

Graymere church of Christ

serving God & Columbia since April 1, 1956

Our mission is to know Him, to share Him, to live with Him in heaven.

Serving the Church:

ELDERS

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MINISTERS

Kirk Brothers
Pulpit/Radio
Wendell Robinson
Education/Involvement
Rusty Pettus
Youth
John R. Vaughan
Outreach/TV

DEACONS

Bobby Bishop
James Bryant
Keith Daugherty
Jason Golden
Tim Gordon
Vance Hendrickson
Ralph Judd
Virgil Lewis
Jack Love
Harvey McKay
Mark McMeen
Laray Rector
Roger Riddle
Ed Self
Charles Smith
Steve Thomason
Rick Whitley
Doug Wilburn
Doug Williams
Ken Young

Welcome Gary Dodd From the Elders



We are pleased to announce that Gary Dodd will soon join our staff, to help strengthen several areas of our work together. Gary comes to us from the Vultee church of Christ in Nashville, TN where he has served as the minister since January 2000. He is a graduate of Ohio Valley University, Lipscomb University and holds a M.A. Ed. Degree in Administration and Supervision from Tennessee State University and a M.S. degree in Biblical and Related Studies from Abilene Christian University. He has a Master of Divinity degree from Harding University Graduate school of Religion and has also completed several classes in counseling and biblical studies at the doctoral level.

He is a nationally known speaker, writer and accomplished oil painter with works sold and displayed across the United States. He has been published in numerous journals (Gospel Advocate, Restoration Quarterly, 21st Century Christian Adult Quarterly, Christian Bible Teacher, etc.

He and his wife Faith have been married for 26 years and have two children, twins, who are both seniors in college. Andrew is finishing at Freed-Hardeman and Rebekah is finishing at Lipscomb. For many years Faith worked as a Registered and Licensed Dietitian in the State of Tennessee. She currently serves as the Resident Services Coordinator for the Blakeford at Green Hills.

You may have read or seen something about this unique family in 2002 when they biked across America. They were featured on Good Morning America, Radical Sabbatical, the Gil Gross Show and other television news and radio programs. Articles about them have been placed on the Associated Press and Scripps Howard News Wires along with the CNN ticker. They all kept journals of their adventure and they were published in a book, "Bike America, the Journals".

Gary will lead us in a more effective personal evangelism effort, provide leadership for our very active seniors program, invigorate our Bible Correspondence work, help improve communication between our various programs of work, and provide some in house counseling services for our Graymere members.

He will begin his work with us on a limited basis starting February 1, 2007 and will start his full time work on March 1, 2007. We eagerly look forward to Gary and Faith's arrival.

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NEW MEMBERS:



We welcome **Daniel & Diana Goad** to Graymere. They have 2 children, **Dallas and Natalie** and reside at 4015 Criddle Drive in Columbia, 388-8125, Care Group 6. Daniel is employed at Nissan and Diana works with Motion Industries.

MISSION NEWS

Trip to Panama:

Those going on the trip are Carl Martin, Fred & Kathie Porter, Charles & Jewel Smith, Keith Powell, Greg & Tabitha Philpott, Randall Wilson, Ken Young, Bonnie Langsdon, Joe & Mable Delk, Kenneth Corder, Charles Webster, Jim & Terri Baker, Kathy Tucker, Jamie Morgan, Jonathan Dye, Jeanette Norman, Randy Fleming, Dennis & Billie Jean Stephen and Chuck & Annette Wortman. They will leave between February 1 and 3 and will return on February 10.

Trip to India:

The next trip to India is February 5-24. Those going are Charles Thigpen, John Vaughan, Stan Butt, Bettye Cornwell, Jackie Hill & Judy Rummage. Please keep these two groups in your prayers.



“We want to thank everyone for your concern when Kenny was hospitalized. We feel blessed to know that family and friends are there for you. We appreciate all the visits, calls, cards, words of encouragement and especially the prayers.”

Kenny & Frances Compton

“Thank you all so much for your kind words and offers of assistance during our time of need. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers. Knowing that so many are ready and willing to help in any way has provided us with a great deal of comfort. You all are truly a blessing. Thank you.”

Josh, Virginia & Kaylee Jones

“Thank you very much for the visits, calls and cards made to our mother during her illness. She and we have appreciated the many acts of kindness shown to her. Please continue to remember her in prayer. She loves her church family.”

Ron & Sandra McCarthy, Stella Beard

“I would like to thank you for all the prayers, visits, phone calls, cards and food. It is a real comfort to be a part of a Christian family like Graymere.”

Ann Elias

“I wish to thank everyone for the cards and prayers while I was in the hospital. Since I have been home, many have called to offer assistance in any way. The meals brought by Geneva Walters and Mable Delk were delicious. Your care and concern are appreciated.”

Ethelene Logue

“Words cannot express our gratitude for all that you have done to help us get through this difficult time in our lives. Opening up your beautiful building so freely to so many was heart-warming. We appreciate the countless hours spent making this honorable tribute to our dear, sweet Calvin possible. All the food, flowers, donations, cards, and especially your prayers meant so much to us. We would especially like to thank Bill Welch for his hard work behind the scenes. Those of you who did not get the opportunity to meet Calvin would have been proud to call him your brother in Christ.”

Sarah Jenks and the Jenks, Whitaker & Hayes families

OUR SICK:

MRH: **Gilbert London**, room 579

SKYLINE: **Phillip Warren**, ICU (father of Wanda Robinson)

DISMISSED: **Milton Perry, Anthony Cole Endsley, Wynell Call, Betty Jo White**

Congratulations to **Joel & Brandy Love** on the birth of a baby boy, named **Noah Spencer**, born January 20. Proud grandparents are Jack & Jean Love.



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Cecile Beck**, mother of Ron Beck and grandmother of Phillip Beck. The funeral was Tuesday in Cleveland, TN.



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Bill Anderson**, nephew of Lollie Osborne and cousin of Ouida Hill & Ross Osborne. The funeral was Sunday in Decatur.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Kathryn Pittman**, sister of Grace Frank. The funeral was Wednesday in Michigan. Visitation with the family is Friday, 9:00-11:00 AM, McDonald's Funeral Home in Hohenwald with burial to follow.

COMING EVENTS:

- **Visitation Teams – Sunday:**

Team 9: Rick Barker

Team 10: Carl Martin

- **Meals Program:**

January 29: Cherry Wiley

January 31: Kathie Porter

February 2: Rose Thomas

- **L2LL:** Speech participants meet each Wednesday.

- **Dishes:** All dishes in the kitchen need to be picked up this week or they will be stored for Give-Away Day.

On Our Prayer List...

Thomas Hann, Fran Ferrell, JoAnn Yates, Lynn Chadwick, Wynell Call, Elizabeth Tyler (NHC PLACE, 213 Cool Springs Blvd.; Apt. 214; Franklin, TN 37064, 615-771-2571), Pattye McGrew, Rick Whitley, Deason Loveless, John Alden, Tillman Ledford, Leon Billingsley, Buddy Rogers, Buddy & Laverne Martin, Ruth Morrison, Dot Morgan, Josephine Troope, K. B. & Tricia Cothran, Monte Crews, Richard Jewell, Virgil & Shawn Hunter, Elizabeth Mae Chapman, Myrtle McNeese, Brenda Spencer, Vicky McDuffey, Bertie Pate McAlister, Marvel Lippert, Ruby Jewell Garner, Dovie Garner, Amanda Dillard, Karen Barnes, Sarah Frances Beasley, Bob Brewer, Elton Graves, Linda Luna, Angie Osmon, Peggy Caskey, Jolene Thurman, Pitts Hinson, Eva Roden, Tori Elias, Miguel & Esperanza Castillo, Robert Scott, Juanita Sandlin, Marguerite Porter, Alan Layne, Kathy Edwards, Jennifer Hancock, Kim Hart, Wilma Johnston, Lois Williams, Opal Smith (NHC Place, Apt. 210); Wesley & Mary Brooks, Gottfried Reichel, James Quillen, Sally Kittrell (mother of Zach Kittrell), Dorothy Biggs & Kathleen Davis (sisters of Ralph Ussery), John & Felicia Jenkins, Jerry Gilliam, Rudy Staggs (husband of Donna Staggs), Betty Markham (mother of John Markham), Sammy Baugus Sr., Sherry Wine, Calvin Jenks family

2007 Budget

The elders presented the 2007 Budget to the congregation this past Sunday. It is exciting to see the many different good works which Graymere is involved in. I thank the elders for all the work they put into preparing the budget and the tremendous effort they put into presenting it to us Sunday morning. Unfortunately, there are many congregations in the brotherhood who are not regularly given the kind of detailed information we were given Sunday. Denise Stephen and Chuck Wortman did an excellent job in making the presentation on behalf of the elders.

We have increased our missions budget this year. One new feature this year is the National Bible College in Chennai, India. This school is currently training 50 men to preach the Gospel in India. Our elders have taken on a new responsibility in overseeing the school. John Vaughan now serves as the Chancellor for the college. Another exciting new feature discussed in this year's budget presentation was the hiring of Gary Dodd. Gary and Faith are going to be tremendous additions to the Graymere family. Gary will work with the Senior saints, evangelism, care ministry, and some counseling. I know Gary and his children through the Horizons leadership camp at Freed-Hardeman. Wendell worked with Gary several years ago at Hermitage. We are both very excited about his coming. There has been a real void since Carmack Skelton's departure. Carmack cannot be replaced, yet, Gary's coming is going to be tremendous blessing to the work here at Graymere. The comments from the congregation since the announcement Sunday have been extremely positive.

You have always been wonderful in your support of the work here at Graymere. I am overwhelmed by the liberality of your giving. The budget increase this year is only about \$250 per week. If each family pitches in an extra \$1 we can cover that and then some. I just want to thank you in advance for the sacrifices you make so the Gospel can spread across Colombia and across the globe. On a personal note, I want to personally thank you for supporting my family. Your giving enables me to preach the Gospel. It puts food on my table and clothing on the back of my children. I want you to know that Cindy, Katie, Hannah, and I are deeply thankful for your support. I also want thank all those who have showered us with blessings during the holidays. Your sacrificial giving is humbling and will not be forgotten. Thank you for loving my family. You make a wonderful difference in our lives. Most of all, we need to thank our God. Without him we would have nothing to give and no reason to give.

Copies of the budget may be picked up at the Information Center.



Pantry Items Needed:

canned tuna

