

# Dean Road church of Christ

## WELCOME GUESTS!

We are honored that you are with us this morning! Please fill out a white or green card and place it in the collection plate when it is passed around. We invite you to stick around after the assembly, so we can get a chance to know you!

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**REMINDER:** Please silence or turn off any electronic device the may disturb the Assembly!

## Announcements

### ● Prayer Requests/Updates:

- We rejoice with new grandmother \*Belinda Bryant following the birth of her grandson, \*Landon Ray Kitchings, to her son and his wife, \*Caleb & Heather Kitchings, last Friday!
- Keep \*The Shifferd Family in your prayers as the begin their new work in Thomasville, GA.
- Please also continue to keep the \*Jack Adams family in your prayers after they were involved in a crash on December 9 with a suspected impaired driver. Jack is in rehab after being seriously injured, while his wife, Cathy, was killed in the crash. Their two children suffered minor injuries.
- CONTINUED PRAYERS: \*Barbara Abbandola; \*Steve Berg (Myasthenia gravis); \*Belinda Bryant (recovery from procedure to remove mass from the back of her neck April 30); \*Louise Cauthen (rehab); \*Dutch Dekker (breathing issues); \*Nancy Godwin (medical issues); \*Connie Kersey (stroke suffered September 18th); \*Joyce Maier; \*Lamar Marjenhoff (rehab); \*Charles Oliver; \*Marion & Elsie Pylant; \*Sharon Salisbury (cancer treatments); \*Athel Webb; \*Our Elders; \*Our Search for a New Evangelist/Minister.
- Others to keep in prayers: frequent visitor \*Bobbye Donaroma; Reata Dunlavy's husband, \*George Dunlavy (recent stroke & leukemia treatments); Nancy Godwin's son, \*Brandon Godwin (personal issues); Theron Golleher's friend, \*Stephanie Hinson (brain swelling); Hirt Family friend, \*Tony Layman (bladder cancer); \*Terry Lewis (Stage 2 bone cancer); Steve & Nancy Berg's daughter's mother-in-law, \*Linda Nichols (re-diagnosed with cancer); former member \*Shirley Peck (liver cancer); DeeAnna Durden's niece, \*Lori Potter (cancer).

### ● General Announcements:

- On **SUNDAY, January 6th**, \*Andre' Moore will be presenting our Adult Bible Study, as well as our AM Assembly and PM Assembly lessons! We invite everyone to make plans to join us as Andre' is in consideration for our new Evangelist/Minister. Following the AM Assembly, we will be holding a meal so everyone has a chance to meet Andre' and his family. The church will provide the main course for the meal and we are asking members of the congregation to bring side dishes, desserts, and drinks.
- ATTENTION MEN! There will be an Area-Wide Men's Prayer Breakfast **THIS SATURDAY, December 29th** starting at 8:00AM at the Golden Corral located at 4250 Southside Boulevard.
- A reminder to the ladies that registration for the 2019 Sister to Sister Ladies Lectureship-Retreat is now open! The event will be held **January 25 & 26** at the OceanSide church building. For more details about the event and how to register please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby or \*Teresa Golleher!

### 2018 Theme

*Bind Us Together*

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

~Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

### This Quarter's Focus:

Salvation Together

### Memory Passage for the Quarter

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

~I Thessalonians 4:17 (ESV)

## How to Share the Gospel with Different People

If you have started a conversation with someone about the gospel, you may be wondering what you need to teach. This is my perspective of how to evangelize biblically:

1. Tell the gospel of Jesus’s death, burial, and resurrection with evidence (Acts 2:22–36; 13:26–41; 1 Cor 15:1–11).
2. Connect how Jesus’s death and resurrection is the power to receive eternal life (Acts 4:2; 17:18, 32; 23:6; 24:15; Rom 6:5; 8:11; 1 Cor 6:14).
3. Share how one must obey the gospel by death to sin, burial in baptism, and rising to new life (Luke 9:23–26; Rom 6:1–7; Col 2:12–13; 1 Pet 3:21).
4. After baptism, lead new Christians to follow Christ with devotion in the church fellowship that Jesus started (Matt 28:19–20; Acts 2:42; Heb 10:24–25).

Those whom Christians need to teach are not usually going to have the Bible as their authority for living. If someone is not familiar with God and Christ, then one should first speak of God and help them to perceive the world with a biblical view of God from good sense. The apostle Paul addressed the Athenians in Acts 17. Paul described and defended the identity of God using good sense and observations. Today, most Christians can easily present God in a simple, basic, and reasonable way.

Paul explained how a person should think about God by revealing how one should obviously not view God. Paul noted the Athenians’ “unknown God,” and he built observable facts to fill in the gaps of misconceptions about God. Paul revealed that God who made the world neither dwells in temples nor needs the service of human hands (Acts 17:24–25). God also created humanity and determined the nations and dwellings of man to seek out God (17:26–27). Furthermore, Paul observed that people ought not to think God is like any image or artwork formed by humanity’s imagination (17:29).

Lastly, Paul turned these observations about God to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul revealed that God no longer overlooks such ignorance about God, but now God has fixed a day to judge the world righteously by a man whom He resurrected from the dead (Acts 17:30–31). Paul brought the message back to Jesus Christ and the resurrection (17:32). For today’s Christian, revealing God is a powerful tool to open the door to share the gospel to all worldviews.

*~Scott Shifferd*

**Last Weeks Stats - 12/16: DBR ~ ?; Classes ~ 48/?; Assembly ~ 75/47; Contribution ~ \$3,393.32**

### Calendar of Events

**December**

- 23 - Guest Preacher: Ronnie Powell (AM & PM)
- 29 - Area Wide Men’s Prayer Breakfast

**January**

- 5 - Lipscomb University vs JU Basketball Game
- 6 - Guest Preacher: Andre’ Moore with Fellowship following AM Assembly
- 6 - Services at Taylor Care Center, 2:00PM
- 13 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration following PM Assembly

### December Birthdays

- 4 - Theron Golleher
- 6 - Georgana Dekker
- 10 - Emmett Shifferd
- 12 - Marissa Rhodes
- 15 - Lamar Marjenhoff
- 16 - Ken Adams
- 17 - Craig Kelly
- 20 - Anna Mashburn
- 20 - Devon Mashburn
- 24 - Samira Mashburn

### December Anniversaries

- 29 - Justin & Ashley Hirt

### Schedule of Services

*Sunday*

- Morning Bible Study.....9:30 AM
- AM Assembly .....10:30 AM
- PM Assembly .....6:00 PM

*Wednesday*

- Bible Study.....7:00 PM

*Have an item or information that needs to go into next week’s bulletin? Let \*Justin Hirt know by 5:00 PM Thursday!*