

**A Warm Welcome Awaits You  
At These Assemblies**

Sunday Bible Study 9:00AM  
Sunday Morning Assembly 10:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

**Bible Classes for All Ages  
Attended Nursery**

**Opportunities to Serve: January 8, 2012**

**Worship Leader** Rick Castleman

**Lord's Supper:** Andrew Thompson

**Servers** Lance Daniel Ben Izard

Ernie Oliver Jeff Lanham John Turner

Bruce Linder Dave Watkins Michael Spane

**Sound:** Chester Warren

**Greeters For January:** Dennis & Sharon Carter

**Nursery (Infants- 2yrs):**  
Mandy Akers Nancy Spane

**Nursery(2-3 yrs):**  
Trish Kerby Barbara Thompson

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Wayne Burress Guest Relations 520-4937  
Dennis Carter Missions 957-4625  
Sharon Carter Fellowship 957-4625  
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Jeff Lanham Life Groups 600-2920  
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**Weekly Statistics for Jan 1, 2012**

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| AM Bible Class                  |                   |
| AM Bible Class Avg.             |                   |
| AM Assembly                     | 216               |
| AM Assembly Avg.                |                   |
| Contribution                    | \$10,908.58       |
| YTD Average Weekly Contribution |                   |
| <b>Weekly Budget</b>            | <b>\$9,790.86</b> |



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*Caring people...growing to be like Christ*

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**January 1**

What is this Church called to do? Do we have a goal? How will we know if we are succeeding or at least approaching success? Is it some number? Is there a magic number that when we hit it we will have succeeded? Is it some level of contentment that we are looking for from our members? If a certain percentage of our members feel happy does that signal that we have arrived? Is it popularity in the community that matters most? If we become known throughout this town as a good Church and one that lots of people respect is that it? I mean to apply all of these questions to us alone – not to other Churches. What I mean to ask is what are we, meaning Lexington Church of Christ, supposed to be about?

This week we were hit hard by the work of Satan. I feel like he walked into our midst and took one of our young members that had been rescued out of the world. That is hurting me, and many others, unbearably. It is always frightening to see the work of Satan. It is almost like we can smell the sulfuric stench of him and his demons and it makes it hard to sleep or be at peace. Keke told me this morning that he feels like the wind has gone out of his sails. That is a very good description of how I feel.

But ...

This is what we are called to do. We were told almost 2000 years ago to make disciples and to teach them to obey everything Jesus commanded. Our goal is to find people that do not have it all together and help them get it together. We search for people that live in the kingdom of darkness and help them move to the kingdom of light where God saves them, forgives their sins, and begins transforming them into the image of his Son. With this as our goal and calling we realize we have a dirty job. We baptize people because they are dirty. That is the same reason you were baptized. When you

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search for people with problems you bring in people that still have problems. They are trying to get over them but they are a work in progress – just like me and you.

On Sunday Jose Hernandez was baptized. He has been struggling with his decision for several weeks. He knew God was calling him but he had things he wanted to change first. He believed he could not make this commitment to God until he had made some changes. I respect him for that and I thank God for his work in the life of Jose. I pray that God will build him into a great man of God.

I think we have been called to work with God in the trenches. I believe he has been training us for decades to be able to do this. He will continue to lead us to people that have needs, real needs, and we will baptize them and teach them how to follow Jesus. When we reach out to people in need there is a burden on every one of our members – so be it.

Have a great week!  
Allen L. Close

## Lexington Coming Events

February 3-5  
February 17-19

Ladies Retreat, Savannah  
Winterfest—Gatlinburg

We rejoice with Jose Hernandez  
As he was baptized on Sunday Morning.

Jose Hernandez  
1112 Flipper Lane  
Gilbert, SC 29054  
Phone: 665-6026

### Mike & Kris Bridges & family address in India

Bridges  
Tulip  
3-4 Akshaya  
100 Velachery Rd.  
Chennai—60032  
India

### Wednesday Night Schedule

January 11 Singing at Southlake 6:30 pm  
Letter Writing at the building 6:30 pm

## Youth News

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the winter break. Although I have certainly enjoyed spending time with my family, staying up late, and sleeping in each morning, I have really missed seeing you all and I can't wait to get back into the swing of things at church. I always look forward to this time of year when we have a chance to start fresh with a new year and a clean slate. Over the past couple of days I have spent a lot of time reflecting on the previous year, and evaluating the success of our youth ministry in 2011. As I look back, I am so thankful because I believe that God blessed us with an amazing year full of many exciting changes, several baptisms among our teens, a bunch of awesome new members to our middle school group, lots of challenging service projects, and a great new education system that kicked off in the fall. All of this makes me even more excited about what He has in store for us in 2012 and I can't wait to start making plans.

My first order of business as I get started this year will be Winterfest 2012. The dates for this event are February 17-19 and the cost has been set at \$100. I will need a \$50 deposit from you and any friends you plan to bring by January 15 to hold spots, so please make sure you get on top of this as soon as possible.

### Upcoming Events:

1/8 LAFS/HS Guys Group 5pm  
1/9 Iron gym 6:30pm  
1/11 MS Girls Group 6pm/  
1/11 Southlake 6:30 pm

**BIRTHDAYS:** January 9 Ava Hardin January 9 Sarah Thompson  
January 11 Earline White January 13 Fran O'Dell

**ANNIVERSARY:** January 10 Ben & Sara Izard



## Prayer Requests

**Norm & Lynn Gaines, John Chandler, Marjorie O'Neal, Patrick Hutto, Makonde Team**

**Jean Cottrell** continue to pray for her recovery.

**Beverly Brown** is having issues with her MS, pray her legs will be strengthened.

**Cameron & Kristi Kerby & the Bridges family**, as they move and adjust to their new homes.

**Scooter Hallman** friend of the Cox family is in the hospital and had an ablation on Tuesday.

**Earl Fountain** Cindy Cox's brother-in-law's father is scheduled for heart surgery on Thursday.

Sara Izard asked for prayers for **Will Vickery's mom** who is battling cancer and has been put on hospice care.

**Lorena** a friend of Minerva's, had a miscarriage, remember her in prayer.

**Bob Whitehead**, neighbor of the Giles had surgery for a brain tumor. Pray for his recovery.

**Bennie Mullins**, Robin Kellis's dad is in Lexington Hospital. Remember him in prayer.