

## Prayer List

- Marilyn Allen - Treatment for macular degeneration.
- Erin Brown (Friend of Kyndall) - gall bladder problems.
- June Champion (Doug's niece) - ongoing kidney problems.
- Lindsey Cothren - recovery from gall bladder surgery.
- Bill Deaton (Morrilton) - ongoing treatment for cancer.
- Jay Gallahar (Doug's brother) - staph/heart - improving.
- Vic Harless (Daniel's grandfather) - numerous health issues.
- Vera Harless (Daniel's grandmother) - problems with memory.
- Rick Johnson (Liberty) - ongoing treatment for cancer.
- Deloyd Jones (Kenny's uncle) - pneumonia - now home.
- Dub Mitchell (Levy) - ongoing treatment for cancer.
- Ancil Nabholz (R&C) - recovery from car accident.
- J.J. Pace (Levy) - ongoing treatment for cancer.
- Candace Schrock (Liberty) - treatment for Hodgkin's disease.
- R.L. and Vera Shelley Family - Extended illnesses at home.
- James Standridge (My House client) - broken neck.
- Randy Swain (Robert's uncle) - waiting for heart transplant.
- Cassie White - recovery from birth of Jennifer.
- Alma and Bud Wright (Mel's parents)- various problems.

## Our Record

Sunday (December 7) Bible Study:	37
Sunday (December 7) Worship:	42
Sunday (December 7) P.M. Worship:	35
Sunday (December 7) Contribution:	\$1,050
Wednesday (December 3):	27
Building Fund Balance:	\$19,708

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## Vilonia church of Christ

*Making Jesus Christ Known*

Sunday, December 14, 2008

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning Bible Study — 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship — 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Afternoon Worship — 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Mid-Week Bible Study — 7:00 p.m.

## THOSE SERVING / ORDER OF WORSHIP

### MORNING SERVICES

Song Leader: Kenny Henderson  
Opening Prayer: Robert Shepherd  
Preside at Lord's Table: Marty Knight  
Assist at Lord's Table: Patrick Fay, Lonnie Abbott  
Scripture Reading: Daniel Harless  
Sermon: Jimmy Allen  
Closing Prayer: David Hall

### EVENING SERVICES

Song Leader: Kenny Henderson  
Opening Prayer: Dewey Mahan  
Sermon: Jimmy Allen  
Preside at Lord's Table: Marty Knight  
Closing Prayer: Jacob Fay



## VCC NEWS

- Please check the board in the kitchen for service opportunities. Men, we have some slots open for the devotionals on Wednesday evenings. Ladies, there are openings for the nursery. We also need hosts for the Youth Devotionals.
- Thanks to all who participated in the assistance for families in recent weeks. We were able to help four families with Christmas gifts, provided turkeys for a dozen different families, and donated shoes for the ten children at Dayspring. We appreciate those who provided gifts and donations and those who helped in identifying opportunities for us to help. Your generous, Christian spirit is truly exemplary!
- The Youth Devotional for VCC will be held tonight following services at the home of Owen Koone. While this serves as the monthly youth devotional, everyone is invited to join in the festivities. We will enjoy good food, great fellowship, a period of devotion, and a white elephant gift exchange. If you would like to bring a snack or dessert, please see Michelle if you haven't already done so.

## YOUTH NEWS



- Mark your calendars for Youth Outreach University 2009. It will be held on January 23-25 on the UCA campus. The speakers have been set. Mike Tanaro and Wiley Lowe will be the speakers at this YOU. They are both returning speakers and will do a fine job. The church will cover the registration fee for anyone who wishes to attend. Please see Robert or Patrick if you would like to attend.

## FREEDOM IN CHRIST

On December 6, 1865, just months after the Civil War ended, the 13th amendment outlawing slavery was ratified and became the law of the land. But, that didn't mean every state approved the ratification of the amendment. Mississippi's state legislature, for example, was dominated by whites bitter over the defeat of the Confederacy, and they rejected the measure. One hundred and thirty (130) years passed before Mississippi took action. By 1995 Mississippi was the only state in the Union that had not approved the ratification of the 13th amendment.

Finally, on Thursday, February 16, 1995, the Mississippi Senate voted unanimously to outlaw slavery by approving the ratification of the 13th amendment to the Constitution.

Senator Hillman Frazier, a member of Mississippi's Legislative Black Caucus, said, "I think it's very important for us to show the world that we have put the past behind us."

Just as there was a delay in some states ratifying an end to slavery in the United States, so there is now a delay in some people accepting God's kingdom. Whatever their reason for delaying to accept God's invitation, there is still freedom in God's kingdom. There is freedom from sin because of Christ's death, burial and resurrection for those who are willing to believe and be baptized. Freedom from the wrath of God as a child of God. Freedom to worship God. Freedom to accept or reject God's kingdom. The choice is yours.

Please think about it!

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