

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, December 19, 2018

AnnouncementsRonny Cliff
 Lead SingingBernie Hall
 First Prayer Ben Hall
 Read Scripture.....Randy Bishop
 Dismissal Prayer.....Danny Lucas

Sunday Morning, December 23, 2018

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 Lead Singing Gary Gill
 First Prayer.....Don McAlpin
 Read ScriptureGene Ross
 Preside at Table.....Ronny Cornelius
 Serve Congregation..... Blaine Mercer
 Serve Congregation..... Abe Jeter
 Serve Congregation..... Clint Scott
 Serve Congregation..... Jim Maxwell
 Dismissal Prayer..... Phil Webster
 Greeters..... George/Jo Doss
 Greeters..... William/Janet Durham
 Nursery Attendant..... Pat Maxwell

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“Key Men” for December

Sunday AM (Open)Harold Burgess
 Sunday AM (Close)..... Ken Shepherd
 Sunday PM (Open) Don McAlpin
 Sunday PM (Close)..... George Doss
 Wednesday PM (Open)Lynn Sipes
 Wednesday PM (Close)..... Jim Maxwell

Coming Events

The **Young Adult class** will start a new book on December 30 on the Family. We hope all our young adults will be a part of this important study.

Family Matters

Congratulations to Dennis and Terry Webster on their sons marriage! Kyle Webster got married to Hope Mayfield last Friday! We wish them the best as they begin their new life together.

Bud Stewart was able to be with us this past Sunday. Please keep him and Betty in your prayers.

Teddy Bodiford is recovering from a broken ankle.

Dianne Luttrell is at home and doing some better after dealing with low blood pressure issues last week.

Benny Thornton is still in Cornerstone Rehab in Corinth, but recently has a fall and is improving from that slowly.

Jenice Crowley will be seeing her doctor again soon and will discuss her upcoming surgery.

Gerald Mills is feeling some better but is still dealing with several issues and could use our prayers.

Jim Maxwell is awaiting tests results from his biopsy, keep him in your prayers.

Becky Hodge is at home and slowly improving after her back surgery last week.

Community Matters

Jane Allen is in Cornerstone Rehab and doing some better. Continue to keep Mary Salassi, Lester Bell, Foy Norwood, Buddy Frazier in your prayers.

Prayer List

Jane Allen, Dianne Luttrell, Sandra Gordy, Bill Craft, Wanda Whaley, Margaret Brumbelow, Sylvia Childers, Chuck Beatse, Roselyn Leslie, Travis Kennedy, Sandy Rodgers.

*Remember our service men & women in your prayers.
 Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.*

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, December 23.....Numbers 33-36
 Monday, December 242 Chron. 34-36
 Tuesday, December 25 Esther 8-10
 Wednesday, December 26.....Isaiah 62-66

Thursday, December 27 Malachi
 Friday, December 28 John 20-21
 Saturday, December 29.....Rev. 20-22

Shut-ins

Mary Davis, Rm. C-16, Pine Meadows Healthcare, 700 Nuckolls Rd., Bolivar, TN. 38008.

Mary G. Bevill, McNairy County Healthcare Center, Hwy. 64 Bypass, P.O Box 0349, Selmer, TN. 38375.

Lillian Eason, Kennington Pointe, 6301 Village Grove Dr. #233, Memphis, TN 38115.

Mr. & Mrs. Odis Bizzell, 1755 Powell Chapel Rd., Middleton, TN 38052.

Lisa Luttrell Barton, Uni Health, 505 Southml , Live Oaks Dr, Moncks Corner, South Carolina 29461.

Carolyn Ash, 459 North Main St. Middleton, TN 38052.

JEFF’S JOTTINGS

Thanks to the generosity of this congregation we were able to help 9 families and 24 children their Christmas this past Sunday!

Be sure to put your questions in our **Q & A Box** in the foyer and we will answer them the fourth Sunday night of each month.

Our **Item of the Week** is chicken noodle soup. You can bring other items any time

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Hear the Word of God- Romans 10:17.
2. Believe the Word of God- Mark 16:16.
3. Repent of sins- Acts 17:30-31.
4. Confess Christ- Romans 10:9-10.
5. Be Baptized to wash away sins - Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:20-21; Mark 16:16.
6. Live a Faithful Life- Revelation 2:10.

ENVY!

The wise man asked the rhetorical question, “Who is able to stand before envy?” (Prov-

erbs 27:4). The answer is no one. Joseph could not. Stephen preached, “And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt” (Acts 7:9). Jesus could not stand before envy. “For he [Pilate] knew that for envy they had delivered him [Jesus] (Matthew 27:18). The good news, however, is this. Concerning Joseph, the text continues, “but God was with him.” Concerning our Lord, Peter declared, “This Jesus hath God raised up” (Acts 2:32). Paul would later write, “If God be for us, who can be against us” (Romans 8:31). Let us just be sure we are on His side. He will take care of us.

-Barry Grider

Merry Christmas?

For many people, Christmas is the "most wonderful time of the year," but for others, it can be the most painful time of the year. While many will be together laughing, and sharing expressions of love during this holiday season, others will be sitting alone, broken, and forlorn.

It's difficult for those who have not suffered loss to appreciate the pain others feel during the holidays. However, if God allows us to live long enough, we all will experience a Christmas without a loved one for the very first time. Instead of being surrounded by family and gifts, our companions will be loneliness and grief. Even in a room filled with family, one may find himself alone in his thoughts, memories, and grief.

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So what can be done? Here are some suggestions:

1. To the Joyful...Surprise someone who is grieving with gifts, cards, letters, and visits. Get the whole family involved in the project, children included. Make it thoughtful, sacrificial, and memorable. Allow it to be a teaching moment of God's love for the recipient, our children, and ourselves.

2. To the Joyful...Help someone create new memories. Be sensitive to the fact that for some people, Christmas never was a time of joy due to a dysfunctional upbringing. For some people, the mere thought of Christmas drudges up painful memories. While we can't change the past, we can change the present and create pleasant memories to be recalled in the future.

3. To the Joyful...Don't forget to thank God for what you have. Cherish every joyful moment as his gift to you. We live in a fallen world that sooner or later will affect our lives. God won't exempt us from heartache and pain in this life, but he did promise eternal peace and joy in the life to come. Don't take your present joy for granted.

4. To the Hurting...Don't give up. Don't wallow in your grief. Fight it. Choose what you want to think about. Work at finding joy. Count your blessings, name them one-by-one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

5. To the Hurting...Serve others.

Get outside yourself. It's a paradox, but if you want to lighten your load, you need to pick up the load of another. It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). Busy yourself in doing good for others and you'll create your own joy and be distracted from your pain. Remember, we were made for good works (Ephesians 2:10). Functioning according to the "Owner's Manual" will always provide the best results.

6. To the Hurting...Don't forget to thank God for what you have. I don't mean to downplay your hurt and heartache, but if you are the Lord's, your blessings far exceed your problems. Look beyond your pain and you will see countless reasons to give God thanks

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

-Steve Higginbotham

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1).

"Can two walk together, unless they are agreed" (Amos 3:3)?

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

"And the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common" (Acts 4:32).