

## Those to Serve

### Wednesday Evening, December 26, 2018

Announcements .....	Eddie Carter
Lead Singing .....	Chuck Risener
First Prayer .....	Gary Byers
Read Scripture.....	Tyson Hobbs
Dismissal Prayer.....	Nathan Hall

### Sunday Morning, December 30, 2018

Announcements .....	Eddie Carter
Lead Singing .....	Gary Gill
First Prayer.....	Teddy Bodiford
Read Scripture .....	Howard Black
Preside at Table.....	Ben Hall
Serve Congregation.....	Rusty Hicks
Serve Congregation.....	Don McAlpin
Serve Congregation.....	Chuck Risener
Serve Congregation.....	Gene Ross
Dismissal Prayer.....	Jay Bishop
Greeters.....	Brad/Shannon Leslie
Greeters.....	Danny/Betsy Lucas
Nursery Attendant.....	Janice Allen

### Sunday Evening, December 30, 2018

Announcements .....	Eddie Carter
Lead Singing .....	Dickie Luttrell
First Prayer.....	Eddie Carter
Read Scripture .....	George Doss
Preside at Table.....	Ben Hall
Dismissal Prayer.....	Blaine Mercer

### “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 this Sunday, December 30 on the Family. We hope all our young adults will be a part of this important study.

## Family Matters

**Dottie Clift** is some better but dealing with health issues. **Benny Thornton** is still in Cornerstone Rehab in Corinth and doing some better after a recent fall. **Janice 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** received good news on all his tests!

## Community Matters

Rob Skelton, cousin of Joyce Byers, is now home after surgery for an aneurism. Jane Allen is in Cornerstone Rehab and doing much better. Continue to keep 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 30.....	Genesis 1-3
Monday, December 31 .....	Deut. 1-2
Tuesday, January 1 .....	1 Samuel 1-3
Wednesday, January 2.....	Job 1-5
Thursday, January 3.....	Jeremiah 1-3
Friday, January 4 .....	Matt. 1-3
Saturday, January 5.....	Acts 1-3

## Shut-ins

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

There will be a **New Year’s Eve Party & Game Night** in the annex beginning at 7pm. Be sure to bring drinks, finger foods and your favorite game!

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 beef stew. 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.

**We Wish Everyone A Very Happy New Year! May 2019 Be Your Best Yet, God Bless!**

## Using Our Time Wisely By

Each week that we are allowed to live contains 10,080 minutes or 604,800 seconds for us to use. There numbers may sound big, but each of us realizes just how quickly the time

flies by. As Christians, we must be aware of our responsibility to use this time wisely and to take advantage of every opportunity we have to serve the Lord.

We have 86,400 waking seconds to use each day. May we not be guilty of wasting it, but may our focus be on using this time to grow in our knowledge of the Word and in the Christian graces, in service to the Lord and our fellow man, and to lead others to Christ. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23). We must learn to recognize opportunity when it presents itself, and not let this precious time with which we have been blessed slip away.

David spoke of the brevity of life in Psalm 90:10: “The days of our years are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away” (NKJV). James, in his letter, speaks of how fleeting life is: “Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away” (James 4:14).

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Let us make our short time on earth a busy time of laying up treasures in heaven, and may we always be mindful of the admonition of the apostle Paul: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:1-2).  
*-Dale Grissom*

### **Are You A Buzzard?**

“Both the hummingbird and the vulture fly over our nation’s deserts. All vultures see is rotting meat, because that is what they look for. They thrive on that diet. But hummingbirds ignore the smelly flesh of dead animals. Instead, they look for the colorful blossoms of desert plants. The vultures live on what was. They live on the past. They fill themselves with what is dead and gone. But hummingbirds live on what is. They seek new life. They fill themselves with freshness and life. Each bird finds what it is looking for. We all do.” (Reader’s Digest).

Do you believe it is true that we find what we’re looking for? Is this a biblical principle? News outlets often focus on the negative. People watch and listen intently. There are often “gaper” delays on busy highways—because people creep by and “gape” at the scene of the accident. The Bible says that gossip and slander taste “delicious” to many (Prov. 18:8). Humans do seem to have an affinity for the negative.

Negative things are like candy: they taste good, but they aren’t very good for you. The Bible teaches Christians not to brood, not to worry, not to consume ourselves with negative things, and certainly not to rejoice in others’ misfortune, but in all such instances, we are to give ourselves to the blessing of prayer (cf. Phil. 4:6). Likewise, positive things are nutrition for our spirit. We are to fix our hearts upon things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and praiseworthy—things that are positive (Phil. 4:8). The result will be increased peace (Phil. 4:7).

In other words, if you’re a buzzard, it’s probably because you choose to be.  
*-Rick Kelley*

“The reason a dog has so many friends is that his tail wags instead of his tongue.”  
“A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds.” Anon  
“Depend on the rabbit’s foot if you will but it didn’t work too well for the rabbit.”