

## Order of Worship

Song: #718 We Shall Assemble

Call to Worship

Song: #1018 Joy to the World

Song: How Deep the Father's Love

The Lord's Supper

Song: #577 We Bow Down

Offering

Offering Song: #744 God's Family

Song: In Christ Alone

Scripture Reading  
Ephesians 1:7-12

Sermon  
"In Christ Alone"

Song: #679 Tis So Sweet to Trust in  
Jesus

Family Time

Song: #993 What a Mighty God  
We Serve

Closing Prayer

Please join us for a lite brunch in the fellowship hall immediately after our worship service this morning.

## Join Us Again on Sunday & Wednesday Evenings

Grow in the love of God and His truth with us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

**Sunday Evening Sermon:** "A Study of Proverbs" with Archie R. Green

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study:** "The Sermon on the Mount" with Chris Gary

You may access Sunday Bible Class, Sunday Evening Worship Service, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Zoom through our website.

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Bob Martin  
Anthony Ricks

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Archie R. Green

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## For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship	119	Sunday Morning Bible Study	75
Sunday Evening Worship	N/A	Wed. Morning Bible Study	9
Wed. Evening Bible Study	45	Contribution Average 2023	N/A

## Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship—6:30 p.m.	Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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*In Him we have redemption through  
His blood, the forgiveness of sins,  
according to the riches of His grace*

*Ephesians 1:7*



## We Welcome You!

We are honored that you chose to visit with us today. We hope that you will stay around a few minutes after our service to become better acquainted. We are eager to know you! We hope you will come to see us as we see ourselves, a group of people who desire to live and love like Jesus.

If you seek meaning and purpose in your life, we invite you to come and join us as we study God's word, the Bible, and find the true joy and fulfillment that can only be found in Him. Our doors and hearts are open. So, if you've been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—welcome!

## “In Him”

Ephesians is a book every Christian should lay up in his heart. It is about the tremendous privilege we have as Christians. It is about the great blessings we enjoy as a result of being Christians. It is about the huge challenges we face because we are Christians. And it is about the eager anticipation we enjoy because we are Christians. In Ephesians Paul uses the phrase “in Him” to describe what it means to be a Christian. And he will identify the “him” by speaking of being “in Christ” twelve times.

In Him we have redemption through His blood (1:7). In Him we have forgiveness (1:7). In Him we are recipients of the abundant grace of God (1:7, 8). In Him we have an inheritance (1:11). Remember how Peter described this inheritance in 1 Peter 1:4-9. And so we, like them, “trusted in Him” after we heard the word of truth and in Him we were sealed with the Holy Spirit (1:13). And now because we are in Him we “have boldness and access (to God) with confidence because of our faith in Him (3:12; Romans 5:1-11).

As a Christian you are “in Him” and that is where every spiritual blessing is located (1:3). If this does not get you excited and make you want to study God’s word more I do not know what will.

- Alton Norman

## Church Family New

**Adjustments to Schedule of Services**—Due to the holidays, there will be no evening services on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> or December 31<sup>st</sup>. A New Year’s Celebration and devotional will be held at 10 PM on December 31<sup>st</sup>. In addition, the Wednesday Evening Dinner will be canceled on December 27<sup>th</sup>. The Wednesday Evening Bible Study on December 27th will meet at its normally scheduled time.

**Christmas Card Exchange**—If you would like to share Christmas cards with the church family, place your greeting cards in the designated mailboxes, and they will be sorted and hand-delivered for you from Sunday, December 3rd to December 30th. See Pat Little or Cindy Harris for more information.

**Craft Day Christmas Lunch**—Crafters and all who wish to attend, are invited to meet at noon on Monday, December 18th, at the Olive Garden Restaurant for their annual Christmas lunch and gift exchange. Please bring a gift in the \$10-to-15-dollar range to exchange. Craft Day will be canceled on Monday, December 25th, and January 1st. It will resume on January 8th. Please see Pat Little for more information.

**2024 New Year’s Eve Celebration**—A New Year’s celebration and devotional will be held at 10 PM on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please see Chris Gary for more information.

### Happy Birthday

Marian Clayton 12/4, Jim Kinder 12/8, Darrel Garrett 12/9, Jennifer Abbott 12/10, Joan Ann Little 12/10, Brian Waterhouse 12/14, Stephanie Large 12/15, Toys Ricks 12/19, Margaret Rose 12/19, Terrance Banks 12/21, Veda McMullen 12/22, J.T. Fears 12/28, Ann Greer 12/28, Beverly Banks 12/30, Nicole Hundley 12/31

### Wedding Anniversaries

Phil & Cindy Harris 11/29, Tom & Jo Ann Little 12/1, Mike & Jackie Bronsberg 12/7, Chris & Krystal Gary 12/13, Rachel & Howard Moffitt 12/15, Darrel & Debbie Garrett 12/20, Ken & Teresa Moran 12/28, Jerry & Camelia Munn 12/28

## Prayer Request

### Immediate Concerns:

**Mary Balthaser** - recovering from surgery for a fractured vertebrae  
**Tiffany Powers** - upcoming CT scan  
**Jim Landrom** - recovering from surgery  
**Keith Bucknam** - recovering  
**Margaret Rose** - health  
**Anthony Ricks** - undergoing treatment  
**Levi Abbott** - HDC Pediatric Center  
**Ken Moran** - health  
**K.P. Pressey** - colon cancer

### Long Term Concerns:

**The Boisseau Family** - health  
**M.C. & Juanita Bailey** - health  
**Lena Stone** - health  
**Taylor Myers** - health issues  
**Regina Clark** - MS  
**India Johnson** - health  
**Amy Girimont** - health  
**Cheryl Brown** - health  
**Abbott Family**

### Shut-ins

**Regina Clark**  
**Adassa Duncan**

### Family & Friends:

**Mike Bronsberg’s mother, Doris** - broken shoulder blade  
**Cara Patrick’s brother, Celsus Patrick Vanita Bagn** - surgery 12/6 & 12/28  
**Jack Reese** (Retired Preacher) - cancer  
**Frank Logan’s mother, Sophia** - cancer  
**Kay Himes’ nephew, Carl Vandivier**, sister, **Francis & friends, Sigrid Polson-Randolph & Richard & Cynthia Cashore** - health  
**Peggy Boarman’s son-in-law, Jim Bristow** - current situation