

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.

“Follow After Peace”

David B. Smith

I've heard more than a few people lately express their discouragement over the constant fighting that saturates everything in our culture today. People fight and argue in traffic. People fight and argue over sports. People fight and argue over politics. It seems everywhere we turn people are at each other over

something. What's more discouraging is to see Christians joining the fray. Certainly, we are called to be soldiers (2 Tim. 2:3). We are at war with Satan (Eph.

Men to Serve

AM: Opening Prayer – Carroll Oxford Announcements – Willard Elsea
PM: Opening Prayer – Rick Essex Closing Prayer – Terry Pursley
Wed: Opening Prayer – Steve Pell, Sr Closing Prayer – Ken Wilson
All week: Lock Building – Chris Randolph Hall Monitor – Keith Herron
(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	Lexi Owens
Patricia Anthony	Sarah Grasham	Carlos Shannon
Jim Bethune	Bill Greer	Janice Smith
Nancy Birch	Susie Hargis	Bessie Smithson
Jennifer Bradford	Grayson Ledbetter	Johnny Southerland
Marjorie Cagle	Loretta Leffew	Diane Stacy
Isaac Cooper	Judy Lusk	John Webster
	Tony Miller	

Susie Hargis continues to need your prayers as she struggles with her treatments at this time. Her white blood cell count has been extremely low, making infections a significant risk.

We were all saddened this week by the loss of our sister **Gladys Blanks**. Please keep John and the rest of her family in your prayers at this difficult time.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

The calendar for next month is on the table in the foyer. Please check that your family's November birthdays and anniversaries are correct and included.

Birthdays

21 – Glen Norwood
23 – Rick Essex
26 – Jocelyn Lowman

Anniversaries

22 – David & Deborah Lawson
25 – Keith & Leah Herron

Announcements

- **Thank You:** The family of Gladys Blanks has expressed their thanks to the North Hamilton congregation. Your hospitality and support have been very appreciated this week.
- **Block Party:** There will be a short meeting after the morning service today for everyone who is volunteering at this year's event. Also, we are in need of bags of individually wrapped candy for the Trunk-or-Treat. Please bring those if you can.
- **Tennessee Children's Home:** The collection truck from Tennessee Children's Home will be here in less than one month. Check the list of needed items on the bulletin board in the north exit hallway. What if every family brought just one or two of the needed items each week until mid-November? Another option is to give money to Rick Essex, allowing him to purchase those things needed by the home.
- **Don Blackwell DVD:** Several have expressed interest in obtaining a copy of the Blackwell DVD shown here last Sunday morning. One option was to copy the existing copy; however, we now learn that our copy is copyright protected. Copies may be ordered online from sain-publications.com or by telephone at (931)363-6905. The cost is only \$6.00.
- **Bimonthly Singing:** Next Sunday evening will be our last joint singing with the Soddy congregation until next February. Plan on meeting at the Soddy building next Sunday evening and staying for the finger-food fellowship that follows.
- **Tumor Clinic:** Jimmie Ruth Wilson will return to the Tumor Clinic with our donation on Tuesday. If you would like to contribute, be sure to have your items here before then.

Upcoming Events

Additional information is available on the bulletin board.

- **October 20-23:** Spiritual Sword Lectureship at the Getwell congregation in Memphis
- **October 20-23:** Gospel Meeting at the Riverbend congregation in Dalton. 7 PM each evening with speaker Michael Shepherd.
- **October 26:** Our annual Block Party and Trunk-or-Treat. Start bringing bags of individually wrapped candies now!
- **November 2:** Youth Rally at Mountain Creek, 10 AM - 2 PM

6:10-18). But we are not at war with each other and we shouldn't be at war with any one over matters that do not ultimately matter. Instead, we should follow after peace. How do we accomplish that? How can we pursue peace in a world that loves conflict? What advice does the Bible offer? Consider these six solutions:

1. Practice long-suffering. "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to have a walk worth of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing one another in love" (Eph. 4:1-2). Fighting would practically vanish if we learned to suffer with each other, even when you may be right.

2. Keep your nose in your own business. "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters" (1 Pet. 4:15). Fights could often be avoided if we found better things to do with our time than look for them. Taking care of ourselves is already enough of a task.

3. Don't fret and fight over opinions. Opinions are just that. They have no bearing on the soul or one's standing with God, except for the way we handle them. "Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him" (Rom. 14:3).

4. Carry a spirit of forgiveness. While forgiveness can't exist without actual repentance (Luke 17:1-3), we ought to be characterized by an attitude of letting things go. Instead of carrying grudges and recording offenses, we want to release wrongs and mend relationships. "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (Matt. 6:12).

5. Do not delight in another person's transgressions. People these days are after their pound of flesh. They want the head of any person that disagrees on a platter. We shouldn't be this way. There should never be joy to see tragedy fall upon another. We never wish anything but the best for others. "The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and it is to his glory to overlook a transgression" (Prov. 19:11).

6. Be willing to go the extra mile. We should be willing to put ourselves in the shoes of others and consider controversy in that context. Even if people are unkind, we aren't allowed retaliation. Jesus calls us to a course of action that mimics His own behavior. "And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two" (Matt. 5:41).

There's so much more, but these are enough to show that we aren't supposed to fight silly battles. Bickering and arguing over worldly things only dims the light we are required to be shining to the world. Instead of joining needless fights, let's follow after peace.