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Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:15 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846



Mike's Minute

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

Romans 12:15

When Mitch Albom heard that his favorite college professor, Morrie Schwartz, was dying of Lou Gehrig's disease, he visited him for the first time in 20 years. In one of their conversations, he asked Morrie why he bothered following the news each day since he wasn't going to be around to see how things turned out.

Morrie said, "Now that I am suffering, I feel closer to people who suffer than I ever have before. I feel their anguish as if it were my own."

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul lays out the progression of comfort in suffering by saying that God comforts us when we are hurting so that we can comfort others with the same comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). When we suffer, we receive the comfort of God so we can pass on that comfort for others.

We don't ask for suffering. We don't pray for it. It will find us easily enough and soon enough. But we should pray for an empathetic heart to feel the anguish of others and be prepared to comfort them as we ourselves would want to be comforted.

Learn to write your hurts in the sand and carve your blessing in stone. When hurts come, ask yourself what you will learn and how you will use the experience to comfort others.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

Christmas is a tremendous opportunity for us as Christians. It's the time of year where, in some form or fashion, everyone will be exposed to Christ. If we simply look at the name of the holiday, CHRISTmas, it would be impossible to spell it without the inclusion. Atheists and believers alike are mentioning the name of our Savior constantly, whether they like it or not. Many will choose to celebrate this holiday from a non-religious standpoint and others will abstain from the holiday altogether. The real question we should ask is: what will we choose to do? This is a time of year where our love can really shine through. In a time where Jesus is at the absolute forefront, this serves as a great opportunity to show the world who He is. We do that by showing the world who He is through us. We should be a reflection of our Savior. This is a time where we can go the extra mile with our generosity, with our kindness. Now, we should be generous and kind all the time but with the holiday season, we may find others more receptive who might not usually be. We are told in Acts 20:35 that it is more blessed to give than to receive and that should hold weight especially during the holiday season. Can you imagine what our generosity could do for others? Not only would we be granting a material gift but we would, at the same time, show someone a sneak peek of what Christ is all about. I encourage you to make the most of this Christmas season and allow our Savior to be seen in you!

To God be the Glory,
Josh

*There will be no bulletin
published next week.*



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CHRISTMAS QUOTES AND SAYINGS

"Christmas is like candy; it slowly melts in your mouth sweetening every taste bud, making you wish it could last forever." – Richelle E. Goodrich

"Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality." – Washington Irving

"Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas." – Peg Bracken

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." – Hamilton Wright Mabie

"Christmas gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the important things around us." – David Cameron

"At Christmas, all roads lead home." – Marjorie Holmes

"Christmas works like glue. It keeps us all sticking together." – Rosie Thomas

"One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas Day. Don't clean it up too quickly." – Andy Rooney

"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other." – Burton Hills

"When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things – not the great occasions – give off the greatest glow of happiness." – Bob Hope

"As we give presents at Christmas, we need to recognize that sharing our time and ourselves is such an important part of giving." – Gordon B. Hinckley

"The smells of Christmas are the smells of childhood." – Richard Paul Evans

"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree." – Roy L. Smith

"We are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime." – Laura Ingalls Wilder

"Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it 'white.'" – Bing Crosby

3rd-5th Grade Christmas Party



"The Manger Throne"

Not in marble halls,
not beneath a crown of gold.
Not in Rome's triumphant arches,
its banners bright with conquest bold.
But here, in the dust of Bethlehem,
He came—a child, the Savior foretold.

The world was Caesar's empire,
its coins engraved with his decree,
"Augustus, lord and savior."
But they couldn't make the blind man see,
nor still the cry of weary hearts
longing for what could set them free.

And yet the King of all the earth
chose swaddling cloth and manger hay.
The hands that flung the stars alight
were curled in Mary's arms that day.
No royal robe, no chariot—
just heaven's glory, tucked away.

A shepherd's staff, a carpenter's hands,
a crown of thorns, a borrowed tomb.
No palace walls, no Senate seat,
just shadowed nights and an upper room.
And still the angels sang for joy—
their King had come, His kingdom
bloomed.

For Rome will fall, and so will kings,
their thrones will crumble into dust.
But love that walked in Bethlehem
still stoops to lift the low and crushed.
The manger outshines every throne;
the Savior's name remains with us.

Stephen Scaggs

Middle/High School Christmas Party



MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING: December 22th

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber
Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno
Scripture: TBA
Preside Lord's Supper: Mike Worley
Left: Zack Harvill **Right:** Randal Halbrooks
Edwin Wright Gary Basford
Carter Bates Chris Love
Skyler Irvin Don Beard
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Chris Wright
Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Kenneth Jett
Scripture: Jeremiah 23:5-6
Song Leader: Ronny Pitman
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Lord's Supper: Chris Wright, Gary Wright
Closing Prayer: Buddy Chandler
Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT: December 25th

Announcements: Gary Wright
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Steve Atkinson
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

SUNDAY MORNING: December 29th

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Ken Copley
Scripture Reading: Zack Harvill
Scripture: TBA
Preside Lord's Supper: Vance Willis
Left: Mathew Wright **Right:** Josh Copley
Edwin Wright Quincy Cochran
Ethan Willis James Jett
Carter Bates John Irvin
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Van Driver: Jack Green 931-994-8317

SUNDAY AFTERNOON: 12:30 PM

Scripture Reading: Kenneth Jett
Scripture: TBA
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Closing Prayer: Buddy Chandler

**NO BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 1, 2025**



Chappell's Hometown Foods has donated bags of groceries to be given to needy families. The bags are in the front and back lobby. If you know of someone in need or you need a bag, please feel free to take and deliver.

The holiday meal for the jail was held last Saturday, December 14th. A big thanks to all of those who helped cook the potatoes. 160 plates were served.

Congratulations to **Ethan & Gabby Horner** on the birth of a son, **Hayes Levi Horner**, on Tuesday, December 17th. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 ounces and was 20 ½ inches long. **Lonnie & Bettina Horner** are the proud grandparents.

Coming up on our 5th Sunday, December 29th, **Jerrie Barber** will be our speaker for the day. Potluck follows Bible class and afternoon service is at 12:30 pm.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tuesday morning at 6:00 am in the basement.

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday @ 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** will not meet until next year.

If you have a **prayer request**, please use a blue card, and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.



Sympathy is extended to the family of **Mattie Ayers**. She was the aunt of **Bettina Horner & Glenda Jacobs**.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Jimmie Gilbert**. He was the uncle of **Paul Gilbert**. His visitation was Thursday at McDonald Funeral Home.



Members: Jane Washington (St. Thomas Midtown), Aletha Martin (Centennial hospital), Brittany Gilbert, Angie Stacks, Willie Powers (Dickson Horizon), Rita Sullivan, Donna Pitman, Marlin Lawson, Randy Prince, Deborah McClellan, Joyce Boyd, Carolyn Phillips, Kenneth Chandler, Shanon Irwin, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Mildred Rochelle (cousin of Rodney-St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Amalia Rose Shaw-Vanderbilt NICU), Betty Baird, Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, Nancy Coursey, Marilyn Mathis, Pam Hinson, Davy Baker (Centennial), Lottie (Terrell) Williams, Mattie Boehms, Ruby Church, Mary Sue Sands, Jeff Clark, Terry Barrenger, Edgar Clyde Beard, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, James Tidwell, Beverly Smith, Paul Harvill, Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Ronnie Carroll, Judy Baggett, Jimmy Jenkins (St. Thomas Hickman rehab), Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Willie Lawler, James Coates, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, David Talley, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Ralph Gossett, Anthony Stacks, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.



Dec 22 - Puppet Show, during evening service in LO
Dec 29 - Fifth Sunday with Jerrie Barber

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 15, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	203
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5438
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5417