

Galatians 6:10 *“Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those of the household of faith.”*

**January 17, 2016**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS---**

- **Terry Langley, Roger Key, Sue Whitehead, Carl Franklin, John Ozley, Sara Ozley, Aladene Jacks, Kynethia Kelley, Amanda Kelley, Myra Garrison, Jimmy Parker, Stefani, Kate Miller, Johnny Richardson, Conner Rice, Tim Craven, Mickey Aldridge, Beverly Craven, Tuesday Pierce, Faye Wilkinson Goodwin, Sarabeth Upton, Rhonda Knowles.**
- **Sawyer Jones, Jeremiah Hughes, Robert Langley, Ana Reichelderfer & all of our servicemen and women** who are defending freedom. **Our nation** and its leaders. **Those that preach and teach the gospel**; especially those who labor under hardships. **Ben Brownfield, Shannon Brown, and Terry Tatum** (Christians' at Donaldson) and **Robert Gibson and Walter Aldridge** (released Christians who are struggling).

**BLACK CREEK UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Men's and Ladies Bible Class** will meet tomorrow night at 6:00 PM
- **Donaldson Bible Classes** Suspended due to quarantine.

**Area Gospel Meetings:**

**Shannon church of Christ**- third Sunday Singing @ 2:00 PM today



We rejoice that **Maci Swindle** was baptized for the remission of her sins last Sunday night. Please pray for her spiritual growth.

***Those Needing our Prayers.....***

**Jimmy Parker** (Tim's father) is in the hospital in Jasper experiencing disorientation.

**Terry Tatum** (Christian at Donaldson) has experienced severe headaches.

**Roger Key** is improving but still experiencing pain.

**Amanda Kelley's** heart is in rhythm and she is doing better.

**Becky Oglesby** (Melanie's friend who has breast cancer) received good news on her PET scan test. She began her Chemo this past week and has experienced some nausea.

**John Ozley** continues to be in good spirits and making progress.

**Sara Ozley** has been able to make services this past week

# Black Creek Banner of Truth

Black Creek church of Christ

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*“You have given a BANNER to those who fear you, that it may be displayed because of the TRUTH. “ Psalms 60:4*

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**Schedule of Services**

**Lord's Day**

**9:30 A.M. Bible Classes**

**10:30 A.M. Worship**

**Wednesday**

**7:00 P.M.**

**4:00 P.M. Worship (3 PM on the second Sunday of every month)**

**Elders**

Philip Jacks 436-3055

Truman Wallace 483-7016

Van Cooper 491-9695

**Deacons**

Jeff Swindle 475-3043

Matt Carter 491-0414

Roger Key 491-3723

Mike Wood 522-5703

**Evangelist**

Sammy Bynum 368-3511

**Who We Are:** The Black Creek Church of Christ is simply a group of Christians dedicated to serving God. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and it is to be our sole guide. We are committed to preaching the gospel of Christ, which is man's only hope for eternal life.

We are interested in helping anyone who is searching for the way to God. We welcome the opportunity to privately study the Bible with you. If you would contact us, we would be happy to meet with you. In addition, you are invited to visit one of our public assemblies (information is above). At our public Bible studies, we have classes for adults and children of all ages. If we can help you in knowing more about God and His Word, then please visit, call, or write us.

**(Visit us on-line at ([WWW.blackcreekchurch.com](http://WWW.blackcreekchurch.com)))**

## ABC's for 2016 (John Isaac Edwards)

As you consider resolutions for the new year, think about these basic areas of personal improvement:

**A - Attend Faithfully.** "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..." (Heb. 10:25). Faithful attendance is vital to a proper relationship with the Lord! Plan to attend every service in 2016!

**B - Be Given to Hospitality.** Hospitality, 'love of strangers,' must not be forgotten! (Heb. 13:2). We are taught, "...given to hospitality" (Rom. 12:13).

**C - Care One for Another.** In Indianapolis, Indiana, there is a group of cardiologists known as 'The Care Group.' Christians ought to be known as such a group. "...have the same care one for another" (1 Cor. 12:25).

**D - Do unto Others As If We Are the Others.** How would things be different, if everyone applied, "...all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them..." (Mt. 7:12)?

**E - Endure.** Living godly isn't always easy (2 Tim. 3:12). We need a good dose of endurance! "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim. 2:3).

**F - Fill Our Role in the Family.** As a husband, father, brother, son, grandson, wife, mother, sister, daughter, granddaughter, be what God would have you to be (Eph. 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Titus 2:4-5).

**G - Grow Spiritually.** Suppose your fifteen-year-old son was still being carried in your arms as an infant on the bottle! The Lord expects us to grow spiritually as well. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2).

**H - Help Out Around the Building.** In every season, there are things to be done to keep the meeting place in good order, right? How about doing what you can to help with maintenance and upkeep, snow removal, and grass cutting? Can you be depended upon to do your share? (Eph. 4:16).

**I - Increase in the Knowledge of God.** You've probably heard it said, "If you don't use it, you lose it!" Our knowledge needs to be on the increase as Paul said, "...increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col. 1:10). This requires lots of study (2 Tim. 2:15).

**J - Join Together.** Remember Saul who, "...assayed to join himself to the disciples..." (Acts 9:26)? We are to be "...joined together..." (1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:16). Perhaps this is an area you need to work on in the coming year.

**K - Keep.** We are to be keepers — keep the Lord's commandments (Jn. 14:15), keep the body in check (1 Cor. 9:27), keep self unspotted from the world (Jas. 1:27). Let's work on this in 2016!

**L - Love Not the World.** One of the greatest threats to our spirituality is worldliness! John said, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world...." (1 Jn. 2:16). Let's apply

ourselves to maintaining the proper relationship with the world in 2016.

**M - Magnify the Lord.** As a magnifying glass produces an enlarged image, let us be like Paul who said, "...that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death" (Phil. 1:20).

**N - Nourished Up.** A lot of emphasis is placed on nourishment. How about working to be "...nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine..." (1 Tim. 4:6)?

**O - Obey.** Obedience has to be learned. "We ought to obey God..." (Acts 5:29). Those who obey will be saved (Heb. 5:9), while those who do not obey will be "...punished with everlasting destruction..." (2 Th. 1:9).

**P - Pray Daily.** Worry less and pray more in the new year! "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6).

**Q - Quietly Work.** Some have a problem of being "...a busybody in other men's matters" (1 Pet. 4:15). 1 Thessalonians 4:11 teaches, "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands..."

**R - Reconcile.** Should you find yourself at odds with another, how about settling that? "...be ye reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20). "...be reconciled to thy brother..." (Mt. 5:24).

**S - Study.** There's no substitute for Bible study. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God..." (2 Tim. 2:15). You won't be ashamed when you apply yourself in this area!

**T - Teach Others.** "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers..." (Heb. 5:12). Paul talked about "...faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2). How about teaching one of the Bible classes and setting up some home Bible studies in 2016?

**U - Uprightly Walk.** Among the residents of Heaven is, "He that walketh uprightly..." (Ps. 15:1-2). To walk uprightly is to live right in the sight of God.

**V - Visit.** Be like Paul and Barnabas and go visit your brethren and see how they do (Acts 15:36). It may just make a difference in where you spend eternity! (Mt. 25:31-46).

**W - Work Willingly.** Remember how the virtuous woman worked? "...willingly with her hands" (Prov. 31:13). Abound in the work of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58).

**X - eXpect the Best.** Be optimistic! Say with Caleb, "...we are well able..." (Num. 13:30) and with Paul, "I can..." (Phil. 4:13).

**Y - Yield Not to Temptation.** Just say no! (1 Cor. 10:13; Jas. 1:13-15).

**Z - Zeal for the Lord.** Have a zeal for the Lord that provokes many (2 Cor. 9:2). Be zealous of good works (Titus 2:14).

These spell a Happy New Year for you!