

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

December - Jacob Clayton
January - Jerry and Rosemary McCoy

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Bonnie Jones * December 30 - LaRhonda Billingsley

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

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

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance 151
Contribution \$4312

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 23 - Alexis Northern
December 24 - Michal Woods
Chase Young
December 28 - Kylee Allen



Happy Anniversary:

December 23 - Stan and Millie Dauck
December 25 - Billie and Pat Cooper
December 29 - Tim and Michal Woods
December 30 - Sonny and Pat Ingle

Bible Trivia:

What Bible character's hair stood up on end when he saw a ghost?

Last Week's Answer:

Dorcas was the name of the dressmaker brought back from the dead (Acts 9:36-40)

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 additions, changes or revisions as needed. Thank you.

SERVING TODAY

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

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

December 30, 2018

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Opening Prayer.....Wayne Reams

LORD'S TABLE

Zack Tanner.....David Burleson
Sam Garner.....Zachary Tanner
Ethan Flowers.....Alex Garner
Scripture.....Justin Allen
Prayer.....Tim Woods
Announcements.....Jon Neely
Dismissal.....Morris Karnes

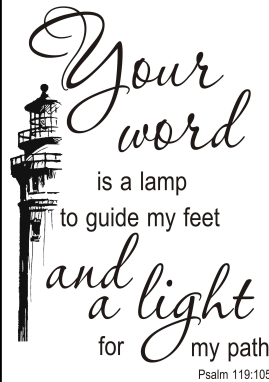
Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....David Carson
Prayer.....Jacob Clayton
Scripture.....Jerry Burleson
Matthew 23: 32-36

Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

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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TRUE LIGHT

December 23, 2018

The World's Ugliest Christmas Tree

I can remember when I was a young boy how we always used to go into the woods around our home to cut down our Christmas tree. There always seemed to be the perfect pine just waiting for us to cut down and decorate with happy hearts.

One year, though, when I was no more than five years old I was allowed to go on the tree hunt. As we hiked through the woods I saw probably the ugliest, most lopsided, and scraggly pine ever. To my five year old heart, however, it seemed like a great choice.

I can remember my dad cutting it down over my brothers' protests and my Mom decorating the weak, sagging limbs as best she could. I still have an old picture of my brothers and me standing in front of the world's ugliest Christmas tree. What warms my heart about this memory is that my Mom and Dad didn't mind if the tree didn't look good or decorate up nicely. They only cared that I loved it and wanted it for our tree. They knew that the true meaning of Christmas doesn't come from the lights, decorations or presents. They knew the true meaning of Christmas came from the love and joy we shared with each other and the love that God has for each and every one of us.

These days my tree is artificial and I smile when I look in the woods and think of all the ugly, little Christmas trees I am saving by having it. The love and joy I share with my family and everyone else remains the same, though, at Christmas time and all through the year. It is a glorious gift from God that keeps on giving and giving and giving.

John Greenleaf Whittier once wrote, "Somehow not only for Christmas but all the long year through, the joy that you give others is the joy that comes back to you."

Merry Christmas to you. May your tree be full of light and your heart always be full of love no matter if your tree is scraggly, artificial, or perfect. www.heartlight.com

Because of God's tender mercy, the light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace (Luke 1:78-79)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal: There will be no fellowship meal this week due to the holidays

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

Looking Ahead

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, as well as a sign up sheet for refreshments for the meal following evening services

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

What Kind of Christmas?

Christmas means different things to different folks. To some, it is a celebration of "Jesus' birthday," although in all likelihood Jesus was not born in the winter. Shepherds would not be watching their flocks in the fields at night at this time of year. December 25, in fact, was instead the date celebrated in the heathen world as the birth date of the Sun God. To others, it is simply a time of good will and family togetherness. Others - myself included - see Christmas not as a "holy day" instituted by God, but nevertheless as a national holiday - a day in which we can rejoice as the world is reminded of the coming of the Savior into the world. It is never an evil thing to be reminded of our Savior.

Sadly, still others would rid the day of all religious connotation, lumping it together with New Years as a part of a secular "Winter Holiday." Some stores, while raking in the money from the occasion, even instruct their clerks to not say, "Merry Christmas," but instead, "Happy Holidays." Secularists, supported by such as the ACLU, would allow children in public (governmental) schools to be restricted to singing about "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," or "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," while forbidding "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Sad! Sad!

By the way, what kind of Christmas are you having this year?

Someone once wrote something like, "Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born, it availeth thee not except He be born in thee." He came to be received as our Redeemer. Have you accepted Him as Savior and Lord in your life? Have you believed the Gospel, repented of sins, confessed your faith and been baptized in His name in acceptance of salvation? (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 10:32; Acts 2:28) Ronald Bartanen



Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

* Ronnie Mays has had pneumonia but is feeling better * Pansy Zimmerman is improving * Woody Wood continues to have trouble with his feet * Helen McGowan has been having trouble with her blood pressure * Dean Williams, infant son of Kreagan and Jenna Williams, is having some health issues * Jerel Jester (Amy's Dad) will have surgery Jan 2 in Chicago to move the stoma and reconnect his left kidney * Hannah Guntert (Amy's daughter) was hospitalized last week for high blood pressure but is home now * Max Snyder's cancer is in remission!

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
Gene Rowland
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