

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.

**“It’s Time Again for Martin Boyd”
David B. Smith**

About this time each year, we run a bulletin article to remind us all of the important work at Martin Boyd. The month of December is our scheduled month to lead the worship services and conduct the Wednesday afternoon class. And though we say it every year, we really mean it:

Attendance Last Week

Bible Class: 108

Sunday AM: 185

Sunday PM: 111

Wednesday: 112

Men to Serve

AM: Opening Prayer – Ken Wilson

Announcements – Art Greer

Wed: Opening Prayer – Chris Randolph

Closing Prayer – Joe Anderson

All week: Lock Building – Joel Laney

Hall Monitor – Harold Birch

(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

Danny Curvin

Tony Miller

Patricia Anthony

Tommie Grandfield

Lexi Owens

Jim Bethune

Sarah Grasham

Carlos Shannon

Nancy Birch

Bill Greer

Janice Smith

Jennifer Bradford

Susie Hargis

Bessie Smithson

Marjorie Cagle

Grayson Ledbetter

Johnny Southerland

Lindsay Clark

Loretta Leffew

Diane Stacy

Isaac Cooper

Judy Lusk

John Webster

Terry Pursley's niece, **Jennifer Stanton**, is scheduled for delicate surgery on December 5th. Terry asks that we remember Jennifer in prayer that surgery may be successful.

Glen Norwood presently has blockage in arteries around his heart. He has follow-up meeting with physicians on December 11. Surgery remains a possibility

Kathy Hamilton, Patricia Farmer's sister, is having breathing issues and has been placed on oxygen. Keep her in prayer so that her condition improves.

Announcements

- **Men's Devotional:** Wednesday evening will be our men's devotional for December. There is time to prepare a Bible reading, a song to lead, or a short talk to present. We appreciate the number of men who now take part and encourage others to come willing to participate.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Men, don't forget that next Saturday morning will be our monthly Men's Breakfast at Scottie's Diner. See you there at 8:30 next Saturday morning.
- **January and February Evening Services:** As previously announced, some have suggested an earlier meeting time during the darkest of winter as a help to those having difficulty driving at night. There was overwhelming support for a trial period of an early services before deciding whether to continue in future years. While the original suggested time was 5:00 p.m., it was pointed out that it was already dark at six. With this in mind, our Sunday evening service during January and February will be at 4:30 p.m., allowing members to depart by 5:30 and arrive home before total darkness arrives. With congregation input, we will then decide if this should continue in coming years.
- **Martin-Boyd Christian Home:** As David has done in his bulletin article, the elders wish to join in encouraging all to join us at 3:00 p.m. at Martin-Boyd for a worship service. If you have been attending, you know how much this means to the residents there. Again, plan on meeting us this afternoon at three o'clock.
- **Ladies Ornament Party:** The annual Ladies' Ornament Party will be held Friday, December 13th at 5:30 at the home of Beverly Randolph. Dress in your most festive (or tacky) holiday outfit and bring an ornament (\$10 or under) and your favorite finger food!
- **Holiday Meal:** Saturday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m., is set as the time for our annual holiday meal. Once again, members will bring side dishes and desserts while turkey and ham will be prepared. If you wish to contribute to the cost of purchasing meat, you may give money to Curt Stewart.
- **Christmas Gifts:** Once again this year, we will be helping to provide Christmas gifts for children of families in our community who are struggling. Contributions to this effort may be given to Keith Herron or Erica Anderson.

this is a great work. Our participation numbers have been growing each year, meaning that we have more and more from the congregation coming for the afternoon service. Still, we have work to do. Compared to our regular assemblies, we have only a fraction of our members at Martin Boyd. If you haven't joined in the work, let's think through the following reasons to be there.

1. This is something all of us can do. Sometimes people struggle to find their talents. Others may know their abilities, but lack the experience or courage to use them in the church. But attending the services at Martin Boyd is an opportunity for every one of us. "Being there" may not seem like much, but it is. Remember that Jesus places a high price on the small things (Mark 14:6-9).

2. The eldership asks us to be there. Our culture isn't big on authority, but God is. He has a chain of authority in the church, and places elderships over each local congregation (Acts 14:22-23). We are supposed to obey them (Heb. 13:17), because they are tasked with helping us in the paths of righteousness (Acts 20:28). They are shepherds and we are the sheep. When the elders ask for our help in the great work of the church, we should help. After all, we are told to encourage their service through cooperation (1 Thess. 5:12-13).

3. Consider the effect of your participation on the residents. Benevolence can come in many forms, but all forms are encouraging to the person that receives it. The gift of your time on a Sunday afternoon means the world to the people that live at the facility. Many there are members of the church. Put yourself in their shoes, and think of how thrilled you'd be to see your spiritual family visit and worship with you (2 John 12; Col. 3:16). One day, we may be in their place.

Our Sundays at Martin Boyd are very fulfilling. The hugs and smiles from the residents tell us repeatedly that our participation matters to them. So, let us all plan to be at Martin Boyd each Sunday afternoon this month.