

# HIGHTOWER BAPTIST CHURCH

**GERRAL RICHARDS, PASTOR**

**FEBRUARY 2012**

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## PRAYER LIST

Becky Bailey  
Doug Carnes  
E.W. & Edith Cochran  
The family of Mary Lee Cochran  
Effie Cowart  
Kate Edwards  
Joan Elliott & family (Pam Cipriani's mother)  
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  
Frankie McBee (Mark Hardin's mom)  
Kathleen Monroe  
The family of 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  
Hubert & Coriene Wilkie  
J.T. Wilkie  
The family of Lamar Wilkie  
Tim Wilkie & family  
Jillayn Wolleat (Stanley & Ruth Ann Pinyan's neighbor)



## PASTOR'S NOTE

January 2012 has been a very busy time, but God has truly blessed us each Sunday. The Holy Spirit is so real.

I have had part in five funerals this past month, and we need to remember those who have had to give up their loved ones; however, it is good to know we will be together again soon.

It is important to know that God loves you with our everlasting love and wants to bless you and fellowship with you. The Bible says that our Heavenly Father has a plan for each of our individual lives. To fulfill that plan is nothing less than ultimate success in life, but we need to hear Him so the He can lead us into His plan for our lives. In order to do that, we need to be connected to Him through a personal loving relationship.

All of us have a great need to hear that "still small voice" of God so that we can receive His guidance and know more about the plan He has for our lives. We need communication with Him all through the day allowing Him to speak to us by placing His thoughts in our minds. We need to hear Him teach us as we read the scriptures. We need to seek to hear Him much as a child seeks the guidance of a parent. As a child of God, we need to begin by receiving the love that our Heavenly Father offers so unsparingly.

It is only a few weeks until our spring revival, so let us pray daily and invite the lost to our church.

Hope to see you in church every Sunday.

In Christ,

Brother Gerral



## Adult Choir News



It is hard to believe that we just completed the first month of 2012 and I'm still trying to get organized and focused on new music for the choir. We are in the process of going through our music, cleaning out, re-organizing and updating the index for our books. As you participated in the recent "culling" of music, please remember that we are not throwing away these songs, just retiring them. Thanks to Carol Mullinax, who has been so helpful in neatly organizing our copied music, we can file the ones we pull out of our books and have them handy if we want to use them again. Also, if you are missing music, it will be very easy to locate in these files. Always check there first before you make a copy.

I hope that everyone enjoyed singing the new song "How Great is Our God with How Great Thou Art." I had several comments from listeners who enjoyed it also! I am always open to any suggestions of new songs you might like to learn, so please let me know and I will try to find the music. We will hopefully start a new song that Ronny requested, The Love of God, and make a decision on our Easter music as soon as possible.

Please continue to remember the Hill Family as they grieve the loss of Miss Hazel. As I reflect back to when I first started singing in the choir, I am reminded of the leadership qualities and knowledge of music that she so passionately shared with all of us. She gave her very best to us and she expected us to do the same, as we glorified God through song. What a huge impression she made on me. She was a great example of sharing her God given talents.

Thank you again for your support of the Community Singing at Hightower by attending, singing and bringing food! I think we had the biggest crowd I've seen in quite a while. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Keep on Singing,

Mitzi

### Sweet Sounds

Our talented pianist, Mrs. Regina Groover has recorded some of her favorite church songs on CD.

Copies of the CD are available for \$12.

If you're interested in purchasing one, please see Regina.

You are sure to get a blessing from her beautiful music.



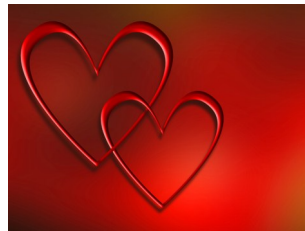
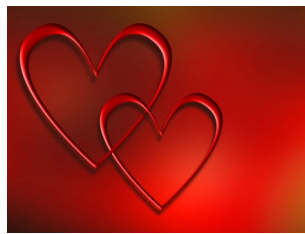
## Sunday School News

I can't believe January is already gone.

Thank you to everyone who has been dedicated to attending Sunday School and a great big thank you goes to our teachers. You take the extra time to study and prepare for your classes and I appreciate it.

We still have room for more, so if you're not currently attending, please join us for Sunday School at 9:30am.

For Him,  
Lance



### Visit Our Web Site

See photos from church activities at [www.HightowerBaptistChurch.com](http://www.HightowerBaptistChurch.com)

## Keep the Newsletter NewsWORTHY!

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! If more people know about your activities, more can attend!**
- 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.

February 26 — Jamie

April 29 — Jamie

June 24 — Jamie

March 25 — Kristi

May 27 — Kristi

July 29 — Kristi

Jamie's email is [jamiwilkie@bellsouth.net](mailto:jamiwilkie@bellsouth.net)

Kristi's is [kristiledford1@gmail.com](mailto:kristiledford1@gmail.com)

Please join us for a baby shower honoring  
Chad and Kim Cochran

Sunday, February 12  
Between 2-4 p.m.  
Hightower Fellowship Hall

It's a Girl!!

Registered at Buy Buy Baby and Target

### WMU NEWS

All women are invited to join us for WMU every fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. We hope to see you on February 28th!

### The Fiddleheads in Concert!

The Fiddleheads will be in concert at  
Christ Family Church  
on Thursday, February 23 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10.00 in advance  
or \$15.00 at the door.

Call 706-973-9208 to order tickets!

Church is located at 7788 South Chestatee  
(Hwy 60), Dahlonega, GA, approximately  
two miles east of Ga. 400.



### IMPORTANT NEWS!

Change of Address:

Shanna Cochran  
220 Morning Star Way  
Ball Ground, GA 30107



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Mon., Feb. 6 — Preachers & Deacons Meeting, Location TBA
- Wed., Feb. 8 — Life Jr. Valentine's Party, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Sun., Feb. 12 — Baby Shower for Chad and Kim Cochran, 2 - 4 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Tues., Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day!
- Sat., Feb. 18 — Conference, 11 a.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 23 — Fiddleheads in Concert, Christ Family Church
- Sun., Feb. 26 — Newsletter Deadline
- Tues., Feb. 28 — WMU Meeting, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall



### **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.
- ◇ Life, Jr. meets Wednesday nights, 7—8 p.m. — For kids up to 8th grade
- ◇ Adult Choir practice is held Wednesday nights, 7—8 p.m.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- March 28 — Life Jr. "In the Dark Egg Hunt"
- May 20 — May Meeting (Homecoming)
- June 3 — Student Recognition Day

### **Upcoming Conference Dates**

**February 18**  
**March 17**  
**April 14**  
**May 19**  
**June 16**

### **5th Sundays**

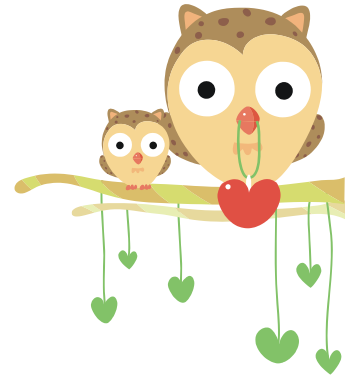
Each fifth Sunday's offering is given to WMU to support their outreach efforts. The remaining fifth Sundays in 2012 are:  
April 29, July 29, September 30 and December 30.



## Life Jr. News

The Life Jr. Valentine's Party will be Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring Valentines to share and a snack.

If you'd like come to Life, Jr., but need more information, please contact Georgette at [Georgette.Robertson@cherokee.k12.ga.us](mailto:Georgette.Robertson@cherokee.k12.ga.us).



Hey Kids!

Don't forget to come  
for Children's Choir  
at 6:30 p.m.  
on Wednesdays!



## ADVENTURES ON PROMISE ISLAND

*Where kids discover God's  
lifesaving love!*

VBS will be here before we know it.

Our VBS will be

June 4 – 8

from 6:30pm – 9:00pm.

Mark your calendars now  
so you won't miss the fun.

Please be thinking about how you can help.  
Early bird clinics will be coming in March.  
Be looking for more information soon ☺

Nichelle and Tonya

