

Privileged To Serve

If you can not serve as assigned please contact Jerry Willis, James Burden, or Bobby Davis as early as possible.

Sunday A.M. February 17

Song Leader: Marty Gillespie

Reading:

1 Tim 6:17-19 & Prayer: Jim Brown

Luke 22:14-20: Tommy Willis

Prayer: Johnny Johnson & Brent Wilson

Sunday P.M. February 17

Song Leader: David Donaldson

Prayers: Lindsey Back and Jim Kelley

Menifee Support: The Gulleys

Foyer Assist : Brenda Kimbrell

Greeters: B. Kimbrell, K. Pendleton, B. Robinson

Wednesday P.M. February 20

Song Leader: Doug Frazier

Prayer: Charles Willis

Devotional: Tom Caudill

Sunday A.M. February 24

Song Leader: Robert Frederick

Reading:

Gal. 6:6-10 & Prayer Tom Caudill

1 Cor. 11:23-29 Wes Vernon

Prayer: Charles Moore & Paul Robinson

Sunday P.M. February 24

Song Leader: Mike Donaldson

Prayers: Rod Kendrick & Doug Frazier

Menifee Support: David & Jamie Donaldson

Foyer Assist : Shirley Johnson

Greeters: P. Sutton, Paul & Bonnie Robinson

Wednesday P.M. February 27

Song Leader: Jim Kelley

Prayer: Gerald Ingram

Devotional: Marty Gillespie

Serve Communion During February

Brackstan Duncan Vernon Tipton

Jim Kelley Gerald Vinson

Zach Donaldson Johnny Bennett

Paul Moore (rear) Mike Donaldson

Close building February: Jimmy Welch

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Robert Garrett Dwayne Goldy
Kenney Gulleys Rod Kendrick
Charles Moore Paul Robinson
Gerald Vinson Jimmy Welch
Allen Willoughby Don Wilson

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Sunday
Bible Class – 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship – 10:30
Evening Worship – 6:00
Wednesday
Bible Study – 7:00 P.M.
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Why Can't Christians Gamble?

Dan Murphy

Some might seek to justify wagering by stating, “The word gamble is not in the Bible” or “No scripture says, ‘Thou shall not wager.’” We must realize that there are many things not specifically mentioned in God’s word, but they are wrong in practice. There are reasons why children of God cannot be involved in wasteful gambling.

Christians are to be good stewards. Several parables of Jesus discuss wise usage of what the Lord has provided (Lk. 19, 20), including both physical and spiritual blessings. Our being good caretakers of what God has given us means handling wisely what has been entrusted to our care (1 Cor. 4:2; 1 Pet. 4:10). This would include: money, material possessions, our body, our family, our influence, the church, and the gospel message. The gaming industry promises big payoffs but the vast majority **lose** their money. There is such excitement about **possible** winnings but for most it is a wasteful loss. A faithful steward would not throw away his/her funds by betting.

Christians are expected to share and support others. Numerous scriptures reveal our responsibility: “You must support the weak ... let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need ... If anyone does not provide for his own, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever” (Acts 20:35; Eph. 4:28; 1 Tim. 5:8). As God’s followers we work and then give some of our income to help others. Gambling even small amounts each week on the lottery or bingo robs one of supporting the needs of the family, mission works, sending Bibles and evangelistic materials, and helping established children’s homes. Squandering your money robs God in the weekly contribution. Family Foundation estimates the annual losses which enrich casinos averages out to \$357.25 per person or \$1429 per year for a family of four. Even if one did win, how could a Christian justify the losses of many others to supply his/her winnings?

A child of God must wisely use that which God has given. Gambling is incompatible with what God expects of Christians. Brother Owen Cosgrove wrote, “At best gambling is questionable and at worst it is disastrous.” Certain worldly behaviors are not acceptable to God. We are to be good stewards and support others. This is well-pleasing to Him.

Remember These In Prayer

“The fervent prayers of a righteous man can accomplish much.” James 5:16
Members Sick or In Need of Prayers

Don Richmond had heart surgery (5 bypasses) and is at home now.

Bettie Congleton remains at St. Claire in Morehead, room 503.

Ruth Charles, JoAnn Newkirk’s mother, is to have colon cancer surgery Friday at UK.

Patty Barrett is having high dose radiation treatments.

Bill Gerstenecker continues treatment for skin cancer on his scalp.

Ruby Lawrence spent 2 days in the hospital with cellulitis in her leg and very high blood pressure. She is now home.

Glennis Abney is back at Cardinal Hill.

Linda Moreland, John Cheek, Robert Garrett, Eureva Donaldson, & Tom Cody continue to be in need of prayers. Cards and calls are appreciated.

Several of our members are sick with colds and flu. Let’s remember them and all these on our prayer list.

Loved Ones and Friends

Lindsay Hartgrove, Vicki & Mike Amburgey’s granddaughter, remains in U.K. Children’s Hospital.

Karl Rose, Kenney Gulley’s brother-in-law, remains in Central Baptist hospital where he started dialysis treatments..

Ollie Caudill (father of Bobby Davis’ daughter-in-law) is in St. Joe MS.

Elaine Highley, Bob Webb & Marilyn Oakley continue to recover.

For the Record

Budget: \$6800	Feb. 10: \$6334	
Sunday	Feb. 10	Last Year
Bible Class	172	168
Sunday Worship	279	314
Sunday PM	177	160
Mid-Week Service	Feb. 13	Last Year
Bible Study	139	106

PRAYER REALLY WORKS!

Every week we list the names of people who are in need of prayers. As Christians we know that God hears and answers our prayers if we have faith in Him. James said “*The fervent prayers of a righteous man can accomplish much.*” James 5:16.

Following is a note copied from the February 2008 issue of Reader’s Digest. “*No one knows for sure how the mind-body connection might make this leap, but praying for someone who is sick really seems to work, according to a recent Arizona State University review of 17 studies on people with heart disease, cancer, infertility, and other conditions.*”

Aren’t you glad that our state universities are spending time & dollars to come to such astounding insights and conclusions?

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. James 5:14-15

The mind-body connection of prayer works because God is alive and hears our prayers.

YOUTH NEWS

The Youth Group will NOT go snow-tubing Saturday due to the many of them having colds and flu. It will be rescheduled.

The Area Wide Youth Rally is Monday, February 18th at North Lexington. The van will leave RH parking lot at 6 PM.

JUNIOR YOUTH NEWS

All 5th and 6th grade youth members are invited to stay after worship on Sunday (the 17th) for lunch at Pizza Hut, devotion, fellowship, and singing at Windsor Care. Each student will need \$5 for lunch. Contact Brackstan or Tonya Duncan if you have questions.

Today, February 14, is called Valentine’s Day, a day to express your love to those you care about. The world’s idea of love and the real thing are often very different.

The apostle Paul said, “*Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Love lasts forever.*” 1 Cor 13:4-8 NLT
Let us love one another with this love.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED BY SUNDAY, FEB. 24TH

Last Name Begins With.....Please Bring

- A..... 1 10 pk. box of dry milk.
- B..... 3 6.5 oz. cans of tuna
- C..... 1 box dry cereal
- D..... 2 pkg (16 pc) sliced cheese
- E 2 sm. canister oatmeal
- F..... 1 box sugar
- G..... 1 mac & cheese & 2 rice
- H..... 1 Betty Crocker Complete meal
- I..... 1 box saltine crackers
- J..... 1 box saltine crackers
- K..... 1 peanut butter & 1 jelly
- L..... 3 cans peaches or fruit
- M..... 1 large can beef stew
- N..... 2 sm. canisters oatmeal
- O..... 3 cans chicken noodle soup
- P..... 2 small box instant potatoes
- R..... 3 tomato soup & 1 can corn
- S..... 3 chicken noodle soup & 1 can corn
- T..... 1 pkg sliced cheese
- V..... 2 small box instant potatoes
- W..... 3 green beans & 1 can corn
- Y..... 1 box saltine crackers

We have turned down several requests for food recently due to the high demand and lack of stock in our pantry. If every Rolling Hills family participates this should give us enough food to prepare boxes for 18 families of four. Thank you for supporting this ministry.