

# The Livingston Lamplighter

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## Your Influence

By Steve Higginbotham

Through the years, I have periodically seen an article that continues to be recycled in various church bulletins and religious periodicals. The latest "sighting" was from Mike Benson in his daily email devotional (<http://www.oakhillcoc.org>). Here is what Mike reported:

I have in my file this article from the bulletin of the New Albany, Mississippi church...

Congratulations to Steve Stroud. Last Wednesday night, Steve came to mid-week services. We congratulated him on the circumstances in which he came. Steve plays basketball and they had a game on Wednesday night. He told his coach he could not play because of worship service. His coach told him to play or turn in his suit. He came to services. The next day, he took his suit in and told his coach he would play but not on Wednesday night. If he did not want him on this basis, here was his suit. The coach kept Steve on the team. Congratulations Steve on your courage and convictions.

One of the things I find interesting about this article is that I personally know Steve Stroud. We attended Freed-Hardeman College together and we played a good bit of basketball together. However, no longer is Steve and 18 year old boy, but a 42 year old man. This decision that Steve made was made in 1979, yet 24 years later, people all over the country are still reading about the courageous decision of this "youngster". The decision he made 24 years ago is still an example to people today and may embolden someone else to make the same choice.

I wonder how long this article will continue to circulate.

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### Elders

Dale Flatt 823-5477  
Philip Gunter 823-6717

### Deacons

Dale Mabry 823-7177  
Buckie Parsons 498-2266  
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Ralph McDonald 823-4107

### Treasurer

Rusty Robbins 823-2764

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Jon Ledbetter  
931-214-2121

### Radio Broadcasts WLIV 920 AM or wlvradio.com

Sunday: Worship service 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday: Sowing the Seed 8:15 a.m.

### Church Office

Monday-Friday (9:00-1:00)

### Works Supported

Latin American Missions  
Happy Haven Children's Home  
Florida School of Preaching  
Joey Treat- South Pacific Islands

### Weekly Record:

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Sunday School   | 90     |
| Worship         | 154    |
| PM Worship      | 67     |
| Wed Bible Study | 65     |
| Contribution    | \$3002 |

*Welcome Visitors! Please fill out a visitor's card for our record of your visit.*

## **Family and Friends—Prayers**

### **Nursing Homes**

#### **OCNH**

George Cannon—Doug Cannon's brother  
Linda Hagood-Requests visits, room 262

#### **Shut-In**

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Geraldine Cannon | Ina Poston    |
| Doretha Flowers  | Winnie Worley |
| Marie Pryor      | Terry Neal    |
| Bobbie Sells     | Delon Robbins |

Remember the spouses/caregivers of our shut-in and let them know we remember them also.

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It could be that long after Steve, myself and all you who are reading this article are all dead and gone, people will still be reading about the decision Steve made, and emboldened to make similar decisions.

You don't think your daily decisions influence others? Tell that to Steve Stroud.

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Christmas cards to the congregation have been received from Christine Franklin and the Andy Worley family. They are posted on the bulletin board.



### **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

#### **December**

27-Jonathan Ledbetter  
27-David and Carol Dickerson  
28-Boyd and Betty Smith  
30-Boyd Smith



## **We Continue to Remember ...**

*(Names in **Bold** print are Livingston members)*

**Leon & Reba Flatt, Leigh Smith, Allan Terry, Marlene Colbert, Earl Carr, Kay Thomas, Evelyn Brown, Trisha Wilson, Linda Mahaney, Diana Webb, Barbara Carwile**

Vivian Walker, Jacki Presley, Ray & Bea Taylor, Randall (Bear) Mathis, Addie Underhill, Bobby Coley, Glen Williams, Betty Southerland, Bobby Smith, Glenard Hogue, Riley Boles, Scott Bilbrey, Joyce Sidwell, Mandy Lay, Rita Hargis, Barnie McDonald, Barbara Stevens, Joyce Ramsey, Ed Meadows, Bobby Dale, Gary Winningham, Bruce Gore, Leann Duke, Ralph Sells, Gail Duke, Phyllis Duke, Gary Walker, Steve Wilkerson, Frankie Beason, Kathy Sullivan, Cindy Martin, Rose Collins, Dallas Sullivan, Gene Boles, Jonathan Fisher, Sarah Thornburg, Martha Reeder, Jean Keller, Scott Mullins, Simon Norris, Jeff Stover, Shirley Key, Roxanne Kline, John Smith, Jr., Denise Gross, Chris Ashlock, Shawn Moffitt, Donna Beason, Clint Cannon, Peggy Garrett, Hattie Booher, Rhuveda Cross, Cindy Sullivan, Rob Medley

### **Prayer Requests**

Rusty Robbins is anticipating more neck surgery next month at Vanderbilt.

Diana Webb has back surgery scheduled in January at Vanderbilt.

Jim Sells remains at VA hospital in Nashville and awaiting transfer closer to home for isolation for a few weeks due to his very low immune system. He still has a blood clot in one leg and remains weak.



**SUNDAY:**

**Bible School:**  
Song Director: Gary Hogue  
First Prayer: Charles Anderson

**A.M. Worship:**  
Song Director: Gary Hogue  
First Prayer: Daniel Flatt

**Scripture Reading:**

**Lord's Supper:** Presiding: Henry Colbert  
Serve Phil Gunter Josh Cantrell  
Gary Worley Charles Anderson  
Mike Sidwell Jerry Lancaster  
Clay McDonald Jayse Copeland

(Please meet in the library before service begins)

**Announcements:** Ralph McDonald

**Dismissal Prayer:** Doug Riggins

**Count Contribution:** Brent Gore  
Hugh Ogletree

**Communion Ware:** Lydia Flatt  
Judy Lancaster

**Bus Driver:** Dale Flatt

**P.M. Worship:**  
Song Director: Gary Hogue  
First Prayer: Earl Carwile  
Read Scripture: Clay McDonald  
Lord's Supper: Ralph McDonald  
Dismissal Prayer: Will Brown

**WEDNESDAY**

Song Director: Gary Hogue  
First Prayer: Ralph McDonald  
Dismissal Prayer: Jerry Lancaster

**GREETERS-** Ralph and Jogenna McDonald  
(Please give all visitors a Visitor's Packet)

**BUILDING LOCK-UP** Dale Mabry  
Mike Sidwell

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
Bible School 9:00 am  
Worship 10:00 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
**MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY**  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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**DECEMBER CALENDAR**

- 2-Winter Soup Kitchen
- 6-Ladies Christmas Jewelry Swap 6 p.m.
- 8-Ornament Exchange for Christmas 6 p.m.
- 9-Nursing Home Service TODAY at 1:30**
- 9-Elders/Deacons/Preacher Meeting 4 p.m.
- 30-Sunday evening Singing/Challenge Service
- 31-New Year's Eve gathering

**Wednesday Night Invitation-**Jon has a sign-up sheet in the foyer for any of the men who would like to offer the invitation at the close of Bible study on Wednesday nights.

**Pantry-**During the winter months, there is a greater need for our pantry. Please help by donating nonperishable food items, detergent, soap, deodorant, tooth paste, etc. Brent and Sada devote a lot of time to this work and do a fantastic job and we thank them so much. To make it even easier, they even do the buying of what is needed if you had rather donate money to them for the pantry. At any rate, thanks to everyone who supports this work here at Livingston!



Happy holidays to one and all. Let us strive always to do the Lord's will 365 days a year. Let's use our *owner's manual* so that we don't lose sight of the important things

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work*

II Timothy 3:16-17

**Memory Verses for December**

**Galatians 3:23-25**    **Hebrews 3:23-25**  
**Hebrews 8:13**        **Romans 15:4**

The latest issue of *Think* magazine is in the foyer.

**Pantry Items Needed-**Tooth brushes. Cooking oil. Pancake mix. OR give money to Brent and Sada.

**Absent-**A list of those absent at Sunday worship is on the table in the foyer. Remember to check on them and let them know they are missed.

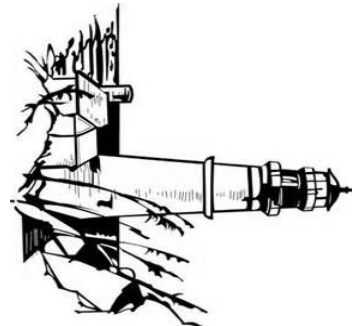
**Wednesday Night Meals-**Don't forget 5:30 p.m. before Bible study.

**Sowing The Seed-**Program on WLIV radio at 8:15 a.m. Jon can be heard on Thursdays.

**Ladies Class-**No class until next year. Date will be announced.

**Help at Home-**The third Saturday of each month for any member who needs it.

**Winter Soup Kitchen-**Always the first Sunday of each month. Next—**JAN. 6th**



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