

HIGHTOWER BAPTIST CHURCH

GERRAL RICHARDS, PASTOR

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PRAYER LIST

Becky Bailey
Will Carnes
The family of Virgil Chandler
E.W. & Edith Cochran
Mary Lee Cochran
Effie Cowart
Kate Edwards
Cathy Fowler (daughter of Alma Turner)
Roger & Bobbie Gilleland
Betty Greene (sister-in-law of Arnold & Judy Cox)
Keith and Ruth Howard
Abigail & Jack Kelley
Susan Martin (Penny Hardin's co-worker)
Frankie McBee (Mark Hardin's mom)
Kathleen Monroe
Joe & Hazel Moore
Gwenda Owens (Lisa Bobo's mother)
Gary Padgett (son of Rev. Bobby & Betty Padgett)
Don Parker
Marion Phillips (Jamie Wilkie's mom)
Kevin Price (Ronny & Rilla's nephew)
Mr. & Mrs. Price (Ronny's parents)
Jane Rogers (Mildred Holcombe's first cousin)
Luna Roper (Dorris' mother)
Charlotte Smith (friend of Norma Jean Pruitt)
Charles Thomas (Allen Thomas' brother)
Hazel Thomas (Allen Thomas' mother)
Jerry and Sue Weaver (Helen Gaddis' brother and sister-in-law)
Carol Wheeler
J.T. Wilkie
Tim Wilkie & family



PASTOR'S NOTE

Time seems to be moving so fast! As we enter October, this year will soon be gone; however, it is so important that we make the most of every day that God gives us by following His guide for us. September was a good month for us. The church attendance was good, and God blessed us with the Holy Spirit at each service. I want to ask each of you to take time each day to pray for our church and each family as we all have needs, and we should give God thanks for all He does for our family.

I want to use some colors to illustrate some very important things in our lives, and when we see these colors, let it be a reminder to us to check our standing with God.

Blue represents royalty and hope. We can trust God's royal love. God loves us so much that He wants to give us eternal life in Heaven. The Bible says that the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Black represents darkness. Without Christ, we are separated from God. We have all sinned and come short of God's glory. God has provided the way for our sins to be forgiven and for the gift of eternal life to be received. Only He can bring you out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

Red represents Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Jesus is the only way to be forgiven and made whole. The Bible says that Christ died for our sins, once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring us to God (1 Peter 3:18).

However, it doesn't end there. The good news is that Jesus was resurrected. He defeated death. Yet, we must respond by receiving Him as Savior and Lord. The Bible says that He gave as many as received Him the power to become the children of God (John 1:12).

Gold represents eternal life. You receive eternal life by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. You must trust him completely.

Green means grow. If we please our Lord, Jesus Christ, we must grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We can grow by reading and studying God's word, by being doers of His word, by attending Sunday school and church, and most of all by following God's plan for our daily living.

In Christ,

Brother Gerral

Pastor Appreciation Day!

*Thank you Gerral and Dorris for all you do for our church family.
We are blessed to have you and glad to host
Pastor Appreciation in your honor.*



Adult Choir News

October is here and it is time to start thinking about Christmas! Music was given out this past Wednesday night for our Christmas Cantata – Mary Did You Know. If you weren't here, come on out and be with us this week as we begin our journey learning this new cantata for Christmas. If you haven't gotten your music, please let me know and I will get it to you ASAP. The earlier you get started listening to your music, the quicker you can memorize songs and feel comfortable with them in December. We will also be preparing for the upcoming singing @ New Harmony Church on Sunday, October 23rd @ 6:00 PM. Please mark your calendar for this event in October. See you at practice!

Keep on Singing,
Mitzi



Operation Christmas Child

WMU is sponsoring Samaritan's Purse and encouraging everyone to pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes bring the Good News and the joy of Christmas to children around the world. Last year, Hightower sent approximately 200 boxes.

Let's send more this time!!



Shoe boxes will be due by November 13. We will have boxes or you may purchase plastic shoe boxes to fill.

There are guidelines about what items are and are not allowed in the boxes, so be sure and review the information on the back of the newsletter or visit the Samaritan's Purse website.

You may also register and pay for your boxes online, which allows you to track where the boxes are delivered! Go to www.samaritanspurse.org

Visit Our Web Site

See photos from church activities, including this year's Church Camp, at www.HightowerBaptistChurch.com



Help Us Help You

Help us keep the newsletter timely and accurate by providing us with your information. We'd love to include:

- New baby announcements
- Shower announcements
- Anyone who needs to be added to (or removed from) the prayer list
- New addresses or phone numbers
- CHURCH ACTIVITIES! — Plan in advance so your information can get into the newsletter!
- Mission information
- New member information — Name(s), address, phone and email information — so everyone can call you or drop you a note!
- Any other news or events

Remember that the information should get to Jamie Wilkie or Kristi Ledford on or before the last Sunday of each month. Deadlines for upcoming months are listed below. Please send information by the date listed for the following month's newsletter.

Jamie — October 30

Jamie — December 25

Jamie's email is jamiwilkie@bellsouth.net

Kristi — November 27

Kristi's is tkledford@windstream.net



Earl and Regina Groover invite you to the marriage of their daughter Dedra to Mr. Michael Kirkland on Nov. 19 at 2:00 pm at the Berry College Chapel at Berry College in Rome, Ga.

Directions can be found on the information center and at www.dedraandmichael.lightlovelaughter.com.

If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet at the information center no later than Oct. 30. Please remember Dedra & Michael in your prayers.



Church Camp T-Shirts for Sale

\$10.00 for leftover 2009, 2010 Church
Camp shirts.

They are in the Fellowship Hall. Pay
using the Honor System; make checks
out to Hightower.

All proceeds will go to the 2012 Church
Camp Fund!

WMU NEWS

All women are invited to join us for WMU on the
fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Also, this is the last month to purchase Watkins
Products from the WMU. Watkins starts their annual
Holiday Sale and have many seasonal products
available.

If you'd like to purchase an item, there are order
forms and price lists at the back of the church. Turn
in order forms to Pam Gaddis or other WMU mem-
bers by Oct. 23. If you borrow the catalog, please
return it so others can use it. If you wish to see the
products online, visit www.WatkinsOnline.com.



5th Sundays

Each fifth Sunday's offering is given to
WMU to support their outreach efforts.
The next 5th Sunday is October 30.
Upcoming dates: January 29 and April
29, 2012!



DATES TO REMEMBER

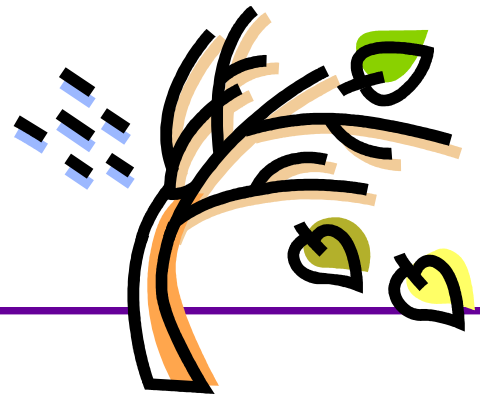
- Sat., Oct. 15 — Trash Pickup, Meet at church at 8 a.m.
Conference, 11 a.m.
- Sun., Oct. 23 — Singing at New Harmony Church, 6 p.m.
LAST DAY to order Watkins products from WMU
- Date TBD Kids Trunk or Treat!
- Tues., Oct. 25 — WMU Meeting, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Sun., Oct. 30 — Please RSVP for Groover-Kirkland wedding by today.

Weekly Activities

- ◇ Sunday School is held each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.
- ◇ Church services follow at 11 a.m.
- ◇ Little Children's Choir and Youth Choir practice Wednesday nights from 6:30–7 p.m.
- ◇ Adult Choir practice is held Wednesday nights, 7–8 p.m.
- ◇ Life, Jr. meets Wednesday nights, 7–8 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

- November 13 — Dedication Sunday for Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes
November 19 — Wedding of Dedra Groover and Michael Kirkland, 2 p.m.



****Christian Caregiver Needed****

24 hour care of an 83-year-old woman with early dementia/Alzheimer's. Caregiver would need to administer medication, make sure she is bathed regularly, prepare meals, and light cleaning. She is not bedridden. If you know someone who is qualified, please contact Mitzi Chambers at 770-887-1589 for more details.



Life Group !

Check out the Hightower Baptist Church Life Youth Group on Facebook and see what you're missing. Look for fun activities in October to kick off Fall! Also, make sure Katie Chambers has your phone number so she can text you with Life Group updates!

Life Jr. News

We continue to have large groups at our Life, Jr. meetings for kids up to 8th grade. Join us at 7:00 each Wednesday night. If you'd like come to Life, Jr., but need more information, please contact Georgette at Georgette.Robertson@cherokee.k12.ga.us.

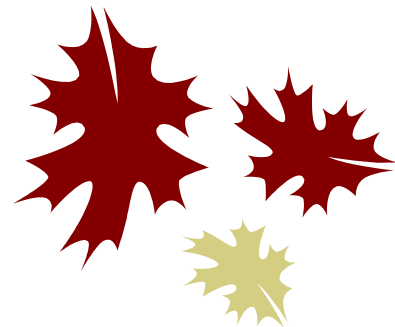
TRUNK OR TREAT

(Cute) Ghouls and Boys:
Listen in church for
information about the
annual Trunk or Treat
Celebration which will be coming up
in October !



Upcoming Conference Dates

October 15
November 19
December 17
January 19, 2012



Luke Ledford is doing a research paper about the history of Hightower. If you have information that might be useful to him, please contact Kristi Ledford at 770-845-2181 or tkledford@windstream.net.