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**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**  
Sunday, December 29, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks  
Scripture Reading: Jamie Clark  
Sermon: Ron Newberry  
Closing Prayer: Keith Connor  
Elder Available After Worship: Gene Clark  
Children's Church: Kim Roberson & Kristen Kendall  
Attended Nursery: Christy Henson  
Nursery Next Week: Jamie Cunningham  
Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks  
(back): Greg & Renee Ferguson



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**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

December 29	Revelation 12-18
December 30	Revelation 19-22
January 1	Genesis 1-3
January 2	Genesis 4-7
January 3	Genesis 8-11
January 4	Job 1-5
January 5	Job 6-9

**THOSE TO SERVE January 5, 2020**

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
Lord's Supper:  
Scripture Reading:  
Closing Prayer:  
Power Point: Tim Spain  
Greeters (side): Tim & Nancy Spain  
(back): Landon & Maggie McCage



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**Many books cover the same time period.** For example, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, and 1 & 2 Chronicles in the Old Testament cover many of the same events with a few additional details in each of the different books. The synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) in the New Testament have many overlapping events. Reading the different accounts of the same events is helpful to gain different perspectives.

**Some books cover a much broader timeframe than others.** An analogy might help: Suppose you and I both love growing flowers. We are such master gardeners that we are asked to write extensive articles for a national garden magazine. You write your article which includes perennials and annuals, and I write mine only on perennials. Your piece only covers the basics of perennials while mine goes into great depth. Someone who reads your article and comes to the section on perennials would do well to turn to my article and read the more extensive material.

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**Most books are put in the order of length.** That's not universally true. For example, the books of the Pentateuch are chronological with no regard for their length. Second Kings is longer than 1 Kings, but they are placed in chronological order. The Prophets are presented in length, beginning with the largest, rather than in chronological order. A number of the Prophets overlap. That is, events discussed in one are happening simultaneously with different events in another.

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I hope this reading plan will make your new year a great year. How could it not if you are in the Word regularly every day?

**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. 29, 2019**

**Welcome**

647 "Soldiers of Christ Arise"  
749 "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"  
171 "Above All Else"  
575 "Days of Elijah"  
**Shepherd's Prayer**  
511 "Here I Am to Worship"

**Communion**

**Contribution**

276 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"  
290 "Shine Jesus Shine"

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531 "Lord Reign in Me"

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