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Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:20 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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AS WE RING IN THE NEW YEAR...

The Apostle Paul said it well. “**Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right and pure, and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. (Philippians 4:8)**

We can look back on the past year with a variety of emotions that we may have encountered throughout 2020. It was difficult in many ways and especially in that we were unable to attend our regular worship services together at the church building. However, we will start the New Year by opening up our church services on the regular schedule that we have followed in the past starting Sunday, January 3rd. Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night services will resume with Bible classes. All services will continue to be available on Facebook Live for any who might not be able to attend in person.

In 2021, we might consider consuming some **spiritual vitamins** that are necessary for healthy, growing Christians. Let’s make next year a time for growing and glowing! Try some of these:

Vitamin F (Fellowship) – Lack of fellowship results in a sense of disorientation and aloneness. Regular usage promotes happiness and satisfies our craving for social relationships.

Vitamin B (Bible Study) – Christian growth is impossible without this nutrient. Feeding on God’s word results in a clear, sharp mind and a sense of assurance and well-being.

Vitamin C (Concern) – Failure to take this vitamin leads to a turning inward upon one’s self. Lack of concern affects the eyes so that only those people near at hand are in focus.

Vitamin E (Evangelism) – This vitamin heightens our awareness of others’ needs. Several ounces taken weekly infuse us with a desire to talk to others about our faith and to set forth a good example as we go about our everyday life.

Vitamin M (Missions) – This nutritive tonic makes us curious to find out what God is doing in other parts of the world and it imparts a sense of generosity so that we want to pray and give more freely for mission causes.

Vitamin P (Prayer) -- Daily doses of this vital nutrient sustain us and give needed strength for all of life’s trials and tribulations.

Vitamin T (Training) – Continued intake of this vitamin sharpens our perceptions and helps us develop skills for Christian living on an everyday basis.

Vitamin W (Worship) -- Neglect of this nutrient saps the strength and causes restlessness and a sense of yearning. Regular intake is necessary for all around good spiritual health.

As we, *your* elders, continue to serve each one of you to the very best of our ability, we urge you to “fix your thoughts” on better things for the upcoming year and let us not look back at what we cannot change; take Paul’s advice!

The Elders

Gary, Lafayette, & Wayne



COMMUNION PACKS WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00-4:00 PM AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

BAPTIZED

Congratulations to John Harris, who was baptized on Monday morning by Mike Kelley. He is the husband of Kaitlyn (Rochelle) Harris. He is a lieutenant in the Navy and they are about to move to Washington State where he will be stationed for the next 3 years.



MAGI ARRIVES IN HONDURAS



As you reflect on Christmas last week and the upcoming New Year, we want to thank you for the gifts that you have given to the children of Honduras! These **MAGI** boxes have been delivered to Ojojona, Honduras, right in time for Christmas! A big thank you to Predisan, Mission Lazarus and Richard Ayala, our Agriculture trainer in Honduras who helped distribute the boxes.

Thanks to so many of you and the coordinators for all of the energy you put into packing each individual box that added up to more than 21,000 this year!



Several of our church members are sick at home.

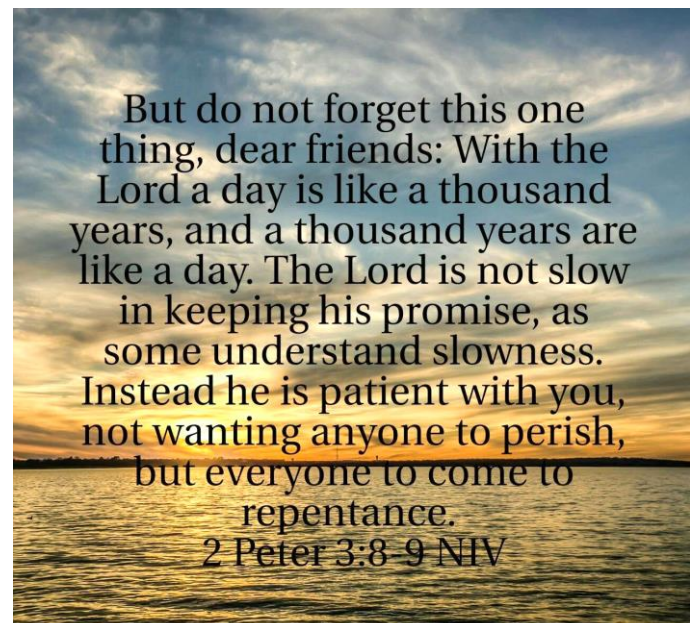
Members: Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Dave Davidson, Hester Moss, Deborah Perry, Hezekiah Springer, Gene Carathers, Tommy McClanahan, Raymond Stoltz, Terry James, Dewayne Victory (VA hospital), Mac Breece, Terry Duncan, Kenneth Chandler (hospital), Paul & Noble Victory, Rickey Weems, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Faye Rochelle, Dorothy Noonan, James Hassell, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Donna Gaspard (sister of Lisa James, St. Thomas Midtown ICU, stroke), Bruce Coates, Teresa Carroll, Roman Surra, Terry Chandler, Jr, Michael Chandler, Michael Hethcoat, Brenda Nash, Dwain Jones, Heather Dickerson, Jo James, Anthony & Rita Stacks, Marshall Carothers, McKinley Moore, John & Brenda Hinson, Dot Dickens, Roger Stone, Maxine Christian, Wendall Tidwell, Christopher Jackson & family, Randy Hall, Chuck Sherrell, Helen Shanes, Jimmy Jenkins, Trace Warren, Harley Parker, B.J. Springer, Ruby Church, Wayne Winters, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Jerry Milam, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fagan, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Russell Hargrove, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Tommy Cagle, Jimmy George, Jackson Bates & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Mary England

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey, Jo Hudgins (hospice) & Sybil Jenkins.

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page





Center Fielders News

“Resolutions”

Resolving to do better is always in order. But have you noticed that many of the resolutions made at this time of year tend to focus on ourselves. “I plan to lose weight.” “I plan to be more organized.” “I plan to overcome this bad habit.” We all certainly admire those who are able to stick to a program of self-improvement, for we all have areas where we could do better.

However, a close look at Hebrews 13 reveals something different. This chapter has lots of advice for improving our Christian walk, but these pointers focus on other people. One example is verse 2: “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.” Such a resolution certainly involves focusing on others rather than ourselves.

Another example is verse 16: “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” This is not simply a suggestion for improving ourselves, but a way to reach out and share with people in need. We communicate when we share our material blessings or by visiting a shut-in, or encouraging and witnessing to our friends and family.

Verse 17 encourages us to obey our church leaders “so that their work will be a joy and not a burden.” Our overall desire should be to “let brotherly love continue,” on the basis that Jesus Christ is “the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” Holy God and Father, as we enter this year before us, help us to reach out to others and help us to focus more and more upon You and Your Kingdom, and less upon ourselves, in Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Sharon and I would like to wish each and every one a very Happy, Healthy, and Holy New Year.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 27, 2020	
MORNING WORSHIP	101
CONTRIBUTION:	\$2895
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE JANUARY 3

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber
Scripture Reading: Vance Willis
Scripture: 2 Peter 3:8-9
Preside Lord's Supper: Gary Basford
Alternates: Mike Batts, Gary Wright
Basement: Ken Copley, Josh Copley
Announcements: Marvin Truett
Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Marvin Truett
Scripture Reading: Edwin Wright
Scripture: Psalms 18:2
Song Leader: Jeff Rose
Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Lord's Supper: Gary Basford, Phillip Coates
Closing Prayer: James Swaw
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

thank you!

I appreciate your expression of sympathy by sending the nice chimes for the passing of my brother. Also, thank you to the ones that sent cards and other acts of kindness.

In Christian Love,
Brenda Burchard

Thank you for the thoughtful gifts you gave us at the loss of our loved ones. We are grateful and humbled by the love shown to us during this difficult time. We covet your prayers. We love each and every one of you.

Bobby & Sherry Dunn

Thanking y'all for cards, prayers for Raymond during his treatments which he is still taking. Also, thanks everyone for our anniversary cards, 50 years. Also, for the love y'all have shown us.

Love,
Raymond & Brenda Stoltz



Mike's Minute

Some Thoughts About 2021

21 is considered the “age of majority” in many nations, including the United States. When a person turns 21, they are no longer considered a minor. They are “grown up.” They are responsible for their decisions and actions. I challenge you to make 2021 a year of spiritual growth in your life. Like Jesus, determine that you will grow in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man.

When pop singer, Adele, turned 21 in 2011, she released her second album, which she titled “21.” Determine to have a song in your heart in 2021. Rejoice in the Lord every day. If the year brings hardships, follow the example of Paul and Silas when they were in jail in Philippi...sing in the pain!

21 is the name of a popular card game, better known in America as Blackjack. In 2021, play the hand that life deals you. You may not get the cards you want. Learn to want the cards you have...and play them to the best of your ability. Remember, all things work together for good for those who love God!

21 guns are fired to honor heads of state, such as royalty in the UK and the President of the United States. This tradition goes back to the days when the navies of the world shot cannonballs. In 2021, resolve that you will give honor to whom honor is due. First and foremost, honor God. Also, give proper honor to governing officials, police and civil judges, and elders of the church. Honoring those in authority is an old idea that needs to make a comeback in our culture. Let Christians lead the way!

Happy New Year. Let's make 2021 a great one!

In Christian Love,

Mike



Starting this Sunday and Wednesday, January 6th, we plan to open up the church. All adult classes will meet in the auditorium in order to allow for social distancing at this time. Mike will teach on Sunday and Rodney will teach on Wednesday. Please remember the elders have asked that you social distance and wear a face mask as you enter and leave the building.



JANUARY

- 1 Dustin Bailey
- Randal Halbrooms
- 2 Adam Lawson
- 3 Jon Michael Ward
- 4 Alice Lynn
- Melinda Sullivan
- 5 Sadie Stacks
- 7 Carlin Cochran
- Alexia Brooke Dotson
- Wyatt H. Irwin
- 8 Brittany McDonald
- 10 Penny Creech
- 12 Mason Ward
- Hezekiah Springer
- 13 Brenda Burchard
- 14 Reda Springer
- 15 Jennifer Lynn
- 16 Lafayette Spears
- 17 Gene Carathers
- Phillip Coates
- 19 Paige Truett
- 22 Rita Sullivan
- Leon Lynn
- Dustin Holt
- 23 Bobby Orton
- 25 Quincy Cochran
- Zack Harvill
- 28 Crystal Wilson
- 29 Virginia Belle Bailey
- 31 Diana Bailey



JANUARY

- 3 Harold & Jan Choate
- 4 Vance & Jana Willis
- 22 Don & Debbie Beard
- 31 Sam & Penny Creech

