

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

December - Brooke and Karsyn Smith
January - STILL NEEDED

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Millie Dauck * December 15 - Cindy Burleson

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

Hamburger Helper * Paper Towels * Trash Bags (13 Gallon)
* Cream of Chicken Soup * Shampoo or Conditioner *
Ibuprofen * **pick up date December 16**

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance - 122
Contribution - \$3769

FOOD PANTRY

DECEMBER ITEMS: CANNED VEGETABLES

Canned spaghetti sauce, pork n beans, Vienna sausages. Cash donations also gratefully accepted

Happy Birthday:

December 9 - Sharlette Watson
December 10 - Lana Shipman
Ryleigh Foster
December 13 - Daniel Moore



Happy Anniversary:

December 8 - Stan and Sue Flowers



Bible Trivia:

After Jesus had risen from the dead, Peter was fishing and caught a large amount of fish in his net and brought them to Jesus. How many fish did Peter catch in his net?

Last Week's Answer:

Saul warned his enemies by cutting up a yoke of oxen and saying to them that if they did not submit to him, the same thing would happen to them (1 Samuel 11:7)

SERVING TODAY

December 8, 2019

Song Leader.....Tim Woods
Opening Prayer.....David Carson

LORD'S TABLE

Darrin Shipman.....David Burleson
Sam Garner.....Alex Garner
Mike Duley.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers
Prayer.....Jerry Burleson
Announcements.....Wayne Reams
Dismissal.....Bud McKuinn

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Scripture.....Jacob Clayton

Matthew 26: 39-41

Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....Jon Neely
Dismissal.....Darrin Shipman

December 15, 2019

Song Leader.....Morris Karnes
Opening Prayer.....Darrin Shipman

LORD'S TABLE

Ron Garner.....Zack Tanner
Marty Howard.....David Howard
Jason Karnes.....Jerry McCoy
Scripture.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons
Announcements.....David Carson
Dismissal.....Jeff Rodgers

Sunday Evening

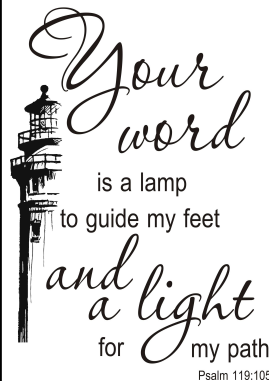
Song Leader.....Tim Woods
Prayer.....Jacob Clayton
Scripture.....Joe Watson

Matthew 26: 42-46

Dismissal.....Sam Garner

COUNT DECEMBER CONTRIBUTION

Justin Allen.....Mike Duley
Rodney Williams.....David Carson



Psalm 119:105

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 8, 2019

Truth Shapes Conscience

Paul, looking intently at the Council, said, *Brethren, I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day, (Acts 22:1).*

In the Bible's account of his life, Paul - earlier known as Saul - is as close to "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" as anyone you will find.

The evil Mr. Hyde is revealed first as a heartless young Saul who watched over the robes of witnesses of the stoning death of one of our earliest brethren, Stephen (see Acts 7:58). Acts 8 begins by asserting his sentiment about the murder when it states, *Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death.* His thirst for Christian blood continued unsatisfied as he went on a rampage against the church wherever he found it, *dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison (Acts 8:3).*

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Later, after he met the resurrected Jesus on the road to Damascus, obeyed the gospel and became a builder of the church, Paul, as he was now called, declared that he had once been the "foremost" of all sinners (1 Timothy 1:15).

However, in the text above it is surprising to learn that when he was Mr. Hyde as well as Dr. Jekyll, Paul lived his life with a "perfectly good conscience."

How as this possible? How could Paul not have a "bad" conscience about his horrendous sins against the church? Having been raised under a strict Jewish culture, was Paul's conscience not shaped by a law of God that at the time was "righteous and good" (Romans 7:12)? If there is a conscience implanted even in the hearts of the ungodly (see Romans 2: 14-15), then why not in Paul?

The fact is Paul always had a conscience but did not always have one that was disciplined by truth. For a while, he persecuted Christians and felt no guilt because his conscience was misinformed.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

December 10: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Hickory Log in Dexter.
Wednesday Fellowship Meal: Barbecue, baked potatoes, cole slaw, baked beans. Desserts will be needed.
December 12: Ladies Holiday Brunch at 10 a.m. at the home of Amy Thomason. Bring a dish to share and a \$10, wrapped gift (optional). Bring a can or two of food for our pantry and be entered to win a door prize

Looking Ahead

Children's Home Grocery Run December 16. Let's get the cart filled up.

Ladies Ornament Exchange December 16 at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room. Bring a dish or finger foods to share and a wrapped ornament. Invite a friend!

Christmas Dinner December 25 at noon in the fellowship room. Everyone is invited

Congregational Singing December 26 at 7 p.m., in lieu of a December 25 Bible Study

Fifth Sunday early evening service and potluck December 29

New Year's Eve get together in the fellowship room December 31, beginning at 7 p.m. Bring snacks and games and help us ring in 2020!

Friends and Family Day with Brent Newton January 5. We will have a special youth emphasis night with a light meal following evening services. Everyone is encouraged to attend, and invite a friend

IGNITE! Youth Rally January 18 and 19 at Jackson church of Christ with guest speaker Patrick Adam. The cost is \$10 and includes two meals and a t shirt. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Challenge Youth Conference February 28-March 1 at Pigeon Forge. The theme is "Power: Word, Spirit, Cross, God"

Area Wide Singing March 8 at 2 p.m. at Fruitland church of Christ

Inspiration 2020 March 13 and 14 at Dexter church of Christ with guest speaker Lonnie Jones. The theme is "Connected"

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Take for instance the sin of homosexuality. About this one issue, many have no conscience. They do not even consider the possibility that it is inherently wrong (see 1 Corinthians 6:9, Romans 1:26-27). Why? Because the truth has not been allowed to shape their consciences. Just as Saul, they feel no guilt about that which is abhorrent.

Excerpted from Bulletin Digest
Written by Floyd Kaiser,
Southwest church of Christ, Ada,
OK

Who's First in Line?

A little boy was given two nickels - one for the Lord on Sunday and one for some candy. He put the two nickels in his pocket and went out to play. When he came back inside, he reached deep into his pockets and found that one of the nickels was gone. "Oh, my!" he said, "I've lost the Lord's nickel."

Isn't that the way it is with many of us? When we have all our needs and all our wants taken care of, the Lord gets what's left over. But think about it. Would God want leftovers? Will He be happy with scraps?

As children of God, we must learn to give the **best** and the **first** of all that we are and all we possess. When we determine how our hard-earned money will be spent, let's figure the Lord's portion first. When we set about to use our talents, let's use them first for Him and to His glory. These things are gifts from him to begin with! God desires and deserves the CREAM of our lives, not just a few drops of skimmed milk left over after the carton has been drained. Remember the words of Solomon, *Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the firstfruits of all thine increase* (Proverbs 3:9)

Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Helen McGowan is in need of a kidney transplant. If you have a positive blood and would like to be tested for donation, please see Jack or Helen * **Ponna Mahan**, (Beth Williams' mother) has a spot on her lung unrelated to the multiple myeloma. It is thought to be slow progressing and treatable with radiation * **James Bridges** (Judy Snyder's son-in-law) will have an angiogram Monday in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He has already had a stress test and ultrasound * **Pansy Zimmerman** is a little better but still very weak

CONTINUING PRAYERS

(congregational)

Louella Akers * John David Barnett * David Burleson * Jerry Burleson * Pam Claeys * Billie Cooper * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Grant Howard * Curtis McClard * Darlene McGowan * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Reba Owens * Ida Roberts * Gayle Rodgers * Waynetta Rodgers * Elwood Rush * Jane Smith * David Terrill * Max Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Joy Watson * Marty Watson * Woody Wood * 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

Kristi Altman
Roxanne Carson
Sherry Chambers
Dale Eaton
Bill Fitzpatrick
Peggy Hampton
LeAnn Jacques
Tommy Jacques
Pam Jeralds
Andy Kelley
Connie Lemmons
Annette Lumsden
Phil McKuin
Ponna Mahan
Betty Nicholson
Donnie Rawlings
Gerald Robertson
Deanna Rogers
Bobby Thornton

Other Health Issues

Megan Brenna
DeeDee Burch (auto accident)
Mary Burke (poor health)
Renee Goodman (serious health issues)
Clyde Jacques
Lola Johnson (kidney)
Beckie King (MS)
Nikki Lawrence (migraines)
Sonja Mays (poor health)
Alvin Miller (poor health)
Tom Provance
Gene Rowland
Traci Suiter (poor health)
Paige Tanner (congestive heart failure)

OUR SHUT INS

Central Garden:	Lois McKuin #218 Marty Watson #107	Ridgeview Living:	Shirley Johnson #225 Bertha Skidgell #218 Max Terrill #207 Isaac Wheeler #201
Cypress Point:	Joy Watson #8		
Winchester Place:	Elwood Rush, #6		
Winchester Nursing Home:	Sue Flowers #208 Travis Cooper, #205	Crowley Ridge Nursing:	Fern Botsch, #103

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