

# ***NORTH HAMILTON CHURCH OF CHRIST***



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## **October 27, 2019**

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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>

**“Keeping Hope Alive in Our Hearts”  
David B. Smith**

We have a bad habit in our culture of using words in ways they aren't supposed to be used. For example, a person might say, “I'm literally dying of laughter.” We get what they are saying, but you can't *literally* be dying of something unless you are actually (in reality) dying of

## Men to Serve

AM: Opening Prayer – Curt Stewart      Announcements – Willard Elsea  
PM: Opening Prayer – Bob Doak      Closing Prayer – Larry Nave  
Wed: Opening Prayer – Ken Wilson      Closing Prayer – Josh Elsea  
All week: Lock Building – Curt Horn      Hall Monitor – Shane Laster  
(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](mailto: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
Danny Curvin	Tony Miller	

Keep **Susie Hargis** in your prayers as she continues to deal with the effects of the chemotherapy she is undergoing.

**Grady Cash** is slowed by an onset of dizziness. Physicians have ruled out vertigo, kidney issues, and most other conditions. Therapy seems to be the option at this time.

**Danny Curvin**, son-in-law of Steve & Ella Pell, remains in the hospital being treated for pressure wounds and infection due to his quadriplegia. He underwent surgery to try to clear the infection Saturday afternoon. They are unable to handle visitors at this time, your prayers are very appreciated.

## This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Copies of the complete calendar for November are available  
on the table in the foyer.*

### Birthdays

28 – Jennie Partin

### Anniversaries

28 – Terry & Pat Pursley

Nov. 1 – Chris & Brittney Bell

## Announcements

- **Block Party:** Our Block Party that had been planned for yesterday afternoon was postponed due to weather. It is now scheduled for Tuesday evening 6 to 8pm. There will be a short meeting after services this morning for all of those involved.
- **Men's Breakfast:** The monthly men's breakfast will be on the second Saturday, November 9, this month to accommodate those men attending the Dayton Lectureship.
- **Dayton Lectureship:** We have had good attendance from North Hamilton in the past and hopefully again this year to hear presentation by David along with Steve Higginbotham and Alan Highers. If you can allow from nine to noon next Saturday to attend this series in Dayton, you will leave being glad that you attended. They also provide an excellent lunch following the noon conclusion.
- **Tennessee Children's Home:** Don't forget the fall food/supply drive for the Children's Home. Pickup date is Wednesday, November 13. Check the list on the bulletin board to see what is needed and do what you can do to help meet their needs. Also, there is always the option to give money to Rick Essex, allowing him to purchase the needed supplies.
- **Daylight Saving Time Ends:** Next Saturday night is the time to roll your clocks back one hour as daylight savings time comes to an end. Should you show up for Bible Class at 9:30 and no one is here, be patient for an hour and we will be here at 9:30 EST.
- **Bimonthly Singing:** Plan to meet this evening at the Soddy congregation for our final bimonthly singing of 2019. Bring finger foods and/or dessert and plan to remain for the fellowship that follows the service.

## Upcoming Events

*Additional information is available on the bulletin board.*

- **November 2:** Youth Rally at Mountain Creek, 10 AM - 2 PM
- **November 3-6:** Gospel meeting at the Mountain Creek congregation with Lonnie Jones as the speaker. Lessons will deal with the role of being a good parent.
- **November 3-6:** Gospel Meeting at the Dunlap congregation with Doug Couch as the speaker. 7:00 p.m.(central time). Sign the list if interesting in riding the van on Tuesday evening, November 5.

something. The term *literal* isn't supposed to mean something figurative. Other words we've changed completely, like the word *gay*. The term actually means happy or carefree, but today means something entirely different. This is also true of the word *hope*. Today, we hope it works out. We hope we get to take vacation. We hope we get good grades. We hope we don't owe taxes. We hope we get a raise. We hope we get over our cold. We hope she marries a good man. In sentences like these, how do we mean it? We mean a remote possibility. We are expressing uncertainty about the outcome.

This is not how the Bible uses the term. In fact, it's just the opposite of the way we use it. Hope, in the Bible, is confident expectation of eternal salvation. There is no uncertainty, only assurance. We are convinced of the outcome God promises. Paul speaks of the "hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began" (Titus 1:2). According to Hebrews, hope is an "anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" (Heb. 6:19). Because of this, we are saved by hope (Rom. 8:24).

How is it possible to be so convinced of heaven? How can we expect something we haven't seen? How can we wake up every day, looking forward to something better after this life? Interestingly, in at least two passages that discuss hope, Bible writers connect our confidence to God's trustworthiness. We are able to lay hold of hope because "it is impossible for God to lie" (Heb. 6:18). If God tells us that there is a "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor. 4:17), then that is exactly what is waiting for us. When Jesus tells us that He is preparing mansions for us (John 14:1-3), we are convinced that is what He is doing. There is no room for doubt in the promises of God. He never lies. We are therefore convinced, beyond question, that there is a reward in heaven for us.

This is how we keep hope alive in our hearts. We must daily remind ourselves that God's promises are true. Hope is based on reality (Heb. 11:1), on truth, and God is the God of truth (John 14:6). Let's listen to God and be filled with hope.