

Sunday, December 4	
Greeters	Josh & Eleshea Jones
Bible Reading	Will Fletcher
Devotional Prayer	Larry Little
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Paul Gilliland
Worship Prayer	Harry James
Lord's Table	
(B) Rex Free	(J) Paul Rogers
Matt Addison	(O) Danny Standridge
Rayford Morgan	Brent James
Larry Peebles	Roger McCaghren
Announcements	Tim Hester
Dismissal Prayer	Casey Pirtle
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Kenneth Grover
-Songs	Mark Biles
-Audio	Chuck Cleghorn
Prepare Communion	Benita James-Beth James
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Roger Thomas
Dismissal Prayer	Chris James
Wednesday, December 7	
Song Leader	Ben Rogers
Closing Prayer	Jamie Patterson
Ushers	David Scarbrough-Houston Hutto
Lock Building	Jimmy Jones-Nathan Lee

Sunday, December 11	
Greeters	Nathan & Regina Lee
Bible Reading	Windell Denney
Devotional Prayer	Chuck Cleghorn
Song Leader (AM & PM)	James Rogers
Worship Prayer	Marl Fuller
Lord's Table	
(B) Houston Hutto	(J) Paul Gilliland
Jerry Hall	(O) Jamie Patterson
Brex Fuller	Bryant Addison
Frank Pitts	Jimmy Jones
Announcements	Chris Hood
Dismissal Prayer	Ken Nelson
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Preston Grover
-Songs	Will Fletcher
-Audio	Harry James
Prepare Communion	Kellie James-Anna Barker
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Larry Little
Dismissal Prayer	Ben Rogers
Wednesday, December 14	
Song Leader	Mark Biles
Closing Prayer	David Barker
Ushers	Aaron Fletcher-Nathan Lee
Lock Building	Jimmy Jones-Nathan Lee

November '22							January '23						
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December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2 Mark Biles	3 Ladies Brunch Men's Breakfast
4 Midway Devo (Hoods) Cookies With Santa	5 Keslee Addison	6	7	8 Eleshea Jones	9 Phillip & Jan Waldrep	10 Holiday Fellowship
11 Chy Hutto TAC	12 Trent & Anna Hill	13 Bekah Peebles	14 Patty Huskey	15	16 Caroling Lock-in	17 Liz Vandiver
18 Caroline Grover	19 Kenneth & Lori Grover	20 Regina Lee Dwayne & Jannie Williams	21 Alison James Jill Cleghorn	22 Chuck Cleghorn	23 Houston Hutto Sam Carter	24
25 Elders Meeting Card Signing	26 Eulene Logan	27	28 Drake Davis Landon Davis Kelli Barker Sherry Chamberlain	29	30 Ethan Carter Danny & Sabrina Standridge	31 New Year's Fellowship



IS GOD IN YOUR LIFE?

Fellowship with God is dependent upon abiding (remaining) in the teaching of Christ (2 John 9). As the apostle John writes, “whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son” (2 John 9). As he opens his letter (written to a Christian lady and her family), John notes that “the truth abides in us” (2 John 2). As our Lord taught about the true vine and branches, He says, “If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you” (John 15:7). And, to the Jews, the Savior adds, “If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31-32). The only path to forgiveness from sin and fellowship with God is through His teaching in the New Testament. May we be warned by John’s words, “he who does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God” (2 John 9).

Fellowship with God is dependent upon living out these teachings of Christ in our lives. Jesus taught many concepts regarding salvation, the new birth, the church, relationships, daily behavior, marriage, judgment, heaven, hell, etc. Again, listen to how John writes to a Christian sister, “I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father” (2 John 4). Reading further, he says, “this is love, that we walk according to his commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it” (2 John 6). Each one of us is personally responsible for knowing and obeying the truth. These teachings can lead us to become more and more like our Lord in character and zeal.

This loyalty to the teachings of Christ involves both understanding his coming in the flesh (2 John 7) and understanding the teachings which issue from Him. The Father pronounced “this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased,” and the miracles proved Jesus to be the Son of God (Matthew 3:16,17; John 20:30,31). Yet, it is in following the actual example and the specific words of the Lord which lead us to walk in the light as He is in the light (I John 1:5-7).

We are grateful for the teachings of Jesus for two big reasons: 1) They make it possible to tell the difference between what is true and what is false. Again, Jesus says, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. If anyone’s will is to do God’s will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority” (John 7:16,17). 2) They make it possible to see the type of zeal we must possess. When the high priest questioned Jesus about his teaching, he answered, “I have spoken openly to the world, I have always taught in the synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret” (John 18:20).

--David

SICK

- Roger Thomas is back in the hospital with an infection. Keep him and Sherry in your prayers.
- Nancy Sherrill is in Huntsville Hospital undergoing tests.
- Paisley Tankersley, 11 year old girl, possibly has Lymphoma. Prayers requested for her. Address...65 Co Rd 1276, Vinemont AL 35179.
- James Biles, Mark’s dad, is now home from the hospital and doing better.
- Lynn Gephart, Denine Thomas’ daughter, is now at home and doing better. Address...308 Presson Street, East Prairie, MO 63845.
- Stacy Logan, Eulene’s son, has been moved to Encompass Rehab.
- Trib Henderson, Christie’s aunt, is still in the hospital and continues to need prayers.
- Mike Jones will be having surgery December 22nd.

A GOOD IDEA!

As more packages and groceries are being delivered to our doorsteps than ever before, many soul-conscious people are leaving gift bags with gifts and religious information inside for the delivery people. We can place a gift card (or some handy gift) and a few Bible-based tracts inside as a means of sowing the seed. It’s a good idea, especially here at the holidays. We have bags and supplies available in the conference room. Take the initiative, be creative and give a blessing every day.

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A LITTLE HUMOR

A certain dentist has a great email. It starts PS81_10b@, to represent the second half of Psalm 81:10, which states “Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.” Submitted by Jeanne Warsing, Readers Digest, Feb.2005. By the way, Psalm 126:2 reads, “Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing.”

BUILD THE FIRE

A man was found busily cleaning his windows on a cold wintry morning. Asked what he was doing, the man replied, “I’m cleaning off the frost, but almost as fast as I get it off, it comes back.” His friend told him, “Man, forget the windows for a moment and go kindle your fire; then the windows will clear of themselves.” In life, we often find ourselves in the vicious cycle of useless maintenance of things and circumstances when the necessary maintenance is ignored. True clarity in life starts when we build the spiritual fire (cf.Psalm 119:5-9).

Glen Hitchcock

ELDERS

Roger Thomas
Brent James

MINISTER

David Barker

DEACONS

- Benevolence**
Deacons: Windell Denney, Sam Scott
- Visitations**
Deacons: All
- Education**
Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Houston Hutto
- Local Evangelism**
Deacons:
Group A—Houston Hutto
Group B—Harry James, Nathan Lee
- Missions**
Deacons: Larry Little
- Youth**
Deacons: Matt Addison
- Building & Grounds**
Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Nathan Lee, Aaron Fletcher
- Technology**
Deacons: Tim Hester
- Finance**
Deacons: Harry James
- Worship Assignments**
Deacons: Matt Adison
- Security**
Deacons: Sam Scott
- Transportation**
Deacons: Nathan Lee

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

We are thankful for all the extra efforts being made for the various holiday gatherings within our church family. These events can be a means of “binding everything together, as we put on love” (Colossians 3:12). Another way some may be able to help is this - Our annual youth lock-in is scheduled for Friday evening, December 16. Two supply items we need are: 1) Several boxes of regular-sized candy canes. 2) Packs and packs of toilet paper. We will be collecting items in the teen room.

Thank you. – David

RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

Throughout history, people have wondered how they fit into the Universe. Is there really a Creator? What evidence is available, and what does that mean for humanity? The answers are the foundation of faith, the forgiveness of sin, and finding purpose in life. A free, online video course is available at www.mathetis.org/course/God-the-ultimate-reality/.

TEN THINGS THAT REQUIRE ZERO TALENT

1. BEING ON TIME
2. WORK ETHIC
3. EFFORT
4. BODY LANGUAGE
5. ENERGY
6. ATTITUDE
7. PASSION
8. BEING COACHABLE
9. DOING EXTRA
10. BEING PREPARED

“A man of understanding is of an excellent spirit” (Proverbs 17:27)

PLEASE KEEP THIS WORK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Brother Ronnie Crocker, of Project Rescue, has sent a recent report and newsletter. Please see the copy on the bulletin board. The report is full of news, both positive and negative. The positive is they are housing, feeding, teaching, serving 20 recovering addicts. Overall, 54 men have entered their care this year, from 35 different churches of Christ. According to the letter, they are able to maintain an 80% success rate. The negative, brother Crocker says, involves fentanyl and how it makes a relapse so much more dangerous. We are thankful our brethren are willing to battle “the cords of sin” (Proverbs 5:22).

ADULT STUDIES, SUNDAY MORNINGS

We have two excellent Bible study classes happening on Sunday mornings at 9:30. The auditorium class continues its study of Great Questions in the Old Testament. These studies provide insight into various parts of Old Testament history and practical application of a variety of important topics. The foyer class is studying Foundations, which provides an overview and a closer look at the what and the why of Christian faith, while giving a clear picture of who we are as servants of the Lord.

DON'T FORGET THE TOY DRIVE!

In association with the little ones Christmas party this afternoon, we are collecting toys for families who need assistance during the holidays. Please bring some nice toys for the children. See the barrel in the foyer!



- **Today**, Cookies With Santa
- **Tonight**, Ladies meeting to discuss upcoming Ladies Day (5PM)
- **Tonight**, Midway Devo (Hood)
- **December 10**, Holiday Fellowship (5PM)
- **December 16**, Caroling/Lock-in
- **December 31**, New Year’s Fellowship (5-10PM)