

HIGHTOWER BAPTIST CHURCH

Gerral Richards, Pastor January 2012



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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
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)
Lacelle Doss
Kathleen Monroe
Betty Greene (sister-in-law of Arnold & Judy Cox)
Lamar Wilkie
Doug Carnes
Joan Elliott & family (Pam Cipriani's mother)
Jillayn Wolleat (Stanley & Ruth Ann Pinyan's neighbor)
Hubert & Coriene Wilkie



PASTOR'S NOTES

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Dorris and I appreciate all you do for us. Thanks for all the Christmas gifts and prayers. The Christmas Cantata was such a blessing. Thanks to all of you for your hard work. It definitely paid off. The youth Christmas program was great and a blessing to see all the young people doing a great work that turned into a blessing for all of us.

We have a lot of members and friends going through a difficult time now due to health problems. Please pray for God's will to be done and for healing if it is His will.

The following is taken from The Men and Missions Of Hightower Association. There are several of our members who remember Rev. Sam Cochran, and he was impressed to write the following:

WORRY the Old Mountain Preacher Speaks by Rev. Sam Cochran

"I am very much concerned about our nation and all people of the world. I feel led to write on the subject 'Why Worry.' The word, 'Worry,' does not appear in the sixty-six books of the Bible, but it often appears in the mind and heart of many people. The word, 'Weary,' appears many times in the Bible. All of God's believing children should study these two words diligently for their own good and especially for the great cause of God.

(over)



Sometimes, we could conquer a thing if we knew its causes. I would like to list some of the causes of 'Worry.' Sometimes we worry because we lose some of our material possessions, a job, a friend or our health. Some worry because they refuse to accept life as it is; some worry about the weather; some worry because the grass is prettier in some other person's pasture or the flowers are more beautiful in the other person's garden. Some worry about things that cannot be changed. Some worry about their back life. They let it worry their sleep, their work, and let it hinder what God has called them to do. Some worry because their prayers are not answered the moment they pray about a child, a friend, or an enemy. I have visited many doctors' offices and hospitals. Some are there for fear they might get sick; some are there because they are sick; some are there with a nervous breakdown. I have noticed carefully as I listened to their talk, and most are worrying about something that hardly ever comes to pass. Some worry because they are at war with their own conscience: they feel a call to duty and refuse to respond. Some worry about death. Let me point out one thing: death does not keep the Sabbath; neither does it regard any holiday; neither does death take any vacation. The main cause of 'Worry is Lack of Faith.'

Worry' robs any person's life of its joy and power. Worry has never helped any person. God did not mean for all the flowers to be in one person's garden; neither did he mean for all the stars to be in one person's crown. God created the heavens and earth and divided the darkness from light. The poor fallen Samaritan woman that met the Lord at the well first admitted her sin. Then she asked for a drink of that living water. She accepted Christ by faith and hurried back to the city to tell the men to 'Come, see a man, which told me all the things ever I did.' Many of the men believed the saying of the woman. The shortest route to any person's heart is by the throne of God. I am sure if we would spend eight hours of the day in prayer and meditation and studying the inspired word of God, eight hours work, and eight hours sleep that this dying world would be in better shape than it is. Life here in this world is too short to worry our time away. The saddest words that ever reached my ears are LOST and TOO LATE. I find a remedy for a lost person, but nowhere in the sixty-six books of the Bible have I found a remedy for TOO LATE.

Thirty-five years of my life have been spent in the ministry. Parts of those years have been like gathering flowers from the hillside; some of those years have been like wading through thorns and thistles. I have learned by experience that just beneath every rose, there is a thorn. It is now evening with me and many of my old mountain friends that have held up my hands, prayed for me, and helped me to make thousands of miles to preach the gospel of redeeming grace to dying men and women. My hair is gray; my steps are growing slow. Soon, I must go into the presence of my Maker. Most of my miles are behind me. I pray earnestly that this writing will help some lost soul."

I thought you would get a blessing from reading this excerpt written by the "Old Mountain Preacher," Rev. J.S. Cochran, Cumming Georgia.

Happy New Year!

Brother Gerral

DATES TO REMEMBER



Wed. Jan. 11—Adult choir starts back @ 7pm

Sat. Jan. 14—Trash Pick Up @ 8am

Conference @ 11am

Sun. Jan 29—Singing hosted by Hightower @ 7pm

Newsletter Info To Kristi Ledford

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

N-E-W-S-L-E-T-T-E-R INFO

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 each month is:

January 29—Kristi

March 25—Kristi

May 27—Kristi

July 29—Kristi

September 30—Kristi

November 25—Kristi

February 26—Jamie

April 29—Jamie

June 24—Jamie

August 26—Jamie

October 28—Jamie

December 30—Jamie



****Please remember that we need newsletter Info by dates listed above*****

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

Kristi's email—tkledford@windstream.net



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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Conferences are held the Saturday before the third Sunday every month @ 11:00 am

Revival is held beginning the third Sunday night in July through the following Saturday evening, with Baptismal services the next morning. (July 15-21, 2012)

May meeting (or homecoming) is the third Sunday in May. Communion and foot washing are part of the church service with dinner on the grounds after the service. (May 20, 2012)

Vacation Bible School is usually held the first or second week of June.

The conference *after* revival is election of officers & "calling" of the preacher for the next year (Aug. 18, 2012)

The last Sunday in August is election of Sunday School offices and teachers. (Aug. 26, 2012)

The Preachers & Deacons Meeting is the 1st Monday of each month (Announced in church as to where it will be held)



ATTENTION~ Extreme Couponers~ Support Our Troops!

Did you know that those serving in the Military overseas can use expired coupons? Well, they can!! Instead of throwing expired coupons away, ***please*** support our troops and donate them! To donate them, please see Rebecca Price for more information.

Details: Coupons **must** be cut out and separated between food and non-food items. Also, coupons need to be expired **90 days or less**.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



CHOIR NEWS

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and you are ready to ring in the New Year! I want to thank you all for the picture frame, watch and money you gave me for Christmas. I don't feel worthy of your gifts, but I thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. I will have to say it was another wonderful

cantata this year and you all performed it so well! I have received many comments about how much it was enjoyed by all and that it was the best ever! I want to thank Richard Boutwell for doing a great job on the narration. Also, I am very proud of Katie. Didn't she do a wonderful job on the solo! As always, you came together as a choir and blessed me so with your wonderful singing.

As we start the New Year with resolutions, getting in shape, and getting organized, let's keep choir on our list of things to do this year and make it a year long commitment. If you just joined us for the cantata, I hope that you will stay with us all year. And if you have been thinking about joining, now is a great time to start! Our practices will start back on **Wednesday** night, **January 11th at 7:00 pm**. We will be hosting the **Community Singing on Sunday, January 29th at 7:00 pm**, so we need to prepare for this event.

Thank you again for your year of service in the choir and I look forward to another year with you all, (that is if you can stand me another year!)



Keep on Singing,
Mitzi



Hightower Church & Sunday School Faculty Code of Ethics & Guidelines

To be a part Of Hightower Church or Sunday School faculty it is required that a person:

1. Be a member of Hightower Church with an exception of the pastor.
2. Agree with the church's statement of faith:
Jesus is God's Son born of a virgin, lived a perfect life, died a sacrificial death on the cross, was resurrected and ascended back to the Father as God's plan of salvation.
3. Reject as acceptable all sexual activity not in agreement with the Bible, including but not limited to premarital sex, living together as man and wife outside of marriage, infidelity between husband and wife and homosexuality.
4. Abstain from the use of alcohol for the purpose of intoxication.
5. Abstain from drug abuse.

What we stand for matters.
We must understand the Christian environment in which we serve
and we must be loyal to that environment.



5th Sundays

2011-2012

January 29, 2012

April 29, 2012

July 29, 2012

September 30, 2012

December 30, 2012

CONFERENCES 2012

January 14

February 18

March 17

April 14

May 19

June 16

July 14

August 18

September 15

October 20

November 17

December 15