

Shepherd's Voice

by Don Riddle

TIMES

The present times: “ the sigh of a world that has everything to live with and nothing to live for”.

Times when looking back: “You who are having a rough time are called to teach the rest of us what the Scriptures mean and how they are to be faced. You, more than the theologians and preachers, are the true interpreters. In you we see the texts confronted by brave and glorious hearts, and suddenly the written Word of God becomes more clear, because, in you, the Word of God has become flesh again.”

“I’m talking about the times when life is pressing down on you, when your heart’s breaking, when people are being mean and your soul needs a little something extra. Just when you need it, there’s an arm around your shoulder, someone strokes your hair, a letter comes out of the blue, a loved one recovers from illness, a phone call cheers you, a whispered and genuine apology makes the sun shine again, a fear finally dissolves. All are tugs on the line---God letting you know he’s around. That little something extra enables you to press on joyfully. Or, if not filled with joy, at least, helped by the knowledge that you are seen and cared for.”

Times recorded for us: “We sometimes face difficulties but none more difficult than what our Master faced. The voices raised against our hope are no stronger than those that mocked the Christ as he hung on the cross(“He trusted in God. Let’s see if God will deliver him”). The powers that stand shoulder to shoulder against us are no more entrenched or powerful than those that plotted and executed their cruelty against Jesus. So Christ’s victory is our assurance, our ground for hope: ”In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world”. To know he had done it lifts the heart. To know he has done it for us lifts the heart even further.” “Which of you, having made some wise, major sacrifices on behalf of those you love---which of you, seeing their usefulness and peace--regrets the price you had to pay? Doesn’t your joy obliterate all regret? (Is this why a passage seems to speak of the Cross as the “joy set before” Jesus?)

And at the end times: “ Isn’t it wonderful of God to take something just before it dies and make it so beautiful?”, the daughter said as she gazed at the fallen leaves. “Wouldn’t it be nice”, the mother mused, “if he did that with people?” The younger woman looked at the stooped, white-haired figure before her and said so softly that she thought no one else heard, “Sometimes he does.”

Selected quotes from Jesus, Hero of Thy Soul by Jim McGuiggan

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Those Serving in January

Sunday Assignments:	Jan 7	Jan 14
Song Leader	Chad Hearne	Daniel Hudgeons
Prayer/Opening	Terry Ratzlaff	Blake Reed
Scripture Reading	Larry Smith	Kent Vetsch
Preside/Communion	Adam Bledsoe	Luke Christian
Prayer/Closing	Don Riddle	Tim Stroud
Nursery	Cindy & Rachel Ledbetter, Jennifer Kierre Sharon McGehee, Kerri Phillips, J Poole	E Pennington, H Oaks, C Dunseath Rachel & Chloe & Avery Bryant

Sunday Assignments:	Jan 21	Jan 28
Song Leader	Tim Stroud	Chad Hearne
Prayer/Opening	Jeremy Pumphrey	Bill King
Scripture Reading	Jake Wesson	Greg Barber
Preside/Communion	Charles Harris	Jeremy Gillson
Prayer/Closing	Mike Baker	Gordon Bond
Nursery	Misty McKamie, L Nabholz, Melissa Smith Lisa Rickett, Jenni Rowell, Autumn Sanson	S Ratzlaff, M Ratzlaff, Sara Starnes Metra Scaife, BA Scaife, Johnna Smith

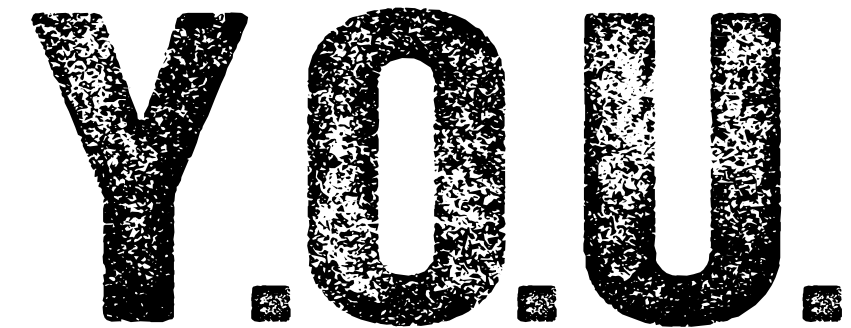
Monthly Assignments:	Wednesday Nights:
Communion Chris Hall, Mike Harper Brandon Moreland Brett Hedrick, Denver Hinson, Greg Huff Steven Hopwood, Sam Janski, Owen Koone Jack Martin, Bryan McBride, Wesley Harris	Jan 3 Young Boys 2yr-1st (P) TBD
	Jan 10 Young Boys 2nd-6th (P) TBD
	Jan 17 (S) John Tooke (P) Luke Christian
	Jan 24 (S) Carson Copeland (P) Barry Holder
Ushers Tim Capps* John Holder** Greg Chaffin, Gary Poole Barry Holder, Michael Bomar Keith Hinson	Jan 31 (S) Adam Bledsoe (P) Trey Waller
Greeters Jeremy & Leanne Pumphrey - Welcome Desk Jeremy & Leah Lowe, Blake & Allison Reed Terry & Sarah Ratzlaff, Bill & Kim King Greg & Cindy Dunseath	Food Coordinators for Jan (A-F) Mona Williams

Happy New Year 2018



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January 2018



JANUARY 12-14

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:00 - 1/14

Robinson & Center
CHURCH OF CHRIST



WINGS - SOUP LUNCHEON

JAN 6TH @ 11 AM

W.I.N.G.S.
WIDOWED IN GOD'S SERVICE

Fellowship Room - Meal will be provided.
Sign-up Sheet at Info Desk...invite a friend.



NEW MEMBER FELLOWSHIP MEAL

**JANUARY 7TH AT NOON
FELLOWSHIP ROOM**

ALL NEW MEMBERS ARE INVITED



Fellowship Room - Jan 7th
3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

Makin' Sunshine

Kids
K-6th

Bethlehem House Meal Night
January 9th & January 15th

See Debbie Moreland or Michelle Tooke



January R&C Calendar

*Please Keep Your
Info Updated*

Info forms are on the website: www.r-c.org
All forms are on the front page



Soup Luncheon
Fellowship Rm
Meal Provided
Jan 6th Invite a friend.
11 am Sign-up- Info Desk

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NEW MEMBER FELLOWSHIP MEAL
JAN 7TH AT NOON
FELLOWSHIP ROOM

*Bethlehem
House - 9th*



Fellowship Rm Jan 7th
3:30 pm - 4:45 pm
Kids K-6th

EDM Meeting
Fellowship Room
Wed. January 10th

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Y.O.U. 9 AM SERVICE
NO BIBLE SCHOOL

Bethlehem House
Meal night - 15th

Growth Groups
Start - 5 pm

Food for Families
Wednesday Night
January 17th 6pm



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Teacher's Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, January 27th - 6:30pm

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Jan. 30th

Events for this calendar should
be submitted by the 25th day of
the month before the event.

Children's Bible Class
Teacher Recruitment Month - coming in February

iPhone, iPad and
Android Versions



Several New Members
and many info changes
have recently been added

Meeting Schedule

Bible Classes..... 9:00
Worship 10:00
Sunday Evening 5:00
Wednesday 7:00

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December Averages

Sunday Worship. 563
Sunday AM Class 333
Sunday Night. n/a
Wed. Bible Study. 334
Contribution. \$19,728

New Arrivals

Brooklynn Elise Bond
born December 12th to
Tommy & Lauren Bond

Harper Annabelle Peabody
born December 29th to
Josh & Sarah Peabody

Noah Michael Baker
born December 30th to
Austin & Ashley Baker

Baptisms

Johnny Mullins
baptized January 3rd
son of Jola Mullins

New Members

Robert & Rayla Hearne
605 Avenue 3 SE
Atkins, AR 72823

Cindy Wood
25 TPM Lane
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