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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

Family Line: 931-729-9846



### Míke's Mínute

For it is by grace you have been saved through faith— and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works so that no man can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

#### Ephesians 2:8-10

A preacher named Rick Warren tells about a time he was sitting in a parked car on a hot summer day waiting for his wife to come out of a store. Their daughter was three years old and was strapped into a car seat in the back. Frustrated by having to wait in the heat and confined tightly by her car seat, the little girl leaned her head toward the open window and yelled, "Please, God! Get me out of this!"

She was crying out for a Savior! Because she couldn't free herself, she needed someone bigger and more powerful to rescue her from her frustrating predicament.

Ever feel like that? We all have. Maybe you've been feeling that way this Christmas season. Perhaps you feel like yelling, "Please, God! Get me out of this!"

Salvation is typically defined as deliverance from sin, self, and hell. It definitely includes all that, but it also involves more. We are not only saved *from* something bad, but we are also saved *for* something good.

God made us for good works. Salvation frees us to be able to perform that good work. Salvation is being given the freedom and power to fulfill God's purpose for your life.

That is news worth celebrating this Christmas season... or any season!

In Christian Love,







## Just Joshín'

We are on the heels of another Christmas and I sure hope it was special! The gears now shift and, as we prepare to step into a new year, the Bible invites us to pause, reflect, and seek the Lord's wisdom for what lies ahead. The Bible will always be applicable for whatever obstacle might be coming your way in 2026. Rather than rushing forward and relying on our own strength, Scripture reminds us to trust God with our plans and our time. "So, teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

The new year is a gift and it's an opportunity to grow in faith, deepen our love for others, and walk more closely with Christ. As a church family, let us enter the coming year with humble hearts, renewed commitment, and confident hope, knowing that the Lord goes before us and remains faithful in every season.

I know you may hear of "resolutions" and, while they may not always be necessary, they can be helpful in getting our minds zeroed in on what needs to change. Maybe you want to lean more on your church family? Maybe you want to trust God more? Maybe you want to read your Bible more frequently or pray more often? All of these are positives and if it takes a "New Year, new me" mentality to get you there, then take it!

To God be the glory,

Josh



We cannot thank you enough for your generous contributions to our employees' families. This means so much to our entire organization. Your generosity has helped provide comfort during a challenging time. We are sincerely grateful for your compassion and willingness to support those who need it most.

-AES Team



#### JANUARY

- Dustin Bailey
   Randal Halbrooks
- 2 Adam Lawson
- 3 Jon Michael Ward
- 4 Ellieana Demary Melinda Sullivan
- 5 Sadie Stacks
- 7 Carlin Cochran Thomasson Alexia Dotson Graham Wyatt H. Irwin
- 8 Brittany Gilbert
- 12 Mason Ward
- 13 Brenda Burchard Kelley Hassell Lonnie Horner
- 14 Reda Springer
- 15 Jennifer Lynn
- 16 Lafayette Spears
- 17 Phillip Coates
- 18 Dale Dillingham Elissa O'Gorman
- 19 Paige Truett
- 22 Sonya Daniels Dustin Holt Rita Sullivan
- 25 Quincy Cochran Zack Harvill
- 28 Crystal Wilson
- 29 Virginia Belle Bailey
- 31 Diana Bailey



#### JANUARY

- 1 Lewis & Yvonna Caillouet Jeffrey & Sonya Daniels
- 4 Vance & Jana Willis
- 22 Don & Debbie Beard



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#### MEN TO SERVE 1-4-26

#### **SUNDAY MORNING:**

Song Leader: Darin Cochran Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett Scripture Reading: Chris Wright

Scripture: TBA

Preside Lord's Supper: Adam Jude
Left: Wallace Smith Ken Copley Wes Crowther
Josh Copley Boyce Cannon
Phillip Coates Erik Hassell

Announcements: Darin Cochran Closing Prayer: Chris Wright

**Van Driver:** Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

#### **SUNDAY EVENING:**

**Announcements:** Gary Basford **Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates

Scripture: TBA
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Lord's Supper: Mathew Wright, Edwin Wright

Closing Prayer: Roy McCoy

Van Driver: Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

#### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT:**

Announcements: Gary Wright Song Leader: Ronny Pitman Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

Van Driver: Chris Love (931-994-7855)

#### MEN TO SERVE 12-28-25

#### **SUNDAY MORNING:**

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber
Scripture Reading: Buddy Chandler
Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10
Preside Lord's Supper: Mike Breece
Left: Mathew Wright Right: Josh Copley
Edwin Wright Quincy Cochran
Carter Bates Brett Wilson
James Jett Zack Harvill

Announcements: Darin Cochran Closing Prayer: Chris Wright

**Van Driver:** Angie Green (931-219-7979)

#### **SUNDAY EVENING:**

Announcements: Gary Basford Scripture Reading: Kenneth Jett Scripture: Isaiah 43:18-19 Song Leader: Gary Basford Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

Lord's Supper: Ken Copley, Boyce Cannon

Closing Prayer: Wayne Prince

**Van Driver:** Angie Green (931-219-7979)

#### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT:**

Announcements: Gary Wright Song Leader: Gary Basford Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

**Van Driver:** Chris Love (931-994-7855)



#### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 21, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP 203 CONTRIBUTION \$5,117 WEEKLY BUDGET \$5,417

Welcome to all our visitors. Please fill out a visitor's card and leave it on the seat so we can have a record of your visit.

THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK! ENJOY THE HOLIDAY'S!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Our pictorial directory is here. See Sheila Brady in the library to pick up your copy if you had a photo made or filled out a membership form.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the basement.

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



#### **January**

6th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @t FH

11th - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service FH

18<sup>th</sup> - Puppet show, during evening service in LO

20th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @t FH

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

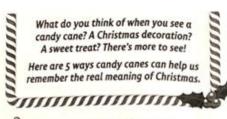
Members: Sarah Jude (home), Jan Hopkins-Campbell, Steve Atkinson (St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Brandy Sullivan, Woody Woodruff (St. Thomas West-Select Specialty), Harry Totty, Peggy McCoy, Conner Peebles (home), Dave Davidson (VA hospital), Curtis Edwards, Mike Batts, Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Violet Shelby, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

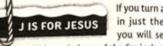
Friends & Family: Gail Tidwell (former member), Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Sue Essary, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts, Michael Harvill, Dottie McClearan, Drew Elliott, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, Edna Copley, Doug True, Davy Baker, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, Willie Lawler, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

<u>Life Care:</u> David Talley, Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Sue Davidson, Wilma Green

**The Bridge, Columbia:** Hattie Mayberry

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





If you turn a candy cane in just the right way, you will see the letter

'J' which reminds us of the Savior's name. Before Jesus was born, an angel delivered a special message from God: "Call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).



Now turn the candy cane around and it looks like a shepherd's staff—a curved stick used by shepherds to

care for and protect their sheep. This reminds us that shepherds were among the first people to see Jesus after He was born in Bethlehem (read Luke 2:8-20). After Jesus grew up, He performed many miracles and taught the people about God. He said people are like lost sheep, and that He is "the good shepherd" who can rescue us from sin and death (John 10:11).



Candy canes have beautiful stripes that are usually red. These red stripes remind us that our Savior shed His

blood and died for us on the cross. Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God's prophet Isaiah spoke of the Savior who would one day suffer for His people: "He was wounded for our transgressions ... by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).



Why did Jesus do this for us? If you position two candy canes just the right way, you can see the reason—love.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).



A candy cane lasts longer than other sweet treats, but before long it's gone. But the sweetness of knowing

Jesus lasts forever! When you turn to God and put your trust in Jesus, He forgives all of your sins and gives you a fresh new start. He will be with you through all of life's troubles, and when your life on earth is over you will spend eternity in Heaven with God!