

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 (#103) He Has Made Me Glad

Song (#4) To God Be The Glory

Opening Prayer

Song (#354) I Gave My Life for Thee

Partake of the Lords Supper

Contribution

Song (# 410) He Leadeth Me

Song (#742) When Upon Life's Billows

Message - "Purposing in Our Hearts"

Song (#922) Jesus Paid It All

Song (#709) How Sweet How Heavenly

Closing Prayer

Worship Assignments Sunday Morning		
	December 6th	December 13th
Announcements	Barry Pritchett	Butch Jones
Scripture Reading	Spencer Hall	Quinn Collier
Open Prayer	Josh Chancey	Tim Hall
Song Leading	Nathan Collier	Jeremy Green
Close Prayer	Bob Burton	Curtis Kingsley
Head Table	Lloyd Ferrell	Richard Bohannon
Assist	G. Chancey S. Wright J. Jenkins R. Burton R. Kimsey B. Parker E. Mullinax J. Rep	M. Hadden D. Stephens Ry. Cochran D. Ledford Sp. Hall Ru. Cochran Tu. Hall Ro. Ramariez
Usher	M. Hadden L. Mulkey D. Bailey J. Cochran	M. Brackett Re. Cochran Sp. Hall J. Ralston
Greeters	B&S Burkewitz L&B Ferrell M&R Pritchett	E&S Busby J&S Jenkins B&T Weeks
	Evening	Evening
Announcements	Barry Pritchett	Butch Jones
Open Prayer	David Green	Junior Jenkins
Song Leading	Nathan Collier	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Marlin Brackett	Gerald Chancey
Communion	Lloyd Ferrell	Richard Bohannon
	December 9th	December 16th
Announcements	Jeremy Green	Tim Hall
Song Leading	Gerald Chancey	Ed Busby
Prayer	Dennis Dove	Barry Pritchett

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 9/30/15 in the Building and Emergency Fund total \$241,296.96. "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 November 29th	
Contribution.....	\$6645
Budget.....	\$6100
Weekly Average YTD.....	\$6529
Bible Study.....	155
AM Worship.....	266
PM Worship.....	137
Wednesday Evening.....	120



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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

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"

For many, Andy Williams' 1963 song "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" helps to usher in the beginning of the Christmas season. As December continues to roll on we are getting closer to our country's most anticipated holiday and the time of celebration that accompanies it. On Friday night, we held our congregational holiday party and enjoyed a great time of food and fellowship.

Christmas is a "wonderful time" of exchanging gifts, sharing meals, and spending time with friends and family. The season brings to mind childhood memories, favorite movies (see Home Alone), cutting down and decorating trees, and bright flashing Christmas lights! From children taking a two-week break from school to business owners bringing in their biggest profits of the year, December 25 is a truly special day.

However, there is another element of the holiday that is discussed among Christians and non-Christians alike this time of year – the birth of Jesus Christ. You may already be seeing signs in front yards or even in lights that say "Jesus is the reason for the season" or "keep Christ in Christmas," and it is guaranteed that there are nativity scenes all over town. We need to know this important fact about Christmas – Jesus was probably NOT born on December 25! Well before the birth of Jesus the winter solstice was celebrated in late December and pagan rituals dominated the season. To combat these practices religious leaders, specifically Pope Julius I, named December 25 the day to celebrate the birth of Christ. With the knowledge of the Biblical accounts of Jesus' birth, and the understanding that men instituted this holiday, Christians know that Christmas is not a religious holiday.

Many are uncomfortable discussing Jesus at Christmas because they know that it is not a religious holiday. This is understandable, but we also need to realize that Christmas provides an opportunity for evangelism! During this time of year, many are in search of truth and attempting to fill a void in their lives that only Christ can fill! This year when someone asks us about Jesus' birth we can let them know he was born (probably not at Christmas), but we can also share that he lived a perfect life, died for our sins, rose on the third day, and that he is coming back again to take Christians home! We want the world to know that Jesus is the reason for EVERY season! Happy Holidays!
- Jeremy Green

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In our Thoughts and Prayers

Sandra Bohannon will be having breast cancer surgery December 8th. Please keep she and Richard in your prayers.

Clay Holloway is in Kennestone Hospital in ICU. Drs feel he has had several strokes.

Marie Overton is recovering from her second knee replacement surgery. The surgery went well.

Caleb Rep returns to the dr on December 7th regarding his sinus surgery.

Cheryl Hall, Sandra Parker's sister, is doing much better.

Tom Hall is having health problems at this time.

Shirley Kingsley continues to recover from knee replacement surgery.

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

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 - Purpose sheets given to the congregation.

8th - Tuesday Ladies Bible Class, 9:30 AM-11:00 AM

10th - Men's Devotional 9 AM

12th - C-Squad Breakfast with Santa; 9:30AM-11:30AM, F.Hall, Sign up sheet posted

12th - Youth Group outing to Chattanooga for Christmas lights and meal. Signup and info on the board.

13th - Purpose sheets turned back in to the Elders.

13th - Elders, Deacons, Ministers & Ministry Leaders meeting, 9 AM

13th - Youth Winter Series in Ringgold

16th - Ladies Weekly Bible Class will be going to the Tate House

17th - Young Professionals Holiday Party

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

Anyone interested in participating in secret sisters this quarter, please sign the sheet on the youth board.



The youth group (grades 7-12) will be going to Chattanooga on Saturday December 12 at 2 PM to see Christmas lights and to eat. You MUST sign up on the youth bulletin board and parents must complete a permission form. Cost is \$5 per person.



The youth and C-Squad will be decorating cookies and caroling to members' homes after morning services today.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Tracy Sisson - 7th
Margaret Huff - 8th
Julie Rodas - 8th
Gail Adams - 9th
Abby Chancey - 9th
Reid Cochran - 10th
Billy Green - 10th
Eddy Mulkey - 10th
Julie Mullins - 10th
Ernestine Hall - 11th
Billy Joe Howard - 12th

Nursing Home Family

Pauline Mullinax, Gladys Logan Shultz and Edith Davis.

OTHERS TO REMEMBER

Zach Pritchett, Lamar Gorman, Clay Holloway, 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

Happiness keeps you
SWEET
Trials keep you
STRONG
Sorrows keep you
HUMAN
Failures keep you
HUMBLE
And God, keeps you
GOING

