

NORTH HAMILTON CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Minister's Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Bible Classes

9:30 A.M.

Worship

10:30 A.M.

Sunday Evening

6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

7:00 P.M.

“What We Wish People Knew: Music in Worship”

David B. Smith

In recent years, there's been more discussion about music in the church than perhaps there was in the past. Our culture is geared toward entertainment and personal gratification, so music in worship is often seen as a means to that end. Some view the Church of Christ as “behind the times” because we only engage in *acapella* singing as a congregation. Now we are

Attendance Last Week

Bible Class: 114

Sunday PM: 89

Sunday AM: 236

Wednesday: 110

Sunday's Sermon

AM: Truly This Was the Son of God (Part 4)

Men to Serve

AM: Opening Prayer – Ken Wilson Announcements – Willard Elsea

PM: Opening Prayer – George Farmer Closing Prayer – Phil Phillips

Wednesday: Opening – Brad Jones Closing – Bob Doak

All week: Lock Building – Travis Fridell Hall Monitor – Harold Birch

(Men, please check the duty roster on bulletin board and let Curt Stewart
or George Farmer know if you are unable to serve)

If you have information or updates for the bulletin, please e-mail them to our secretary at nhcocsec@gmail.com

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Copies of the complete May calendar are available on the table in the foyer.

Birthdays

1 – Melinda Horn

4 – Carolyn Lasater

Anniversaries

None this week

Announcements

- **Bimonthly Singing:** This evening will be our bimonthly singing with the Soddy congregation. North Hamilton is the host congregation this month, so plan to attend and bring finger foods for the fellowship that follows the service.
- **Thursday School:** Two or three volunteers are needed to help set up and serve refreshments at this week's Thursday School graduation. Please see Erica Anderson if you are able to help.
- **Summer Series:** Our Summer Series begins one month from today, May 28. Start preparing now by planning to attend each Tuesday evening through June and inviting others to attend.
- **Camp McCroy:** Students entering 3rd grade or above this fall who are interested in going to Camp McCroy this summer should see Travis Fridell for a registration and information packet.

Prayer List

Additional information is available on the bulletin board.

James Anderson	Bill Greer	Tony Miller
Nancy Birch	Susie Hargis	Carlos Shannon
Gladys Blanks	Carole Hubbard	Leon Smartt
Marjorie Cagle	Grayson Ledbetter	Janice Smith
Riley Dennis	Judy Lusk	Bessie Smithson
Sarah Grasham	Tina Margroff	Diane Stacy

Rick Essex is now recovering at home after being hospitalized for high blood pressure and a concussion. He continues to have double vision and pain, though his vitals have improved since coming home. Prayers are requested and appreciated. If you would like to help by bringing a meal to Rick and Renee while he is recuperating, please see Kali Laster or Alisha Lowman.

Upcoming Events

- **May 3:** Next Friday evening, East Ridge hosts their 26th Annual Area Wide Singing. Starting time is 7:00 p.m. and refreshments will follow the singing.
- **May 5-8:** Cliff Goodwin will be the speaker at Chickamauga's meeting each evening at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday
- **May 11:** World Bible School (WBS) will present a seminar for anyone interested in becoming involved in the WBS teaching effort. See the information on the bulletin board.
- **May 12-15:** The East Side congregation will have their Spring Gospel Meeting with Wade Webster as the speaker. Service will be at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

told that the true path to relevance is through special singing groups and instrumental music. Plus, this has always been a subject of contention for members of denominational groups. What does the Bible say? Here are some things we wish people knew about music in worship:

1. The New Testament is our authority for service and worship today.

Jeremiah and other prophets foretold the coming of the New Covenant (Jer. 31:31-34). The bringing in of a new system meant the ending of the old. The writer of Hebrews explains that the Old Testament was never meant to last, since it was ratified with the blood of bulls and goats (Heb. 10:1-4). The New Testament is the last will and testament of Jesus Christ (Heb. 9:15-17), made possible by His blood (Matt. 26:28). We now live under His gospel (Matt. 28:18-20). This is important for people to understand, because it prevents us from looking to the Old Testament for our pattern. King David and others may have used instruments, but they lived under a different covenant. Our pattern is different today.

2. The New Testament only authorizes singing in worship. Paul writes, “Speaking to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19). The language is very specific, which limits the action. Singing means “sing only.” No other action can fulfill this command except the act of speaking words in song. Not only do these words praise God, they teach and admonish the others in the assembly (Col. 3:16).

3. Singing in worship is to be done congregationally. We must remember that Paul is writing to the whole church about their worship. This is what they do with “one another” (Col. 3:16), meaning reciprocally. Everyone in the assembly is to speak “to one another” and sing and make melody. Just like our prayers or the Lord’s Supper, we all participate together at the same time.

If more people understood these three things, perhaps this would lead to greater unity and less division. The Lord has a very clear pattern for worship and service in the New Testament. Let us do our best to help others understand the will of God in this matter (1 Pet. 3:15).