

## Those to Serve

### Wednesday Evening, January 2, 2019

Announcements ..... Gary Gill  
Lead Singing ..... BT Hobbs  
First Prayer ..... George Doss  
Read Scripture..... William Durham  
Dismissal Prayer..... Tyson Hobbs

### Sunday Morning, January 6, 2019

Announcements ..... Gary Gill  
Lead Singing ..... Rusty Hicks  
First Prayer..... Steve Allen  
Read Scripture ..... Teddy Bodiford  
Preside at Table..... Ronny Cornelius  
Serve Congregation..... Rickey Tigner  
Serve Congregation..... Dick Shelton  
Serve Congregation..... Ken Shepherd  
Serve Congregation..... Gilbert Shelby  
Dismissal Prayer..... Phil Webster  
Greeters..... Jim/Pat Maxwell  
Greeters..... Don/Linda McAlpin  
Nursery Attendant..... Brenda Delashmit

### Sunday Evening, January 6, 2019

Announcements ..... Gary Gill  
Lead Singing ..... Chuck Risener  
First Prayer..... Dick Shelton  
Read Scripture ..... Gilbert Shelby  
Preside at Table..... Ronny Cornelius  
Dismissal Prayer..... Abe Jeter

### “Key Men” for January

Sunday AM (Open) ..... Harold Burgess  
Sunday AM (Close)..... Eddie Carter  
Sunday PM (Open) ..... Chuck Risener  
Sunday PM (Close)..... Jeff Danley  
Wednesday PM (Open) ..... JD Stewart  
Wednesday PM (Close)..... Ronny Clift

## Coming Events

This Sunday will be our **Singing Night & Fellowship Meal**, hope to see everyone there!

Our monthly **elders/deacons meeting** will be this Monday night at 7pm in the annex.

The **Young Adult class** just started a new book this past Sunday on the Family. We hope all our young adults will be a part of this important study.

## Family Matters

Keep Brenda Delashmit and family in your prayers in the death of her sister, Virgie Horn.

**Dottie Clift** is some better as she deals with the flu.

**Carl Gibson** continues to improve but could still use our prayers as he goes through therapy.

**Benny Thornton** is still in Cornerstone Rehab in Corinth, keep him and Nancy in your prayers.

**Jenice Crowley** is slowly improving following her surgery. She is in Centennial Hospital in Nashville.

## Community Matters

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, January 6.....Genesis 4-7  
Monday, January 7 .....Deut. 3-4  
Tuesday, January 8 .....1 Samuel 4-6  
Wednesday, January 9.....Job 6-11  
Thursday, January 10..... Jeremiah 4-6  
Friday, January 11 ..... Matt. 4-5  
Saturday, January 12.....Acts 4-6

## 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

**Mondays for the Master** will resume January 14 at 6:45 pm in the annex. We would love to see some new people to help with this good work in the New Year! If you know of anyone needing a visit or a card, please let Jeff, Gilbert or Patricia know.

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 sweet and dill pickles. 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.

## Jesus or Luxury?

Perhaps you've seen the commercial about luxury:

“Look but don't touch;

Touch but don't use;

Use but don't enjoy;

Enjoy but don't show it.”

Real life is meant to be lived and enjoyed to the fullest. Philippians 4:4; Colossians 3:23.

The blessed life brings gratitude, and God gives us the fruit of the Spirit to bless us with an abundant and eternal life. John 10:10; Galatians 5:22-23; 1John 5:13.

Jesus is our life; and He is the best life. Rejoice! -*Phil Sanders*

A few **three-word phrases** that will strengthen your marriage in the New Year:

I love you

I need you

I am sorry

I was wrong

You are right

Please forgive me

You are forgiven

I choose us

You are valuable

God is Good

Let us pray

May God help us to do everything we

can to make our marriages stronger in

2019! -*Jeff A Jenkins*

## Stepping Away From the Crowd

Most of us know pretty well the story of Peter walking on water (Matthew 14:22-33). It was an incredible demonstration of faith. Can you imagine actually climbing out of the boat and walking toward Jesus? I mean, the odds were stacked heavily against him. The time was somewhere between 3 and 6 AM, the wind was howling and causing the waves to crash around the boat, they were exhausted from struggling all night to cross the lake, and the disciples were terrified at seeing what they thought was a “ghost” (remember it was just before dawn). Yet, at Jesus’ invitation Peter had the courage and faith to do the irrational – he stepped out of the boat and walked on the water toward Him.

Usually when we think about this story we key in on two things:

- 1) if we keep our eyes on Jesus we can do amazing things, and
- 2) the minute we take our eyes off of Jesus we begin to sink.

Great lessons, but there’s something else in this story worth noticing – the other disciples were still in the boat.

I can’t help but wonder what they were thinking when Peter started to climb out of the boat. Did they encourage him or try to stop him? Did they marvel at his faith or question his sanity? Perhaps they were stunned and speechless. Were they praising God or looking for a life jacket? Were they tempted to get out of the boat, too? There’s a lot we don’t know.

However, there are two things we do know. We know they didn’t get out of the

boat, and we know that Peter did. Only Peter had the courage and faith to step away from his peers (the crowd) and head toward Jesus simply because Jesus said, “Come.” Of the group, only Peter walked on water.

I think that’s also what Jesus is asking us to do: “Step away from the crowd, walk on water and come to me.” He’s asking us to step away from the crowded road and walk the narrow path to life (Matthew 7:13-14). He’s asking us to turn away from the unthankful majority and give Him praise even if no one else does (Luke 17:11-19). He’s asking us to leave what’s comfortable and carry His cross (Luke 14:25-27). He’s asking us to stop walking by sight and live by faith (2 Corinthians. 5:7). He’s asking us to give up our trust in money and material things, and seek Him first (Matthew 6:24-33). He’s asking us to quit making excuses and get out of the boat!! He’s asking us to step away from the crowds like Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses and David did (Hebrews 11).

If you had been in the boat with Peter, what would you have done? -Joe Chesser

### *A Bag of Tools*

*Isn't it strange that princes and kings,     And  
clowns that caper in sawdust rings,     And  
common people like you and me     Are  
builders for eternity?*

*Each is given a bag of tools  
A shapeless mass, a book of rules;     And  
each must make--ere life has flown     A  
stumbling block or a stepping stone.*

boat, and we know that Peter did. Only