

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.

“What We Often Forget About Elders (Part 2 of 2)”

David B. Smith

Continued from last week...

3. Elders get discouraged, probably more than other members of a congregation. They know every rift, every scandal, every complaint, and every rumor; it all comes to them eventually. They are the ones that organize and provide learning opportunities that some members won't

Last Week's Attendance

Bible Class: 107
Sunday PM: 116

Worship: 173
Wednesday: 95

Sunday's Sermons

AM: Foundations: Conversion
PM: God and Abortion

Men to Serve

AM: Opening Prayer – Joel Laney Announcements – Willard Elsea
PM: Opening Prayer – Curt Stewart Closing Prayer – Toby Ward
Wednesday: Opening – Millis Jackson Closing – Jim Groves
All week: Lock Building – James Germ Hall Monitor – Tom Haithcock
(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

Doris Gibbs is now home and recovering from shoulder replacement surgery on Monday.

Terry Pursley's surgery was on Tuesday and he is now recuperating at home.

Caroline Lasater's procedure showed that the blockage was not as significant as expected and a stent would not be needed and it can, instead, be treated with medication.

Continue to pray for **Gladys Blanks** as she struggles with the medication she need to combat acute myeloid leukemia.

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 it.
- **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.

Upcoming Events

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

3/2 – Ladies' Day at East Ridge with speaker Kathy Pollard

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

16 – Mary Ruth Cranmore
Steve Everett

17 – Jimmie Cash

18 – Patricia Harvey

Anniversaries

None this week

attend. They are the ones that ask for volunteers and get turned down because we are too busy in other things. They are the ones that get excited to lead us into new opportunities for outreach and growth only to have the dream die on our apathy. They are the ones personally invested in members, meaning they feel every sickness, death or apostasy in the church. It is a tough and often lonely work. There was a reason that Paul helped to appoint elders in every local church and then encouraged them to “hang in there” (Acts 14:21-28).

4. Elders bear the burden of secrets—lots of secrets. Shepherds should be approachable and wise men, making it easy for members to confide in them (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-11; Jas. 3:13-18). This happens more than we often realize. They regularly meet with members, who lay their hearts open before them. We can imagine that elders spend many sleepless nights praying for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of members.

5. Elders are regular people, just like you and me. They laugh and cry and hurt and feel just like us. They are one of us (1 Thess. 5:12-13), just with a different role in the church. They make mistakes. They are fallible. They have weakness and strengths. They need growth and fellowship and forgiveness just like any other Christian. They have good days and bad days.

So what is our response? Pray for these men (1 Tim. 2:1ff.). Tell them how much they mean to you. Encourage them (1 Thess. 5:12-13). Spend time with them. Follow their lead. Be their friend. Give them a hand. Their work is incredibly stressful, so let’s do what we can to help lighten their load and make their work joyful