

We are so glad that you are with us today! Our service will be to praise and worship God and to encourage and uplift us to face another week. We will sing (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16), pray (James 5:15-18), and partake of the Lord's Supper to remember our Savior's sacrifice on the cross (Acts 20:7, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). We will also give back a portion of the monetary blessings that God has granted us so that we can carry out His work in our community (1 Cor. 16:2, 2 Cor. 9:7). We will also study a lesson from His Word that will hopefully be applicable to our daily lives, so that we can be equipped to handle the pressures of this world and reach those outside of Christ (2 Tim. 2:15). If you are a visitor, please fill out the yellow visitor's card and pass it to the end of the aisle so it can be collected. You are truly an honored guest, so please give us an opportunity to meet you after our services are over! "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

Worship

Scripture Reading

Song (#718) We Shall Assemble

Song (#464) Because He Lives

Opening Prayer

Song (#77) Glorify Thy Name

Song (#337) Hallelujah! What A Savior!

Partake of the Lords Supper

Contribution

Song (#578) We Will Glorify

Song (#458) Redeemed

Message - "The Reason For The Season"

Song (#376) He Paid A Debt

Song (#608) He Gave Me A Song

Closing Prayer

**Worship Assignments
Sunday Morning**

	December 13th	December 20th
Announcements	Barry Pritchett	Butch Jones
Scripture Reading	Quinn Collier	Rylan Cochran
Open Prayer	Tim Hall	Rob Burton
Song Leading	Jeremy Green	Nathan Collier
Close Prayer	Curtis Kingsley	Bob Burton
Head Table	Richard Bohannon	Ken White
Assist	M. Hadden D. Stephens Ry. Cochran D. Ledford Sp. Hall Ru. Cochran Tu. Hall Ro. Ramariez	R. Kimsey J. Chancey Re.Cochran Jo. Stephens T. Rochester J. Jenkins E. Mulkey B. Burkewitz
Usher	M. Brackett Re. Cochran Sp. Hall J. Ralston	R. Burton Tu. Rochester Tu. Hall M. Wilson
Greeters	E&S Busby J&S Jenkins B&T Weeks	G&A Chancey B. Hall P. Ledford E&S Mullinax
	Evening	Evening
Announcements	Barry Pritchett	Butch Jones
Open Prayer	Junior Jenkins	Josh Chancey
Song Leading	Barry Kingsley	Nathan Collier
Close Prayer	Gerald Chancey	Marvin Pritchett
Communion	Richard Bohannon	Ken White
	December 16th	December 22nd
Announcements	Tim Hall	Butch Jones
Song Leading	Ed Busby	Men
Prayer	Barry Pritchett	Men

If you cannot serve, please contact Garry Rittenberry. Copies of all sermons from our pulpit are available on CD for \$1.00 Request sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Let Us Rise Up and Build

Envelopes are available on the back of the pews to make your donation to the Building Fund for the new Fellowship Hall/Education Building. Total funds through 11/30/15 in the Building and Emergency Fund total \$244,888.89. "FILL A CAN" ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP.

Free Bible Correspondence is available by contacting the church office or Cleah Boaz, at 706-636-4516.

Week of December 6th	
Contribution.....	\$6721
Budget.....	\$6100
Weekly Average YTD.....	\$6537
Bible Study.....	143
AM Worship.....	231
PM Worship.....	141
Wednesday Evening.....	131



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Sunday Bible Classes
9:30 AM
Morning Worship
10:30 AM
Evening Worship
6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 PM

Gratitude should be a way of life.

Someone recently reflected on the character trait of gratitude:

The most prominent literary example of this trait is evidenced in the character Pollyanna, from the book by the same name, by Eleanor Porter. Pollyanna is a young orphaned girl who is sent to live with her wealthy, stern Aunt Polly. Aunt Polly stresses about everything, even though she is abundantly blessed with material possessions, prestige, and power. Pollyanna, who has been raised in poverty and now, finds herself void of her parents, stresses about nothing. You see, she has learned to play "the glad game." She can find the silver lining in any dark cloud. Her attitude spreads slowly, but then picks up speed in a town full of discouraged and downcast adults. In time, her grateful outlook even turns the sour Aunt Polly into a more thankful and optimistic person.

You might think that Pollyanna's personality was only a myth. But, you see, the one who wrote the phrase "in everything give thanks" was the Apostle Paul. A man who both the Bible and other historical documents tell us was beaten, imprisoned, shipwrecked, stoned with stones, and ultimately martyred for his faith. He wrote these very words while in a prison cell. Still, he found plenty of reasons to be thankful.

There are many people who have suffered the loss of jobs, houses, limbs, eyesight, hearing, family members, relationships, and even their reputation who have found something for which to be thankful. Scores of people who have faced their own impending death from terminal diseases with a humbling attitude of gratitude for the blessings they had received. In everything (every circumstance) they gave thanks.

Need some help get started on your list of blessings?

Number 1 on our list should be the greatest Gift ever given: the Gift of God's Son. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." – John 3:16

The blessing for which we should be MOST thankful is the GIFT of God's Son, who died on the cross that we may have salvation from sin and receive the gift of eternal life. Jesus saves us from the greatest peril and promises to give us the greatest reward!

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In our Thoughts and Prayers

Sandra Bohannon's breast cancer surgery went well last week. She is waiting on tests results.

Marie Overton continues to be in a lot of pain from her second knee replacement surgery.

Judy Thompson has bone cancer throughout her body and in need of prayer.

Please keep Tina Messer in your prayers as she takes treatment for MRSA.

Kathy Holloway returns to drs this week for a treatment plan. If you were like to send her and Benny a card or note: P O Box 1972 Chatsworth 30705

Richard Stephens has been dealing with gout the last several days.

Please keep the family of Clay Holloway in your prayers in his passing away last week. Funeral service was this past Tuesday.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Seth Carswell, Eli Chastain, Reid Cochran, Steven Giannone, Corey Henry, Jonathan Hensley, Zach Hill, Wayne Jones, Jacob Mahaffey, Evan Pankey, William Pettit, Wilson Pettit, Winston Pettit, Frankie Silva, Canio Sequevia-Cuevas, Eric Spisak, David Taylor, Cameron Trammell, Matthew Upshaw, Kourtney Weeks

UPCOMING EVENTS TODAY - Elders, Deacons, Ministers & Ministry Leaders meeting, 9 AM. Also, purpose sheets are due back today to the Elders.

TONIGHT - Youth Winter Series in Ringgold

15th - Ladies Weekly Bible class, 9:30 AM - 11 AM.

16th - Those Ladies going to the Tate House, please be at the church bldg by 11 AM.

17th - Young Professionals Holiday Party

20th - Year round speech group will be speaking in the F.Hall 5:15 PM

20th - Caleb Cochran will be bringing the evening lesson

23rd - Combined classes for Special Prayer Service

27th - 4th Sunday Night Singing

27th - 30th - Exposure at Faulkner University

30th - Combined classes for Special Prayer Service

A Look Ahead....

January 3rd - Growth Plan presented to Congregation

TWO LITTLE BOYS

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved. The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.

The husband said, 'We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!' The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, 'Where is God?'

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, 'Where is God?' Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, 'WHERE IS GOD?'

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, 'We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it.'

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Wendy Jones - 13th
Curtis Kingsley - 15th
Diane Wilson - 16th
Jobie Ralston - 17th
Robin Jones - 18th
Raylan Parker - 18th
Morgan Holland - 19th

Billy & Becki Crump - 13th
Marlin & Karen Brackett - 15th



Nursing Home Family

Pauline Mullinax,
Gladys Logan Shultz
and Edith Davis.

OTHERS TO REMEMBER

Zach Pritchett, Lamar Gorman, Bill & Ann Burkett, Gladys Holloway, Mary Parker, Vernon Gibbs, James Mullinax, Martha Ralston, Opal Corbin, Richard Neal, Genell Cantrell, Edith Hensley, CiCi Rivera, Geneva Holloway, Luisa Varin, Ruth Jones, Glenda Stanley, Chad Luther, Cody Sowder, Jeremy Ferrell, Shirley Jones, Shirley Davis, Elizabeth Arthur

CANCER PATIENTS

David Cochran, Charles Weeks, Billy Stells, Treet Tilley, Jewell Green, Lillie Scaglione, Doris Dean, Carol Stanley, Lisa Macy, Dean Cleavinger, Brenda Martin, Don Powichroski, Tori Boynton, John Corbin, Benjamin Corbin, Phillip Askew, Brandy Nicholson, Carolyn McTyre, Hugh Long, Jeff Hunter, Susie Rep

Anyone with cans for change, please bring them and place them in the church office to be counted. Thank you.

The mentor list is on the bulletin board. Please encourage your young person.



Congratulations to Dustin & Amanda Holland on the birth of Hunter Gerald Holland. Hunter was born this past Tuesday weighing 7lbs 10 oz. Mom and baby are doing well. Grandma Donna Holland is a wee bit proud!

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Sign up sheets are
posted on the board**

