

# *NORTH HAMILTON CHURCH OF CHRIST*



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## **January 20, 2019**

### **Elders**

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### **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>

**“Things to Remember When Making Our Case for Christianity”  
David B. Smith**

There are plenty of verses that call for Christians to defend the truth. Jude writes that we should “earnestly contend for the faith” (Jude 3). We are to “be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Pet. 3:15). In his admonition to elders, Paul told them to watch for “savage wolves...that draw away disciples after themselves” (Acts 20:29-30). We are even told to “note those who cause divisions...and avoid them” (Rom. 16:17-18). And it certainly

## **Last Week's Attendance**

Bible Class: 105  
Sunday PM: 79

Worship: 166  
Wednesday: 111

## **Sunday's Sermons**

AM: Foundations: The Church

## **Men to Serve**

AM: Opening Prayer – John Blanks      Announcements – Willard Elsea  
PM: Opening Prayer – Doug Wright      Closing Prayer – Tommy Douglas  
Wednesday: Opening – Jack Smith      Closing – Joel Laney  
All week: Lock Building – Joe Anderson      Hall Monitor – Curt Horn  
(Men, please check the duty roster on bulletin board and let Curt Stewart,  
Harold Birch, 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**

*Additional information is available on the bulletin board.*

James Anderson	Bill Greer	Jeff McClain
Nancy Birch	Kathy Hamilton	Tony Miller
Gladys Blanks	Olivia Hamrick	Connie Richardson
Marjorie Cagle	Susie Hargis	Carlos Shannon
Riley Dennis	Janice Johnson	Janice Smith
Gene Frazier	Grayson Ledbetter	Diane Stacy
Sara Grasham	Judy Lusk	Mark Wheeler
	Tina Margroff	

After her recent stay in the hospital followed by physical therapy at Siskin Hospital, **Nancy Birch** is scheduled to be to return home today (Sunday).

Remember **Maribeth Tripp** as she has tonsil and adenoid surgery on Monday.

**Gene Frazier** continues suffer from constant and severe pain even as he undergoes treatments for mesothelioma detected in recently removed abdominal fluid.

Also, remember **Gladys Blanks** as she continues treatments for acute myeloid leukemia. She too is experiencing severe pain probably resulting from these treatments.

## Announcements

- **Men to Serve:** Notice that John Blanks' name is no longer listed as one to contact if someone is unable to serve in our worship service. He and George Farmer ensure that each service has a person to fill each role needed for that service. We thank both men for the service they provide each week. John has now asked that he be replaced for a while. We thank Harold Birch and Curt Stewart for agreeing to help. Men, you too can help. If you are on the duty roster and know that you will not be at that service, please let one of these men know in advance, giving them time to find a substitute.
- **Congregation Meeting:** Determine to be with us this evening as we have an abbreviated worship service followed by a congregation meeting. You will hear each deacon update us on their area of responsibility. You will also learn of plans and goals for the coming year. You will be dismissed at or even before the normal dismissal time. Also, we can then gather in the fellowship room for barbeque and a chance to ask any question or suggestion you may have.
- **Family Seminar:** The East Side congregation in Cleveland will host a Family Seminar February 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. See the flyer on the bulletin board to see what all will be offered. Parents with children still at home may be particularly interested.
- **Vacation Bible School:** Next Sunday evening, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 there will be a short VBS meeting to discuss the possibility of producing all of our own lessons and materials. All who are interested in being a part of this effort are strongly encouraged to attend.

### This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

#### Birthdays

- 20 – Carrie Hendrickson  
Betty Meeks  
22 – Pat Pursley  
Pat Murphy  
25 – Leslie Jackson  
Ivy Anderson

#### Anniversaries

- 26 – Tommy & Kathy Douglas

seems there are regular occasions in our culture to defend the truth. It is under attack every day and in almost every way. But the Bible also tells us there is more to defending truth than having the right answer. The method in which the answer is delivered matters just as much to God.

Take, for example, the church in Ephesus. When John addressed them in the Revelation, they were doing some things well (Rev. 2:1-7). They were extremely committed to the work. They were patient in trials. On top of that, they were dedicated to defending the truth. They withstood false teachers, even challenging those that claimed an equal authority to the apostles. Still, they were guilty of leaving “their first love” (Rev. 2:4). In the context, it appears they had lost their passion for souls. They forgot that love for people should motivate all of their opposition to error. This means that there are two requirements in making our case for Christianity: truth and a proper attitude. Here are a few things for us to consider:

- 1. We must give an answer, but with “meekness and fear”** (1 Pet. 3:15). This means we must be gentle and respectful. Though we cannot agree with error, we can be decent in the way we respond with truth.
- 2. We must be gracious in our speech and use righteous-living to influence others** (Col. 4:5-6). Christians will never win an argument through a shouting match. Instead, we must live consistently with our claims. The world needs to be influenced by the light of God through us, not a fiery tongue.
- 3. We must put ourselves in the shoes of the people we are trying to help** (Gal. 6:1; Matt. 7:12). How would we want to hear it? What argument would make better sense to us? In other words, we should always consider how we would receive the truth if we were in the other position.
- 4. We must mimic the behavior of Jesus under pressure** (1 Pet. 2:21-25). Jesus was mocked and mistreated, yet never lost His composure or acted ugly. He did not return insult for insult. Instead, He maintained His integrity and trusted the will of God.

If we are willing, God will use us to help defend His cause. But we must remember that He also expects a certain behavior with the right answers. Let’s rise up and stand for truth, but with decency and humility