

**THOSE TO SERVE December 22, 2019**

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
 Lord's Supper: jimmy Smith, Kevin Dobbins, Gene Clark, Paul Hill, Christ Gooch, Keith Connor, Tony Dobson  
 Scripture Reading: Tyler Bolton  
 Closing Prayer: Jeff Nicks  
 Power Point: Tim Spain  
 Greeters (side): Jim & Susan Robertson  
 (back): Jerry & Tammy Ross

**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

December 15 Ephesians 1-6  
 December 16 Philippians 1-4  
 December 17 1 Timothy 1-6  
 December 18 Titus 1-3  
 December 19 1 Peter 1-5  
 December 20 Hebrews 1-6  
 December 21 Hebrews 7-10

**ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE**

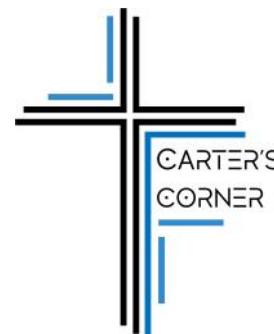
December 17, 2019	Ladies' Nursing Home Visits	
December 18, 2019	5:15—6:45 pm	On Track - Christmas Lights Discovery Park
December 19, 2019	4:40—11:30 pm	Behold the Lamb Christmas Concert Bellevue Baptist Church
December 22, 2019	1:00 pm	Chimes for Charity — sorting Troy Bus Garage
December 23, 2019	1:00 pm	Chimes for Charity – packing Troy Bus Garage
March 6-7, 2020	Women of Hope Weekend Murfreesboro	
June 20-26, 2020	Youth Mission Trip City of Children	

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Thursday, December 19 Andrew Peterson (writer of "Is He Worthy?") is doing his Behold the Lamb of God Christmas concert at Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova, TN at 7 PM. This concert is FREE. If interested, please let Tim Spain know. We will leave at 4:40 pm (or as soon as I get done with my bus route) and return around 11:30 pm.  
 —Tim

**NURSING HOME VISITS**

Ladies are planning to visit our 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 goody sacks. Please join us if you can or if you want to contribute items or money to fill the sacks see Margaret.



This week I wanted to update y'all on what we've been studying for OnTrack.

Last month we focused on a mentality that a lot of us have whether we know it or not. We talked about trying to overcome a mentality where we try to separate ourselves from other people. We have this tribal sense of sticking with our own group, and not branching out. We do this because this can cause problems, change the dynamics we were used to, make us feel anxious, and can just be scary. We also talked about overcoming differences with other groups in our lives, and how we can better work together,

even as separate groups.

This month we're taking about a gift God has given us. We're focusing on the Son, and how we can share, accept, and trust in this gift God have us. We've talked about how we can feel unqualified to share this gift, and some ways to deal with that.

Since we're doing a little something different for Christmas this Wednesday, that was my last Wednesday night class of the year! So, we will have new topics for OnTrack as we begin next year.

I know it's hard to believe, but it's been about a year since I started here! I just want to say thank you to everyone one of you. Thank you for taking a chance on me and allowing to me have this opportunity to serve you. I have loved my time here so far and have thoroughly enjoyed ministering to you. I pray I have been able to help in some ways, and I hope I can find new ways to be beneficial to the church. Thank you for this past year :)

Don't forget about the **devo/Christmas party at the Newberry's tonight!** It's at 5:30 and I'll be taking the van for anyone that wants to ride.  
 - Carter

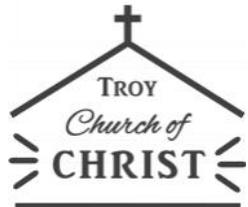
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**  
 We will not have services on Christmas day, which falls on Wednesday this year.

**YOUNG ADULT CLASS**

A "young"adult class will be led on Sunday morning by Landen McCage. It will be in the coffee room next to the nursery. All are welcome to participate.

**ON TRACK**

December 18 we will have our annual trip to see the Discovery Park Christmas lights. We will eat at McDonald's and then go through the park to see the lights. We will leave about 5:15 pm and arrive back around 6:45 pm, so teachers, please be aware of this.



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## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks  
Scripture Reading: Kevin Dobbins  
Sermon: Ron Newberry  
Closing Prayer: Mike McCage  
Elder Available After Worship: Ron Newberry  
Children's Church: Nita & Chris Gooch  
Attended Nursery: Rachel Clark  
Nursery Next Week: Nancy Spain  
Greeters (side): Kevin & Annette Dobbins  
(back): Virgil & Lori Griffin



## 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 15, 2019



You may have a watch similar to mine. The date rolls over at midnight. Unfortunately my watch doesn't know that November only has 30 days. So at midnight on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, it said the date was the 31<sup>st</sup> instead of the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. I lived five whole days a day behind – at least in theory – before I realized the date was wrong.

I can't live with an inaccurate watch, more precisely a false date. Unfortunately when I pull out the stem just enough to change the date, the clock itself stops until I push the stem back in. The right stopping point is a hard place to find on the tiny stem and I often go too far and advance the time. So once I get the date right I have pull out the stem to set the time. But what time is it? I have to go online to find the exact time.

All this got me to thinking. Have you ever wondered about how accurate our timekeeping mechanisms are these days? Many years ago we had sundials and hourglasses that gave a rough estimate of the time of day to estimate time. But they weren't very practical. No one walked around with a sundial or hourglass on his wrist.

We graduated to pocket watches and then wrist watches. Today you can purchase an atomic watch. (I just checked. You can buy them on Amazon. Or, you can get an atomic clock from atomic-clock.com.) I wondered just how accurate the atomic clocks are? I did a bit of research. It's believed that atomic clocks (which do NOT use nuclear radiation, by the way) are accurate to one second in a million years. Yeah, that's what I want for Christmas, a clock that is accurate to one millionth of a second per year.

Who needs that kind of accuracy? The variables and hindrances in life are too many to believe that even with the most accurate clock in the universe we would always be on time. However, the incredible number of timekeeping devices purchased in this country each year include grandfather clocks, wrist watches, pocket watches, mantle clocks, water (yes, water) clocks, alarm clocks, and, of course, atomic clocks.

We seem to be obsessed by time. As the end of the year approaches, we will be conscience of the calendar and the beginning of a new year. Many of us will stay up late on New Year's Eve to watch the "ball drop" and usher in a new year.

Yes, we are obsessed with time. Why? Perhaps it's because down deep inside we all know that there is just so much time for us on this planet. We are aware of our mortality and that every second that ticks by is one less second for us to be alive. Time is the stuff life is made of. Even Scripture offers advice such as "redeem the time" (KJV) in Ephesians 5:16 and Colossians 4:5. The NIV translates these verses as "make the most of every opportunity." The point is opportunities come and go and we have to make the most of the moment or the opportunity will be history.

As the holidays approach us and the year moves to a close, enjoy the time with family and friends. Make the most of every opportunity to do good to others. Then when your internal clock stops, the last grain of sand in your hourglass has finally dropped and your time is up you will have few regrets because people are the most important thing in life topped only by your relationship with God.

By the way, how do they know what time it is so they can set atomic clocks? Humm...I'll have to do some more research....

- 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. 15, 2019

### Welcome

1002 "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
300 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"  
996 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
998 "What Child Is This?"

### Shepherd's Prayer

180 "Jesus Is Lord"

Communion

Contribution

**Special Presentation of "Mary, Did You Know?"**

**(Children's Church Dismissal)**

**Scripture Reading**

**Sermon**

387 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

**Family News**

264 "O Come Let Us Adore Him"

**Closing Prayer**

