

HIGHTOWER BAPTIST CHURCH

Gerral Richards, Pastor September 2011

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PRAYER LIST

Mary Lee Cochran
Effie Cowart
Joe & Hazel Moore
Frankie McBee (Mark Hardin's mom)
Kate Edwards
Abigail & Jack Kelley
Roger & Bobbie Gilleland
Charles Thomas (Allen Thomas' brother)
Luna Roper (Dorris' mother)
Jerry & Sue Weaver (Helen Gaddis' brother)
Gwenda Owens (Lisa Bobo's mother)
Hazel Thomas (Allen Thomas' mother)
E.W. & Edith Cochran
Mr. & Mrs. Price (Ronny's parents)
Tim Wilkie & family
Becky Bailey
Glenn Hendrix
Cathy Fowler (daughter of Alma Turner)
Kevin Price
J. T. Wilkie
Marion Phillips (Jamie Wilkie's Mom)
Charlotte Smith (cousin of Norma Jean Pruitt)
Keith & Ruth Howard
Susan Martin (co-worker of Penny-Hardin)
Gary Padgett (son of Rev. Bobby & Betty Padgett)
Jane Rogers (Mildred Holcomb's first cousin)
Family of Virgil Chandler
Carol Wheeler
Zach & Alicia Cochran



PASTOR'S NOTES

It is hard to realize that another year has passed, and we have started a new church year. It is my joy and special blessing to be a part of such a great church. I want to encourage everyone to keep praying and working together for the cause of Christ.

I know that I am inadequate and not wise enough to know how to go out and in before such a great people, but I promise you that I will ask God to lead and direct my efforts, and together, if we will follow His leadership, this will be another great year.

What is better than gold? The gold medal is used as a symbol of victory....a sign that you are the best. Crowds cheer, and fame is assured. However, as great as the gold medal is for bringing glory to athletes, this success is at best, temporary. Many once famous athletes have died destitute and forgotten. Can a gold medal heal a marriage? Can it bring peace to the world? Can it save a soul? There must be more to life than winning a gold medal. Two thousand years ago, Jesus asked: What good is it if a man gains the whole world yet loses his soul. (Mark 8:36) Jesus offers a new life of continuous victory now and forever. The Bible calls this eternal life. It says true Christians have complete victory through Him (Jesus Christ) who loved us. (1 Cor. 15:57)

There is only one thing that keeps us from eternal life. It's called sin. Sin is a flaw in every one of us. Sin is missing God's perfect plan for our life. In sports terms, even a 9.9 on the judge's card is not good enough. God requires a perfect 10 every time. Sin is what separates us from God, and the wages of sin is death. However, the prize of eternal life that the Bible tells of can still be obtained. John 3:16 tells us that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him should not die but have eternal life. Now, there's something worth more than gold.

Unlike the gold medal, which only a few have a chance to win, the gift of eternal life is offered to all. I have received this free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

I hope to see you in church each Sunday.

In Christ,



Brother Gerral



Adult Choir News



The break is over! Time to get down to business! Choir practice will start this Wednesday, September 7th @ 7:00 PM. If you've been thinking about joining, now is a good time. If you haven't been in awhile, now is a good time. Come on out and join us as we prepare for the upcoming singing @ New Harmony Church on Sunday, October 23rd @ 6:00 PM. Christmas is just around the corner too, and we will be starting that music soon! Hope to see you there!



Keep on Singing,
Mitzi



Those Baptized Sunday, July 24, 2011:

Emma Martin, Lauren Hardin,
Isabelle Blanton, Emily Wilkie,
Madison Ellzey, Alicia Cochran
& Christopher LeBlanc
Welcome!!!!

CONFERENCES 2011-2012

2011:

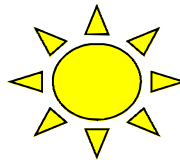
October 15
November 19
December 17

2012:

January 19	July 14
February 18	August 18
March 17	September 15
April 14	October 20
May 19	November 17
June 16	December 15

5th Sundays 2011-2012

October 30, 2011
January 29, 2012
April 29, 2012
July 29, 2012
September 30, 2012
December 30, 2012



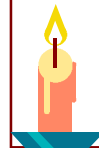
Penny Hardin will be walking in the 2-day Breast Cancer Walk in September.



WMU will be taking orders for Watkins products Until the 4th Sunday in Oct. (Oct. 23).

Watkins starts their annual 'Holiday Sale' starting in Sept. (Brochures available soon)!

They have many products that are only available this time of year (flavorings, cocoas, candles, etc.). So get set for the holidays & place your order.



If you have an address, phone number, name change, etc., let Kristi or Jamie know so we can make note of the change in the newsletter. Also, new members let us know your information to put in so everyone can call you or drop you a note!!

Did you know that "our" Hightower Baptist Church has a website? *It's true!* It seems that many people don't realize that if you have a computer or access to one all you have to do is go to www.hightowerbaptistchurch.com. It's a good source of information as well as having the newsletter available to you anytime. It's also a good way to check for upcoming events.

Please let Kristi or Jamie know if there is anyone that needs to be added to our mailing list for the newsletter. College students, shut-ins, members that have moved away, etc.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Sun. Sept 4—BEGINNING OF NEW CHURCH YEAR!!

Mon. Sept 5—Labor Day

Wed. Sept 7—Choirs Start Back

Sat. Sept 17—Conference—Will be voting about replacing tables in the fellowship hall—Be there if you wish to have input
Bro. Gerral's Birthday!!!!

Sun. Sept 25—Newsletter info in to Kristi Ledford

Wedding Shower—Dedra Groover & Mike Kirkland 2–4 pm in Fellowship Hall

Registered @ Target, Pottery Barn & Bed, Bath & Beyond

Wed. Sept 28, Thurs. Sept 29—Association Mtg.—28th Harmony Grove, 29th Juno

Choirs, LIFE, LIFE Jr. meet on Wednesday's unless otherwise announced

Dates to remember

Oct. 2—Pastor's Appreciation Breakfast (Catered)—No Sunday School that Morning

Oct. 23—Singing @ New Harmony Baptist @ 6pm

Nov. 19—Wedding—Dedra Groover & Mike Kirkland @ Berry College—The College Chapel

★ A Great Big **THANK YOU** to all who helped to install the bathrooms in the Youth Building. Your efforts, hard work & dedication to this project is very much **APPRECIATED !!!**



WEDDING SHOWER

Sunday Sept. 25 honoring

Dedra Groover & Mike Kirkland

2–4 pm in Fellowship Hall

Registered @

Target, Pottery Barn, & Bed, Bath & Beyond

As always, Kristi & Jamie **need** to have any information for the newsletter by the **last Sunday of the month**. Due to our schedules, **this info needs to be in on or before the last Sunday**. Anyone that needs to be added/removed to our prayer list, any births or marriages or any other news events, changes in address, **please let us know**. The **last** Sunday of ea. month is:

Kristi—September 25

Jamie—October 30

Kristi—November 27

Jamie—December 25



Please remember that we need newsletter Info by dates listed above

Jamie's e-mail—jamiwilkie@bellsouth.net

Kristi's email—tkledford@windstream.net



Visit Hightower's Website For Pictures from This Years Church Camp!

The following are the results from elections held during church Conference Saturday, August 20, 2011. Preacher Gerral Richards delivered the message beginning with Rev.1:9.

Pastor—Gerral Richards (Yeegah!!!!)

Church Clerk—Edwin Wilkie

Assistant Clerk—Coy Cochran

Song Leader—Ronny Price

Assistant Song Leader—Edwin Wilkie

Pianist—Regina Groover & All Others to assist

Organist—Tabitha Wilkie & All others to assist

Church Spokesman—Heath Wilkie

Assistant Spokesman—Ron Price

Maintenance Committee—Phil Cochran, Earl Turpen, Edwin Wilkie

Cemetery Committee—Randy Wilkie, Coy Cochran, Walt Gilleland

Fellowship Hall Committee—Joe Milford, Lance Carnes, Randy Wilkie

Sound System Operators—Tim Perkins with Brian Wallace & Tony Porter to assist

Housekeeping—Earl Turpen



Hightower Associational Meeting

Sept. 28, 2011 @ Harmony Grove Church @ 10:00am

Sept. 29, 2011 @ Juno Baptist Church @ 10:00am

Delegates: Earl Turpen
Delmar Watkins
Gene Wheeler
Kent Cochran
Phil Cochran
Alternate—Earl Groover

GEORGIA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

The Hightower Association is collecting :

Paper Towels

Toilet Tissue

Powdered Detergent

Gift Cards

#10 Canned Vegetables

Drink Mixes (Kool-aid, Lemonade, etc)



*Please have all items in the fellowship hall
by Sunday 25th for pick-up*

PLEASE Help our children's homes by donating.

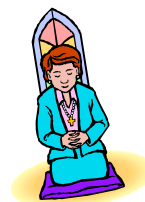
WMU News



WMU will be sponsoring
Operation Christmas Child.

We are looking forward to great participation from our church again this year. Shoe boxes will be due by the 2nd Sunday in Nov. (more info forthcoming). With all the great back to school sales going on now, it's a great time to get some items for your shoe boxes. Vicki Smith will be getting some boxes again this year, but you may also purchase plastic shoe boxes to fill.

Our next meeting will be Tues. Sept. 27th. Please plan to join us and be a part of our great group!!



Hightower Sunday School 2011—2012

August 28, 2011



Nursery – Mother's of children in the age group

Pre-K (ages 3,4,5) - Jennifer Martin, Katie Chambers, Shanna Cochran, Paige & Stacey Presley, Breena Wilkie alternate: Courtney Cowart

Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades—Whitney Cochran, Angie Gilleland, Annsley Cochran, Letitia & Victoria Cochran

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade – Earl & Regina Groover, Mitzi Chambers, Lisa Bobo, Wendy Gilleland, Carol Carnes

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade – Rebecca Price, Tina Wheeler, Kim Cochran, Melissa Porter, Chad Cochran

High School Class – Debbie Boles, Jeff Porter, Heath Wilkie, Phil Chambers, Lance Carnes

Young Adults Class – Dax Martin, Tonya Carnes, Wyatt Wilkie, Todd Ledford

ARK Class – Wyatt Wilkie, Phil Chambers, Lanny Wilkie, Randy Wilkie, Coy Cochran

Middle Adults – Clint Smith, Thomas Heard, Kent Cochran, Tim Perkins, Brian Wallace, Heath Wilkie

Dick Clark Class – Ronny Price, Earl Groover, Phil Chambers, Randy Wilkie, and P.J. Mcleskey

Jack Benny Class – Vickie Lawson, Randy Wilkie, Gene Wheeler, Richard Boutwell, Benny Wheeler

Senior Adults Class – Al Day

Sunday School Officers:



Children's Choir – Courtney Cowart and Britney LeBlanc

Youth Choir – Regina Groover, Tonya Carnes, Stephanie Henson

Vacation Bible School Directors – Nichelle Stewart and Tonya Carnes

Christmas Program Directors – Nichelle Stewart, Jennifer Martin, Jamie Bobo, Jessie Porter, Pam Gaddis

Flower Committee – Jamie Wilkie **770-887-8114**, Jane Day **706-265-6442**,
Teresa Cowart **770-889-9865**

Christmas Gifts – Randy & Debbie Boles, Todd & Christi Ledford

Sunday School Secretary – Tonya Carnes

Assistant Sunday School Secretary – Mechell Perkins

Sunday School Superintendent – Lance Carnes

Assistant Sunday School Superintendent – Chad Cochran

Christmas Baskets, Decorating Church, Christmas Tree & Easter Sunrise Breakfast:

2011-2012 Senior Adults & ARK Class

2012-2013 Jack Benny Class & Young Adult Class

2013-2014 Dick Clark Class

2014-2014 Middle Adult Class



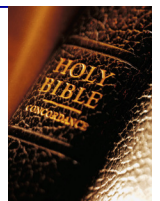
SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

As we start a new year, I want to thank everyone who taught a class or was an officer last year. You did a great job and I know everyone appreciates it. Chad and I would like to thank each of you that took a position this year. We know you will do a great job and if you have any questions, please let us know.

If you are not currently attending Sunday School, we invite you to join us every Sunday morning in the sanctuary at 9:30 am. We have singing and announcements and then go to our classes.

Thanks to everyone for your support and please continue to pray.

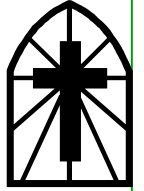
For Him,
Lance



DEACONS OF HIGHTOWER

Elbert Cochran
Walt Gilleland
Gene Wheeler
Billy Hill
Thomas Heard
Coy Cochran

Weymon Cook
Hubert Wilkie
Ronny Price
Lanny Wilkie
Randy Wilkie ~(deacon chairman)
Kent Cochran



HIGHTOWER BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of the Church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, and the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy of speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure without delay.

We moreover engage when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principle's of God's word.

This is the Church Covenant taken from Pendleton's "Church Manual"

