

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 Deeply on Dorian”

David B. Smith

As the East Coast braces for the brunt of Hurricane Dorian, we are being offered front row seats to the immense power of nature. Most of us have never experienced 100+ mph winds, or watched as ocean water beats against second and third story windows, or even fled—not just our house but our home state—with just a few select bags of what we deem precious. So it's difficult to understand the sheer terror of those that look outside their windows and see the

Attendance Last Week

Bible Class: 109
Sunday PM: 118

Sunday AM: 153
Wednesday: 100

Sunday's Sermon

AM: Finding Happiness in an Unhappy World (pt. 2)
PM: Why Genesis 1 – 11 Matters

Men to Serve

AM: Opening Prayer – Tom Haithcock Announcements – Art Greer
PM: Opening Prayer – John Blanks Closing Prayer – Bob Newsom
Wed: Opening Prayer – Chris Randolph Closing Prayer – Josh Elsea
All week: Lock Building – Toby Ward Hall Monitor – Joe Anderson
(Men, please check the duty roster on bulletin board and let Curt Stewart
or George Farmer know if you are unable to serve)

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

Prayer List

Additional information is available on the bulletin board.

James Anderson	Tommie Grandfield	Carlos Shannon
Patricia Anthony	Sarah Grasham	Leon Smartt
Nancy Birch	Bill Greer	Janice Smith
Gladys Blanks	Susie Hargis	Bessie Smithson
Jennifer Bradford	Grayson Ledbetter	Johnny Southerland
Marjorie Cagle	Judy Lusk	Diane Stacy
Isaac Cooper	Tony Miller	John Webster
	Lexi Owens	

Add to your prayer list the name **Mike Bouldin**, who is Gladys Blanks' nephew. An endoscopy on Tuesday revealed the presence of esophageal cancer. He will soon begin a regimen of chemotherapy plus radiation. Mike and his wife Vickie are active members of the Rockcliff congregation near McMinnville and have visited here on numerous occasions.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

12 – Deborah Lawson
Penelope Randolph

Anniversaries

9 – Art & Gloria Greer

Announcements

- **Holiday Boxes for Nicaragua:** The following is a message we received regarding holiday boxes for Nicaragua: **“It’s time to again start getting materials for the holiday boxes. You may pack shoe boxes with children’s materials; clothes, flip flops, school supplies, toys etc. Designate whether box is for a boy or girl. Shipping cost \$5/ box. You may also donate money for supplies and shipping cost. Do not close boxes. Tops must be separate for customs inspections. We must receive boxes by Sept. 13, 2019.”** We will deliver our boxes to East Ridge early Monday morning, September 16. Let Joel know if you have any questions regarding the boxes.
- **PTP 2020:** For those who have expressed an interest in attending next year’s Polishing the Pulpit, there will be a short meeting after our evening service to discuss cost, accommodations, etc. Meet with David up front at the conclusion of the evening’s service.
- **September 15-18:** Gospel Meeting at Ooltewah with Ken Willis as the speaker. 7:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. See bulletin board.
- **Saturday, September 23:** The Subligna Road congregation in Summerville, Georgia, will have their Ladies Day with Tiffany Gaines of Bowling Green, Kentucky, doing the speaking.
- **Photos for Directory:** If your photo is not on the photo board in the lobby, or if it needs to be updated, plan on staying just a few minutes after the morning service today to have your photo taken. We are working on an online directory that can be updated as needed, but we need you to help us have a complete and accurate directory online.

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, October 11:** The Magby Gap congregation just out of Trenton will have their annual Gospel Singing on October 11 at 7:00 p.m. (Eastern time). Refreshments will be provided. See bulletin board for information.
- **October 20-23:** The Getwell congregation in Memphis hosts the annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship. Speakers and topics can be found on the bulletin board.
- **November 6:** Tennessee Children’s Home truck will be here

stormy skies that spell death. What we can understand, as much as is humanly possible, is the jaw-dropping power of a storm like this. According to the Hurricane Research Division of the Atlantic Oceanographic & Meteorological Laboratory, “the heat release [of a hurricane] is equivalent to a 10-megaton nuclear bomb exploding every 20 minutes.” Can you imagine? It’s simply breathtaking. And as difficult as it may be to focus on deeper lessons, beyond the sheer force of the storm, it’s worth doing.

First, such displays of power in nature should remind us instantly of the greater power of the One that made the world. Created things have limitations, even storms like we are witnessing now. There’s an extent to their power. There is a limit to what they can do. But, this isn’t so God. There is a reason the Old Testament writers often called Him “God Almighty” (Gen. 17:1; 35:11). It was simply a way of saying that He transcends time and space, meaning He is limitless. Let us never forget that this quality of God was on full display through Jesus. He instantly calmed raging storms with just a spoken word (Matt. 8:23-27). So as terrifying as the storm may be, there is comfort in knowing that God is greater.

Second, Christians are not powerless in times like these. It may seem so, if we focus on the physical. How can we possibly stop a freight train? But didn’t Jesus promise the ability to move mountains through prayer (Matt. 11:23)? He wasn’t saying that we can instantly stop the force of nature, but He was promising us His aid. A prayer offered to our Father in faith could be world changing. Perhaps that’s what we need to be doing a lot of, right now. Pray that God will weaken the storm. Pray that God will preserve life. Pray that people will see through nature that He exists. I’ve known of hurricanes crushing houses and even towns, but I’ve never seen one move a mountain. That makes the prayers of Christians more powerful than a hurricane.

Hard as they may be to experience or witness, disasters like this open so many doors for the church. In the first century, their crisis was abject poverty. In its own way, it was like a hurricane. People were left homeless and starving. The church saw the opportunity to do good to all men (Gal. 6:10), and extended grace to the people (Acts 2:47). The result was phenomenal growth. We can do the same today, by actively showing people what we believe. We simply need to seek out opportunities to demonstrate the love of God by showing it to others.

Our prayer is that by the time this article makes the bulletin, the storm is gone and the damage is less than expected. Our hearts ache for those in its path. God, help them to be safe. And please, God, help us to be what the church should be in times like this—full of faith and action.