

*****PREPARE COMMUNION*****

December - Jacob Clayton
January - Jerry and Rosemary McCoy

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Cindy Williams * December 23 - Bonnie Jones

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

Cereal * Chocolate Chips * Tissues (ie, Kleenex) * Coffee *
Velveeta Cheese * Picante Sauce/Salsa

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance 118
Contribution \$4461

FOOD PANTRY

DECEMBER ITEMS: CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE
*pork and beans, tomato sauce and canned tomatoes of any
kind, saltine crackers. Cash donations also gratefully accepted*

Happy Birthday:

December 17 - Joshua Sitzes
December 20 - Kerri Williams
December 22 - Rosemary McCoy
December 23 - Alexis Northern



Happy Anniversary:

December 17 - Ronnie and Sonja Mays
Zack and Beckie Tanner
December 18 - Bud and Donna McQuin
December 23 - Stan and Millie Dauck

Bible Trivia:

What is the name of the dressmaker who was raised from the dead?

Last Week's Answer:

In Genesis 4:21, Jubal is considered the father of all musicians

*The "Areas of Services" schedule for 2019 is available
and posted on the bulletin board by the water fountain.
Take a minute to check it out and see where you can help
out in the coming year. Also, please check the master
copy of the 2018 calendar located on the table in the
foyer to make sure all of your family's names are on their
correct birthdays and anniversaries. Please make addi-
tions, changes or revisions as needed. Thank you.*

SERVING TODAY

December 16, 2018

Song Leader.....Morris Karnes
Opening Prayer.....Tim Woods

LORD'S TABLE

Ron Garner.....David Burleson
Wes Howard.....David Howard
Jeff McGowan.....Ronnie Mays
Scripture.....Jerry Burleson
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Announcements.....Rodney Williams
Dismissal.....Bud McQuin

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
Scripture.....Wayne Reams
Matthew 23: 27-28

Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Dismissal.....Sam Garner

December 23, 2018

Song Leader.....Wes Howard
Opening Prayer.....David Burleson

LORD'S TABLE

Justin Allen.....David Carson
Ronnie Mays.....Tim Flowers
Jason Karnes.....Rick Beard
Scripture.....Zachary Tanner
Prayer.....Joe Watson
Announcements.....Jerry Burleson
Dismissal.....Jonathon Simmons

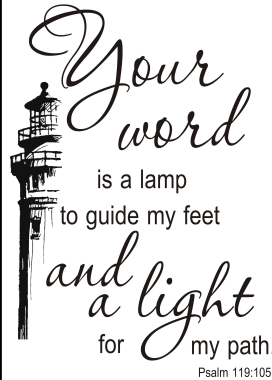
Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Scripture.....Jacob Clayton
Matthew 23: 29-31

Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

COUNT DECEMBER CONTRIBUTION

Jacob Clayton.....Wayne Reams
Joe Watson.....Justin Allen



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study...9:30AM
Worship.....10:15AM
Worship.....5:00PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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Stan Dauck
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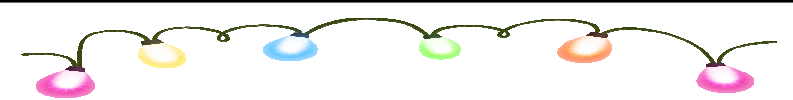
TRUE LIGHT

December 16, 2018

PUTTING UP CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

I put up Christmas lights every year. It is a lot of work and sore muscles. I grapple with burned out bulbs and blown fuses, and getting the wiring just right so the circuit breakers do not trip. People ask me why, and the answer is easy - my wife loves it.

She grew up in a modest home where meatless meals were not uncommon, heralding the approach of payday and the bottom of the bank book. But every year, her father put up a few strings of Christmas lights. In the dark evenings of winter and stretched budgets of her childhood, Christmas lights were very reassuring. After all, she reasoned in a youthful mind, if her father could still afford to put up Christmas lights, then all will be well. To this day, Christmas lights make my wife feel happy, warm and secure - reason enough for all the effort.



You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:14-16 NASB)

We spent two decades of our marriage traveling around the world as I was first an Army and then a Foreign Service officer. During the years of moves to Europe and the Middle East, living in government housing and rental properties in Washington, DC, we never got around to putting up Christmas lights. That all ended when we moved to Texas. Our first Christmas in our own home, I put up Christmas lights. I started out modestly, but I got into the challenge of being creative and putting more and more strings up. It made my wife happy - reason enough for all the effort.

We moved onto a short street that is nestled between two through streets. Not quite a cul-de-sac, but with the benefits of less traffic without the inconvenience of only one way in and out. When Christmas came around, I built my annual lighted monument to Christmas and my wife. In the dark nights of late November and December, it was almost the only bright spot on a street of well kept, but unlit homes.

Season after season, I put up Christmas lights. What I didn't realize is that it made my neighbors happy, not just my wife. They liked my lights. It made them feel warm and hopeful in the dreary dark of December. I heard neighborhood kids asking their parents why they didn't put up lights. One year, due to my travel schedule, I was late getting my lights up, and people asked if something was wrong, why the lights weren't up yet. The Christmas lights were reaching people beyond my driveway.

As the years wore on, people asked for tips on lighting, borrowed my ladder, and more houses began to light up each year. This year, with the gloomy news on the economy, terrorism, and uncertainty in the world, I noticed that several of my neighbors had their lights up before me. They wanted to see the glow of Christmas lights, the reassurance and brightness, in an otherwise dark and uncertain time.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Today: Congregational Meal honoring Stan and Millie following evening worship. Dexter BBQ and the fixings will be served. Make plans to stay and celebrate!

Tomorrow: Ladies Annual Ornament Exchange in the fellowship room at 6 p.m. for all the ladies of the congregation. Please bring finger foods or desserts to share and a wrapped ornament valued at \$10 or less.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal: Smoked turkey, ham and the works. Desserts will be needed.

December 25: Christmas Dinner in the fellowship room at noon. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend so we know how many to prepare for.

Looking Ahead

Fifth Sunday potluck/early evening service December 30. We will have a potluck meal at noon, followed by a 1 p.m. evening service.

New Year's Eve Get-Together December 31 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Bring games and finger foods

Friends and Family Day with Willie Franklin January 6. There are some flyers on the table in the foyer - pick up a few to give to family and friends

Challenge Youth Conference February 21-24 in Pigeon Forge, TN

Inspiration 2109 March 8 & 9 at the Dexter church of Christ. Joe Wells is the featured speaker and the theme is "Learn to Discern". A flyer is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

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It occurred to me that we all have a light within us - just like Christmas lights - that everyone sees. When we let it shine it reassures others, it makes them happy, and brightens an otherwise dim world. Over time, looking at our light, others decide to light up themselves as well. It is contagious. We can light up others in ways we cannot comprehend as long as we carry God's light within us and let it shine. It makes others happy - reason enough for all the effort. Rob Frazier, www.heartlight.com

The Inspiring Jesus

Socrates taught for 40 years, Plato for 50, Aristotle for 40, and Jesus for only 3 1/2 years. Yet the influence of Christ's ministry transcends the impact left by the combined 130 years of teaching from these great philosophers.

Jesus painted no pictures; yet some of the finest of Raphael, Michelangelo, and Leonardo Da Vinci received their inspiration from Him.

Jesus wrote no poetry; but Dante, Milton, and scores of the world's greatest poets were inspired by Him.

Jesus composed no music; still Haydn, Handel, Beethoven, Bach and Mendelssohn reached their highest perfection of melody in the music they composed in His praise.

Every sphere of human greatness has been enriched by the humble Carpenter of Nazareth
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The New Teacher

A boy in Sunday school had been taught by the same teacher for a number of years. She had a way of telling stories and she always ended by saying, "and the moral of the story is..."

Eventually he moved up in Sunday school and had a new teacher.

After a few weeks, the minister asked the boy how he liked his new Sunday school teacher.



Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Gene Rowland (Bonnie Howard's dad) was moved to Sikes-ton for rehab Wednesday * Grant Howard had eye surgery Wednesday and is doing well * Janie Burleson hasn't been feeling well * Trish Baldwin had extensive dental work done Friday * Pansy Zimmerman is a little improved * Stan Dauck has an appointment Tuesday regarding stem cell treatment for his back * Woody Wood's blood work all came back good, but he continues to have trouble with his feet * David Burleson's PSA numbers were up slightly, as were Jerry Burleson's

CONTINUING PRAYERS

(congregational)

Louella Akers * John David Barnett * Mary Burke * David Burleson * Jerry Burleson * Pam Claeys * Billie Cooper * Mike Duley * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Grant Howard * Sonja Mays * Jeff McGowan * Ida Roberts * Gayle Rodgers * Elwood Rush * Max Snyder * David Terrill * Max Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Joy Watson * Marty Watson * Cindy Williams * Darrell Zimmerman * Pansy Zimmerman *

...Pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much..... James 5:16.

Prayer is a special blessing. Help us keep our prayer list up to date by letting Amy know of any prayer requests or updates you would like to have in the bulletin



CONTINUING PRAYERS (non congregational)

Cancer

Ryder Boles
Roxanne Carson
Debbie Chrisman
Bill Fitzpatrick
Kevin Flowers
Tommy Jacques
Connie Lemmons
Annette Lumsden
Phil McKuin
Betty Nicholson
Jessica Payne
Donnie Rawlings
Deanna Rogers
Norman Swafford
Diane Wilder

Other Health Issues

Beaver Blocker (Alzheimer's)
Roy Greer (COPD)
Hannah Guntert (higher risk pregnancy)
Clyde Jacques
Tommy Jacques
Beckie King (MS)
Alvin Miller (poor health)
Tom Provance
Traci Suiter (poor health)
Geraldine Tomah (poor health)

OUR SHUT INS

Central Garden: Fern Botsch #309
Mary Burke #303
Lois McKuin #117

Ridgeview Living/Malden:

Shirley Johnson
Bertha Skidgell #201
Max Terrill #207
Isaac Wheeler

Cypress Point: Bettie Thurston #12
Joy Watson # 8

Winchester Place:

Travis Cooper, #7

Gideon Care Ctr. Sue Flowers, #102

AT HOME: Pam Claeys, Scott & Judy Flannery, Gayle Rodgers, Elwood Rush