

"As, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7

# There's No Place Like Home Edd Sterchi

A good home is such a wonderful place. It seems that we are always wanting to go home. And we especially love being home for the holidays. In fact, there is a traditional song that testifies to that fact. What is it that is so great about home? Let's note a few of them through an acrostic. And since the church is our heavenly home on the earth (Eph. 2:19), these will certainly apply there, as well.

**Harmony**—How marvelous it is when family members get along with each other. When this happens, the times together are cherished and memorable. This is also true with the church family. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psa. 133:1).

**Optimism**—A good home is desired, in part, because of the positive nature it presents. Everyone enjoys being together in a home where there is lots and lots of cheerfulness and sunniness. Without a doubt, this is true of a church home, also. "Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end" (Heb. 3:6).

Mercy—Home is the place where bountiful forgiveness is offered. The best homes are the ones that demonstrate agape love for one another, which always leads to overlooking shortcomings. There should be copious amounts of love and forgiveness in the Lord's church as well. "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32).

**Encouragement**—Another of the reasons we enjoy being part of a wonderful home is the strength and inspiration that we receive. It is where we can get great encouragement to keep on keeping on. The church home should also be a place of boosting one another.

"Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing" (1 Thess. 5:11).



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### When We Assemble

Sunday

Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Bible Classes following

Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

All services are live streamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages



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### Isaiah's Call

Our item for this effort is:

Vienna Sausage's

## Worship Leaders

Sunday, December 11th 2022 A.M. Lead Singing—Gage Matthews Announcements—Stephen Phillips Read-Jimmy Phillips Opening Prayer—Alan Storie Closing Prayer-Brian Smith

Officiating Lord's Supper Ronnie Ray

Ushers and Security Travis Allen, Doyle Behel, Jeff Trousdale, Brian Jones

PowerPoint for this week. Bengie Hines, Kirby Hines

Sanitizing for the week Bengie Hines, Kirby Hines, JD Hines

Sunday, December 11th 2022 P.M. Lead Singing-Jared Hines Announcements—Stephen Phillips Opening Prayer— Teddy Richey Closing Prayer— Mike DesRuisseaux

Wednesday, December 14th 2022 Lead Singing—Keeton Hines Announcements-Stephen Phillips Read - Brennan Rook Opening Prayer— Nicholas Grigsby Extend Invitation - Ronnie Ray Closing Prayer-Maddox Allen

Sunday, December 18th 2022 A.M. Lead Singing—Keeton Hines Announcements—Ronnie Ray Read-Brian Smith Opening Prayer—Stephen Phillips Closing Prayer—David Quillen

Officiating Lord's Supper R.C. Clemmons

Ushers and Security Bengie Hines, Jordan Hines, Brian Jones, Steve Murks

PowerPoint for this week. Bobby Roberson, Wes Ayers

Sanitizing for the week Heath Allen, Harrison Allen, Maddox Allen

Sunday, December 18th 2022 P.M. Lead Singing- Keeton Hines Announcements-Ronnie Ray Opening Prayer— Danny Jenkins Closing Prayer— Alan Storie

Wednesday, December 21st 2022 Lead Singing—Keeton Hines Announcements-Ronnie Ray Read— Jimmy Phillips Opening Prayer—Brennan Rook Extend Invitation - Danny Jenkins Closing Prayer—Nicholas Grigsby

Please Contact Mike DesRuisseaux at (256) 740-2720 if you are unable to fulfill your worship assignments!

### FRIENDS & FAMILY IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Billy Putman (friend of Johnnie Ruth Dixon- brain tumor) Lonna Hines

Kruz & Paizlee Davenport

Margaret Dishowngh (Janie Coker's sister)

Megan Klingbell

Tommy Pettus (Cancer Treatments)

Steve Shelton Steve Gist

R.T. Farmer (Janice Ray's Father)

Brooks Elliot (Friend of Allison Hines, Cancer Treatments) Regina Campbell (Cancer Treatments, friend of Hines family)

Vergie McClanahan

Sherry Hinson Trish Coker

Evelyn Ray (Ronnie Ray's mother)

Gary Redford

Leigh Warren Kent Baggett

Linda Kennedy Bissinger

Virginia McDonald

**Sherry Terry** 

Deb Rutland (cousin of Sheila Quillen)

Walker Smithson

Jerry Coker

Dennis Jenkins

Charles Storie

Ally Bond

Howell Bigham

Dyann Goins

Sissy Simpson

Bob Swinea

Venson Freemon

Travis Williams

Anthony Richardson

Ron Hayes

Richard Stump (friend of Kathryn Scott) Bobby Scott (brother-in-law of Kathryn Scott)

## SHILOH FAMILY MEMBERS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Minerva Allen Ted & Beverly Short Clayburn Hines Derance & Phyllis Smith

Pat Hannah Darrell Twilley

Brenda Stejskal

Misty Ray Moses

**Arvel Curtis** 

E.L. Richardson

Leon Hines

Bill Canerday

Dennis Allen

Janice Ray Janie Coker

Sherry Allen (COVID)

Heather Phillips (COVID) Floyd Black

### **NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING**

♦ El Reposo

Bradley Dupree—Room #303B

♦ Lauderdale Christian

Gail Watkins—Room #20

♦ Cedar View

Sue Goins—Room #114

Television Bible Programs We Support

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning, 7:30 a.m. on Channel 54 with brother Phil Sanders of Edmond, Oklahoma Church of Christ.

Getting To Know Your Bible DIRECT TV 379 Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. and on KTV Channel 264(Dish) Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. CST.



## Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

12—Derance Smith

13-Lucas Rook

14—Billy Richardson

17—Heather Phillips

18—Miranda Jones

18-Mike Coker

Sunday, December 4th, 2022

Records We Collected

Bible Class—128 A.M. Worship—143 P.M. Worship—88

Contribution—\$6,492.00 Internet Views A.M.—93 Internet Views P.M.—103

## Wednesday, December 7th, 2022

A.M. Bible Study—23 P.M. Bible Study—94 Internet Views A.M—79 Internet Views P.M—78

## **Cards of Encouragement**

Here is the address for Anthony Purser for the next 28 days. We are asking everyone to send him cards of encouragement during this time!

> Bradford Health Services 1600 Browns Ferry Road Madison, AL 35758

## **Shrimp Boil**

Friday, December 16 at 6:30. Cost is \$9 per person. Sign-up sheet is on round table. Please bring drinks & desserts. Put your money in an envelope and put in basket on round table.

## **Shoals Area Youth Series**

Sunday, December 18 at Heritage Christian University. The van will leave the church building at 4:20 PM. EXALT will immediately follow at Chisolm Hills Church of Christ. Food will be provided.

## Youth Group Lock-In

We will be having a lock-in for kids ages 5th grade and up on Friday, December 30 from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM at the church building. If you would like to participate in Dirty Santa, bring a wrapped gift under \$20.

## **CYC Sign-Up Sheet**

CYC is coming up on February 24-26, 2023. There will be more information coming soon. There is a sign-up sheet on the round table in the foyer for those who are interested. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 15th.







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# <u>The Shiloh</u> Scoop

## A New Hope

The word "now" comes from a Latin phrase, *novus homo*, means "a new man" or "man newly ennobled."

There is a powerful lesson in that. Each moment is a chance we have to start over. To become a new person, to become a better person.

"Now" is an important concept in the Bible. Now is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2). Now is the time to encourage (Hebrews 3:13). Now is the time to do what is right (James 4:15-17). Now is the time to repent (Acts 17:30).

A new you starts with an action but it must be done now! Tomorrow isn't here. Yesterday is already gone. Now is the time. There is no time like the present because we exist nowhere other than now.

Do you want a new start? Do it now!