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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study
10:30 am — Worship
5:00 pm — Small Group Discussions

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 pm — Bible Study

WORSHIP SERVICE Dec. 10, 2017

Welcome

1001 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
515 "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"
344 "Low in the Grave He Lay"

Shepherd's Prayer

180 "Jesus Is Lord"
5107 "In Christ Alone"

Communion

Contribution

179 "He Is Lord"
387 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

464 "Because He Lives"

Family News

515 "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

Closing Prayer

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, December 10, 2017

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins
Scripture Reading: Jeff Nicks
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Gene Clark
Elder Available After Worship: Chris Gooch
Children's Church: see Rachel Clark
Attended Nursery: Dawn Guy
Nursery Next Week: Maggie McCage
Greeters (side): James & Anita Nicks
(back): Mike & Paula McCage



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Kenneth Scott, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Faye Tittle, Dawn Guy, Phil Green, Chris Gooch

OUR COMMUNITY: Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Hepler, Phyllis Weatherly, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey, Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss), Shawn Weaks

OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Erica Albritton, Alan Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry Grady, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley, Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Jason Elliott, Glen Rippee (Evan's grandfather), Velynda Cameron (Evan's aunt), Lohnya Rippee, Ruby Rogers, Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom), Pam Hughes

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Mark Reed, Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler (student of Nancy's, deployed to Korea).

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

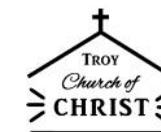
Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.

TROY Church of CHRIST

FAMILY NEWS



December 10, 2017



We all identify Jesus as the "Son of God". But how many of us identify him with the term "Son of Man"? Yet the New Testament refers to him as the "Son of Man" almost 90 times. Why is that? What is significant about the term?

One meaning of the phrase "Son of Man" is that Jesus was truly a human being. God called the prophet Ezekiel "son of man" 93 times. God was simply calling Ezekiel a human being. A son of a man is a man.

Jesus was fully God (John 1:1), but He was also a human being (John 1:14). First John 4:2 tells us, "This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God." Jesus was the Son of Man—He was in His essence a human being.

We may readily deduce that Son of Man is a reference to his humanity and that Son of God is a reference to his deity. That would be one way of understanding the two names. However, there is a deeper and more comprehensive meaning of Son of Man than we may realize.

Son of Man is as a reference to the prophecy of Daniel 7:13-14. The description Son of Man was a Messianic title. Jesus is the One who was given dominion and glory and a kingdom. When Jesus used this phrase, he was assigning the Son of Man prophecy to himself. The Jews of that time would have been intimately familiar with the phrase and to whom it referred. Jesus was proclaiming himself as the Messiah. That's exactly how the Jewish people in general and the Jewish leaders in particular understood him. The opposition to Jesus grew out of their understanding that he was assigning himself the place of Messiah.

Putting those two images together gives us a well rounded view of Jesus. He was a son of man, that is, a human being. He was born of a virgin. He had a human father but Joseph was not Jesus' biological father. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit in the virgin Mary. Thus he is human—fully human. The Bible emphasizes the reality that he is fully human.

That means he knows what being one of us is like. As the writer of Hebrews puts it, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin." (Heb. 4:15)

Yet he is fully God. He didn't shed his deity when he was born. He was (is) the Son of God. He has always existed as the one who comes from the Father and lives forever. He always has been, and he always will be. He is part of the triune God with all of the divine nature existing fully in him. All this makes him unique, one of a kind.

Inevitably at Christmas time we think of his birth—his coming into the world as a human being. We would do well when we think of his birth to think "God in flesh". That's the essential meaning of "Immanuel"—"God with us." As the Mark Lowry song "Mary Did You Know" says, "And when you kiss your little baby, You've kissed the face of God. That is an awesome thought isn't it?"

- Ron

THOSE TO SERVE December 17, 2017

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Greg Ferguson, Mike McCage,
 Jamie Clark, Frank Roberson, Keith Con-
 nor, Jerry Ross, Clifton Garrigus
 Scripture Reading: Landon McCage
 Closing Prayer: Chris Gooch
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Kevin & Annette Dobbins
 (back): Virgil & Lori Griffin



Nancy Spain writes:
 "Dear Church Family,
 "Thank you does not begin to express the gratitude that my family and I have for you. You did not personally know by mom, but that did not keep you from loving and praying for her. Overwhelmed is the only way to describe the amount of love and support we've experienced. To those who helped with our children, Tim and I cannot vocalize enough our thanks. To know they were loved and safe was a huge blessing.
 "The church night light and music box you sent could not have been any more fitting as one of my parents' favorite songs was "Old Country Church." Now I have a daily reminder in the form of an old country church.
 "We have been shown what it means to be in a community that truly demonstrates the love of Christ. THANK YOU!
 "Love, Nancy Spain & Family."

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

December 10	Titus
December 11	1 Peter 1-5
December 12	Hebrews 1-6
December 13	Hebrews 7-10
December 14	Hebrews 11-13
December 15	2 Timothy
December 16	2 Peter, Jude



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Charlie Guy's sister, Sammie, had a heart attack and a mild stroke and is doing better.
 Ron's cousin, Larry McKenzie suffered a mild stroke and is recovering from pneumonia.
 Phil Green's brother, who had a heart cath last week.
 Phil Green is scheduled to have surgery on the 13th in the Jackson Madison Hospital in Jackson.

UNPLANNED EXPENSES

Remember the information we shared about the furnace repairs that have to be done and the expense that we have incurred. If you are thinking about a year-end contribution above your normal giving and would like to help offset the cost of the furnace replacement and repairs, please give your gift to one of the elders.

CHURCH CALENDARS 2018

If you have corrections, additions or questions about the church calendar for next year, please see Paula.

Why Can't We Fellowship?

The youth and I spoke this past Wednesday on Fellowship, the idea that God designed us to be Christians not just on our own, but together, in the church. I asked them several tough questions, all of which they had answers for. One of the questions I asked was "How can we make our relationship stronger within our group?" They all had ideas, and bounced off of each other.

Even our kids know what both our society, and the church needs, unity. But they are growing up in a world that doesn't show that. We are to be a reflection of Jesus, and he wanted this unity most of all.

To Peter, Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell won't be able to stand against it." Peter is the rock the early believers stood upon. Peter was full of the Holy Spirit, the spirit of Jesus himself. That same spirit is with us too, the same as it was with the early believers.

Therefore, if Peter was the rock for them then, who's our rock now? The answer is simple. We are, as a family. We have all been gifted with the Holy Spirit, the same way that Peter was, so we have the same power in us. We may just not know what to do with it, but if we spend less time "living" on earth, and more time living together as a family, we can decipher what those gifts are, and how we can use them.

I ask the kids every week "Do you want this?" or "Do you know what you're doing here or why you're here?" I ask these specific questions in an attempt to see if any of them need help on their journeys, or how we as a body can better our journey.

Why are you here today? What does being a member of the church mean to you? Or to everyone sitting around you? If you need help with those questions in any way, there are many people within this church who would be happy to help you find the answer to those questions. I pray all of you will follow your hearts this week, remember to count your blessings, and remember who is Lord of your life, Amen.
 - Zach

PRAYER ON THE SQUARE

Please join the **OUTsideIN** workshop and friends for our devotional, Prayer on the Square, at noon every Friday, at the Troy Senior Citizens' Center. A light lunch is served.

CHRISTMAS EVE REMINDER

Our pre-worship brunch at 9:30 am on December 24 still has room for volunteers to bring goodies. A list is posted on the Information Station bulletin board for you to indicate what you are willing to bring to share on the 24th.



Please see today's bulletin insert for more news and information.



