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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. 17, 2017

Welcome

23 "Our God He Is Alive"
622 "Ring out the Message"
781 "Thank You Lord"

Shepherd's Prayer

287 "There Is a Redeemer"
383 "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

Communion

Contribution

214 "Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?"
744 "God's Family"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

18 "Faithful Love"

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, December 17, 2017

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Greg Ferguson
Scripture Reading: Landon McCage
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Chris Gooch
Elder Available After Worship: Gene Clark
Children's Church: Christy and Kelly Henson
Attended Nursery: Maggie McCage
Nursery Next Week: Annette Dobbins
Greeters (side): Kevin & Annette Dobbins
(back): Virgil & Lori Griffin



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.

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FAMILY  NEWS



December 17, 2017

Hindsight is a wonderful privilege to those who always know what to do—after the event. The brilliant insight of hindsight costs nothing and is not susceptible to scrutiny or, more importantly, consequences.

That having been said, what would you have heard and seen that first Christmas? "Oh," you say, "if I had been there in Bethlehem that night, I would have seen the birth of the Messiah. I would have understood exactly what was going on. I would have known it was the Christ child."

Really? Would you? There is a simple test to find out if you in hindsight would have known and acknowledged all that.

Ask yourself what you have seen and heard this Christmas season.

- When you watch the evening news do you see chaos, strife, dishonesty, greed, victims or did you see sheep without a shepherd?
- When you went out to do your shopping did you see only hordes of people in the stores and heavy traffic, or did you notice the worried expressions on some of their faces—worried because they are facing this Christmas without employment or enough money to make ends meet?
- What did you hear this Christmas?
- Did you hear only the blast of music and carols, or that incessant clank of the bell at store entrances, or did you hear the silent sighs of the lonely and the bereaved who may be dreading Christmas because it accentuates their loneliness?
- In the midst of the sounds of honking horns and people arguing over parking places, or fighting over that last big screen TV on sale, did you hear faint sounds of laughter coming from families and children to whom you furnished food and toys for Christmas?

You see, so often what you see and what you hear is not dependent upon the event but upon you. If you did in fact hear the cry from the lonely, the laughter of poor children, if you saw the sheep without a shepherd, then, and only then, might you have noticed the events that took place in Bethlehem that night. If you lacked that spiritual seeing and hearing then you probably would have been with the 99% who were present but who saw or heard nothing out of the ordinary.

This approach to testing your observation skills wasn't my idea. Jesus used it in Matthew 25. Who among us would not minister to the Lord if we had the opportunity? None of us would deliberately pass by without meeting the Lord's needs would we? Ah, but when faced with having done exactly that, some pointed out that they had never seen the Lord in need of food or clothing or visitation or anything else. Then Jesus said that when they failed to do those things for those all around them who had those needs, they failed to meet his needs. They didn't serve Jesus because they were oblivious to the needs of their fellow man.

So tell me again how readily and thoroughly you would have acknowledged what was happening in the stable-cave the night Jesus came into the world. Tell me again how quickly you would have picked up on the birth of the Messiah. The Matthew 25 test looms large doesn't it?

- Ron

THOSE TO SERVE December 24, 2017

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Jimmy Smith
 Scripture Reading: Jamie Clark
 Closing Prayer: Jeff Nicks
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Jim & Susan Robertson
 (back): Jerry & Tammy Ross

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

December 17 John 1-2
 December 18 John 3-4
 December 19 John 5-6
 December 20 John 7-8
 December 21 John 9-10
 December 22 John 11-12
 December 23 John 13-15



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Darlene Dobson's sister is undergoing treatments for metastatic cancer.
 Charlie Guy's sister, Sammie, passed away last week.
 Phil Green's surgery was successful and he's at home again.
 Jerry Ross' stepfather passed away last week.

Thank You

"I want to thank you all for the many cards, well wishes and especially prayers. I am feeling pretty good for now. Please continue to pray for us as we move forward on this journey. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by our Christian brothers and sisters, both near and far. I hope to see you in the spring, once treatments are over. In Him, Joye, Bryan, Dylan and Erin Burney."

"Thank the church for the rose and the food that was sent. We really enjoyed the food. In Christian love, Wilma Ray & Family."

Since the time that I accepted the role of Youth Minister here at Troy, the main ministry I've had the pleasure to be involved in is the OnTrack program. I would like to just take some time and express my gratitude for the part everyone has made in making the rest of this year a success. Mainly those who have helping out in the kitchen. Everyone has played their part, and done it very well! So I would just like to tell you all, thank you very much! I know that the youth and I are very appreciative of all of your efforts! And it brings me joy for so many people to gather together and make this ministry a success! Happy holidays!

- Zach



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.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

There will be no children's church on Sunday, December 24.

MESSAGES for Theresa Bumpus

Can be sent to her at:
 tbumpus29@bethelu.edu

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.

