

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carolyn Weatherly continues in a rehab center in Muscle Shoals. She is still quite weak. Judy Roberts' sleep apnea test was scheduled for Friday. Also: Martha Voce, Jenny and baby Eason, Amber and baby Darleigh, Jamie Long, J.D. Donaldson, Shirley Vann (Dennis' mom), Judy Roberts, Pat Walker, Wade & Ann, Rose McCarley, Jean Blankensopp (friend of Cookie), Pat Spann, Judy Pickard, Wayne Burlson, Daniel Asiamah, the Desert church in NV, our leaders (1 Tim 2:1-4), our military and our unfaithful members.

Our sympathy to Bob Pratt in the passing of his relative James Flanagan, who passed away Friday. He was a member at Brock.

Wayne Burlson has been moved to a new location at St Clair. Updated address labels are on the bulletin board. He would appreciate any letters or cards.

TEAM 1 cleans this week (12/13)

Beulah Grace Naomi
 John & Tammy Dennis & Brandy
 Kyle and Lexie Ryan & Amber
 Cookie Furman and Skylar

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

December 13: Phillip Cain
 December 20: Lynn McRight
 December 27: Walter McKay

LOCAL NEWS

The elders and deacons will continue budget meetings next week at 4:30 p.m.

Our annual Holiday Fellowship and Fruit Basket Campaign is today. The list is on the bulletin board. Please check the list to make sure all names are still valid. If you add a name, please include who will be delivering the basket. The deadline to add/remove names is tonight!

We will have our annual Christmas fellowship following the evening services next Sunday. We will have our singing in the fellowship building beforehand. Bring finger foods and desserts as well as inexpensive gifts for the bingo games.

On December 24, we will have an extended morning worship service with no p.m. service.

Looking WAY ahead... Please remember our Vacation Bible School beginning July 22, 2018. The Arnold MO church is bringing their group to conduct the VBS as well as work on local projects. We will need some housing help for this effort.

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.” Psalm 103:1-2

***** Be Ye Steadfast *****

	<u>12/3</u>	<u>11/26</u>	<u>2017 Avg</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday School	40	43	48	55
Sunday A.M.	59	56	61	60
Sunday P.M.	nc	34	37	50
Contribution	3724	3084	2650	2500
Wednesday	nc	nc	38	50

“Let brotherly love continue”

Many thanks to John and Tammy (and Mason) for gathering all the supplies for today's fruit basket campaign. John and Mason pulled a trailer and braved the terrible road conditions to secure our fruit. Tammy gathered all our new baskets, ribbon, etc. This effort is one of my favorites of the year, as it brings all of us together working toward a common goal.

I was happy to have my good friend Roger Johnson teaching class and preaching last Lord's Day morning. Roger preached at Northport for seven years before preaching thirteen years for the Edgewood church in Columbus GA. I am glad to have him back in our area and available to do fill in work when I am away. All the responses I received concerning his efforts Sunday were very positive. Lord willing, you can expect to see and hear a lot more of him in 2018 when I am away, as I already have him booked for several dates.

We now have online giving! There are a couple of ways to access the giving option as well as various ways to give. I spent some time last Sunday evening going over these options and illustrating/explaining how this will be helpful to the work here. This can be set up through the new website at burlsonchurchofchrist.com and clicking on “online giving.” You can also set up one time or recurring giving using the tithe.ly app on your smart phone.

The elders and deacons continue their discussions concerning the budget and program of work for 2018. There is so much more to this than just talking about money! This includes an examination of all of our ongoing works, new works to replace some that have been discontinued (e.g. Seeking the Lost radio), new mission works to be considered, building and grounds needs (and there are several including 2 or 3 major expenditures), outreach programs and matters of membership involvement and encouragement. If you have ideas on areas of work that need improvement or new ideas to be considered, please see one of the elders or deacons. We need these ideas as soon as possible.

We love you all... Todd and Rhonda

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Beulah Grace Naomi
John & Tammy Dennis & Brandy
Kyle and Lexie Ryan & Amber
Cookie Furman and Skylar
Jeremiah & Sam

TEAM 2 cleans this week (/)

Phillip & Stephanie Todd & Rhonda
Dwayne & Ginger Lisa Devon
Linda Miller Jean Weeks
Scott & Fallon Luke & Jenny
Jimmy Woodard Carolyn Pipkins

TEAM 3 cleans this week (/)

Lynn & Sheila Walter & Fay
Ann & Dana Rachelle
Greg & Angie Linda Gibbs
Derek Tommy & Carol
Bob & Catha Martha
Jonathan

DEVO

January 3: Dennis Bowling
January 10: Ryan Spann
January 17: Derek Crump
January 24: Phillip Cain
January 31: Lynn McRight
February 7: Walter McKay