

THOSE TO SERVE December 8, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins, Jimmy Smith, Greg Ferguson, Tony Henson, Wade Henson, Josh Scott, Tyler Bolton
 Scripture Reading: Landon McCage
 Closing Prayer: Gene Clark
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side):
 (back):

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

December 1 1 Corinthians 12-14
 December 2 1 Corinthians 15-16
 December 3 2 Corinthians 1-4
 December 4 2 Corinthians 5-9
 December 5 2 Corinthians 10-13
 December 6 Acts 20:1-3; Romans 1-3
 December 7 Romans 4-7

NURSING HOME VISITS

Ladies are planning to visit shut ins and the local nursing homes on Tuesday, December 17 to deliver Christmas sacks. If you would like to participate meet at the activities building at 9:00 am to prepare the sacks. Please join us if you can or if you want to contribute items or money to fill the sacks see Margaret.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP 2020

The annual mission trip to Colonet, Mexico which this church faithfully sponsors is being planned for April 1-7, 2020. This year our trip is being expanded to do some electrical wiring on a new addition to their building and we hope to increase our efforts in community outreach. Our desire is to be able to make the trip available to those without medical training.

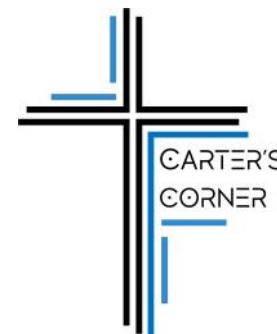
In addition to that, we will undertake to help the church in Colonet to gather supplies and finances to celebrate Children's Day (It's April 30 and yes, this is a real thing in their culture). This will serve to enhance the positive presence the church already has in Colonet.

If you are interested in participating, please let LeEllen Smith know of your level of interest and pick up an application for the trip. There are 16 places reserved and the group will be selected based on how the team can best be served by the various participants. The cost is \$200. We need to have our team in place by January 1st.



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

This year's Christmas ornament exchange will be on Saturday, December 7, from 5-7 pm. Please bring a wrapped ornament and your favorite finger food.

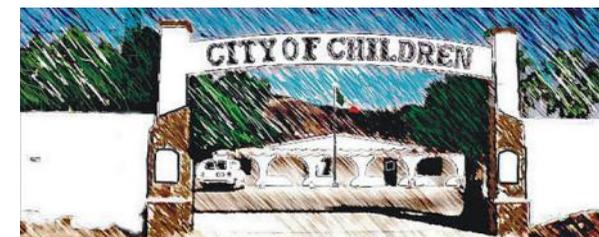


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I need to know who all wants to go! You do not have to fully commit as of yet, but I need to know interest so we can set up some goals with those that are interested. So far, there have only been a few to reach out to me about going, and I know I will need some chaperones to go as well. PLEASE let me know this week! My goal is to start fundraising ASAP for this trip. Here is a list of some general things that might help you.

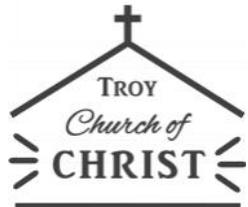
- We're going to try to have costs at \$250 + airplane ticket + passport (if necessary)
- The fee we will have first is for the plane tickets. We will try to buy those around February. I have been told these can run anywhere from \$300 - \$500. It will be best to aim high so if it is cheaper that money can go towards your \$250.
- The trip dates are June 20-26, 2020. Once I get a list of people interested, I will contact you directly about fundraising and other things about the trip. I hope you consider going!

- Carter



ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

December 7, 2019	5-7:00 pm	Christmas Ornament Exchange	Activities Building
December 17, 2019		Ladies' Nursing Home Visits	
March 6-7, 2020		Women of Hope Weekend	Murfreesboro
June 20-26, 2020		Youth Mission Trip	City of Children



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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Greg Ferguson
Scripture Reading: Jeff Nicks
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Chris Gooch
Elder Available After Worship: Greg Ferguson
Children's Church: Maggie & Landon McCage
Attended Nursery: Renee Ferguson
Nursery Next Week: LeEllen Smith
Greeters (side): Bret & Traci Taylor
(back): Greg & Renee Ferguson



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Anita Nicks, Aaron Tittle.

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

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; Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom), Bob Yates, Thomas Aker, Brenda Green

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chris Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Brady Moore, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler, Brady Moore, Chris Floyd, Eb McCage

◆ **MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:** Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.

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FAMILY NEWS



December 1, 2019

After two weeks of butterless toast and chilly jogs around the park, she climbed on the bathroom scales. The needle was still stuck on the number where she had been for weeks. This struck her as typical of how things had been going lately. Skinny equated to happiness; she was destined never to be happy.

As she dressed, sucking it in and holding her breath as she zipped her tight jeans, she found \$20 in her pocket. She smiled and felt a moment of happiness. Her roommate left a note on the kitchen table saying she was sorry that she had left so many dirty dishes from the night before. The smile left her and she felt the familiar cold drizzle of unhappiness. She hurried out to the car – unhappy that she had to get gas. She found another note. Her roommate had already filled the tank for her. And the happy smile returned. She opened the door to get in – flat tire. The rollercoaster ride of the morning took another spiral downward into the pit of unhappiness. The point? Happiness is fickle. It's here and then it's gone.

How often have you heard some pop-psychologist offer advice about happiness? The persistent message is that there's something we're supposed to do to be happy. If we just made the right choice about the car we drive, the soda we drink, the clothes we wear, the bedding we sleep on, we would be happy. After all, the Founding Fathers of our country even wrote the pursuit of happiness into the Declaration of Independence.

Not only are we bombarded with advice as to how to be happy, we are led to believe that happiness is a permanent condition. If we're not happy all the time, we conclude there's a problem somewhere that needs attention. We deserve to be happy!

Yet what most people experience is not a permanent state of happiness. It is something more ordinary, a mixture of what someone called "unsolved problems, ambiguous victories and vague defeats -- with few moments of clear peace."

Happiness is like a visitor, a friendly, exotic moment that turns up when you least expect it. You can't command it to appear; you can only appreciate it when it does show up. And you can't force happiness to happen – but you can make sure you are aware of it when it does.

You see, what stays constant is not happiness but joy. The transient visitor happiness is fleeting but joy is a steady sense of wellbeing. Happiness depends on circumstances; joy is an attitude. Happiness comes from eating a great meal; joy is an attitude of gratitude that you have food to eat. Happiness is living in a nice house; joy is being grateful you have shelter.

Happiness results from happenstance, situations, events; joy is a choice, a deep conviction. Embrace happiness when it makes an appearance, but don't expect to live in it for long. Rather live each moment of joy as life is filled with those moments if we would but sharpen our ability to sense them.

A man from the 3rd century was anticipating death. He wrote the following words to a friend: "It's a bad world, an incredibly bad world. But I have discovered in the midst of it a quiet and holy people who have learned a great secret. They have found a joy which is a thousand times better than any pleasure of our sinful life. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They are masters of their souls. They have overcome the world. These people are the Christians--and I am one of them."

Being content that we are safe in the arms of God is the greatest joy of all regardless of our level of happiness. Don't you agree?
- Ron

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study
10:30 am — Worship
6:00 pm — Small Group Discussions

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 pm — Bible Study

Worship Service Dec. 1, 2019

Welcome

538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
"God of Angel Armies"
"Our God"

Shepherd's Prayer

57 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
464 "Because He Lives"

Communion

Contribution

213 "He Is Able"
469 "Faith Is the Victory"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

490 "It Is Well with My Soul"

Family News

598 "Day by Day" (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer

