ponder:

**1. Elders work more than just on Sundays and Wednesdays—a lot more.** Sure, we see them at every worship service. And we should. Elders are to be faithful men (1 Tim. 3:1-7), and as such they are going to be where God's people are gathered together. However, there is no day off for an elder. They sacrifice time from their personal lives regularly to meet, counsel, study with and listen to members. They are on-call 24/7.

**2. Elders understand that they will answer to God in judgment for their work.** The writer of Hebrews makes that clear (Heb. 13:17). God calls for the highest caliber men to serve in this position and judges accordingly. These are the men tasked with protecting the Lord's bride (Tit. 1:9-11), and surely that responsibility weighs on them daily.

*Continued next week...*