

**THOSE TO SERVE December 15, 2019**

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
 Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks, Jim Robertson, Brian Clark, James Nicks, Randy Brann, James Bumpus  
 Scripture Reading: Kevin Dobbins  
 Closing Prayer: Mike McCage  
 Power Point: Tim Spain  
 Greeters (side): Kevin & Annette Dobbins  
 (back): Virgil & Lori Griffin

**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

December 8 Romans 8-10  
 December 9 Romans 11-13  
 December 10 Romans 15-16  
 December 11 Acts 20:4-38; Acts 22; Acts 23:1-35  
 December 12 Acts 24-26  
 December 13 Acts 27-28  
 December 14 Colossians 1-4; Philemon

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Our condolences to Barbara Long and her family at the passing of Gaylon. Please pray for Barbara as she mourns his loss and adjusts to life without him.

**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.

**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.

**CELEBRATE**

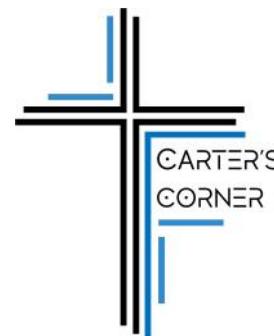
Praise God for a new birth! We celebrate with Frank and Kim Roberson as last Sunday Bradley Grady was baptized into Christ. Thanks to all who have had a positive influence in his life to bring him to that decision. Most of all, we celebrate with and thank God for our new Christian brother.

**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

**POWER FOR TODAY**

The *Power For Today* devotional guides for January, February and March 2020 are at each of the auditorium exit doors. Please help yourselves!



**Reminder: CITY of CHILDREN!**

I still 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.

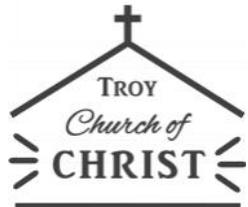
- We're going to try to have costs at \$250 + airplane ticket + passport (if necessary)
- The fee we will have first is for the plane tickets. We will try to buy those around February. I have been told these can run anywhere from \$300 - \$500. It will be best to aim high so if it is cheaper that money 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!

**DEVO & CHRISTMAS PARTY**

There is a devo/Christmas party at the Newberry's on the 15th. Please bring a \$10 dollar store gift in your favorite color. — Carter

**ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE**

December 15, 2019	Devo & Christmas Party	The Newberrys' home
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
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 8, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins  
Scripture Reading: Landon McCage  
Sermon: Ron Newberry  
Closing Prayer: Gene Clark  
Elder Available After Worship: Gene Clark  
Children's Church: Christy & Kellie Henson  
Attended Nursery: LeEllen Smith  
Nursery Next Week: Nita & Chris Gooch  
Greeters (side): Brett & Traci Taylor  
(back): Mike & Paula McCage



**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.



Frank began his career as a clerk in a hardware store. Like many hardware stores, the inventory included thousands of dollars' worth of items that were obsolete or had little, if any, demand from customers. The young man was smart enough to know that no business could continue to carry such an inventory and survive long-term. He proposed a sale to his boss to get rid of much the stuff. The owner was reluctant at first but finally agreed to let him set up a table in the middle of the store and try to sell off a few of the oldest items. Every product was priced at ten cents. The sale was a rousing success. So he got permission to run a second sale. It, too, went over just as well as the first. This gave the young clerk an idea. Why not open a store that would sell only nickel and dime items? If his boss would supply the startup capital, he could run the store.

Unfortunately Frank's boss was not enthusiastic. "The plan will never work," he said, "because you can't find enough items to sell at a nickel and a dime." Frank was disappointed but he didn't give up on the idea. He eventually went ahead on his own and made a fortune out of the idea. His name was Frank Winfield Woolworth. His businesses were the first five-and-dime stores, or as we called them when I was a boy, "dime stores". I always loved as a child going into *Woolworth's* when we went Christmas shopping in Paducah each December.

Years later Frank's old boss lamented, "As near as I can figure it, every word I used in turning Woolworth down has cost me about a million dollars!"

Frank had recognized an opportunity and seized it. His boss was stuck in the world of "the-way-we've-always-done-it" and could not see beyond that horizon.

Nothing that's alive remains static, so even though Woolworth's was arguably the most successful American and international five-and-dime, setting trends and creating the modern retail model which stores follow worldwide today, the business that opened its first store on February 22, 1878. The first store failed and closed in May 1879. Frank soon made a second attempt, and opened his "Woolworth's Great Five Cent Store", on June 21, 1879, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Lancaster proved a success. But even Frank's great idea had to change with the times. Increased competition and changing demands led to its decline beginning in the 1980s. The chain went out of business in July 1997. But (to borrow a line from the late Paul Harvey) here's the rest of the story.

The company decided to focus on another division of the business leaving the dime stores in the past. So, another opportunity presented itself. Five-and-dime stores may indeed become a thing of the past, but sport's equipment and athletic apparel were part of an emerging market. By 2001, the company focused exclusively on the sporting goods industry, changing its name to *Foot Locker*.

One young energetic man with a vision over a hundred and forty years ago seized an opportunity and created an industry. Entrepreneurs have always initiated new ideas, new ways of meeting the needs of people. Sometimes they succeed and sometimes they fail and are reinvented. Sometimes they succeed for a while and morph into something else.

The point is this: success never comes without a vision that also comes with risk. But the reward can be tremendous. (Foot Locker's net worth as of December 03, 2019 was \$4.24B.) Sometimes things have to die in order to be resurrected.

Just keep in mind that success never comes if we do not take advantage of opportunities and seize the day. That includes the church. *Carpe diem!*

- 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. 8, 2019**

**Welcome**  
3 "Hallelujah Praise Jehovah"  
286 "Wonderful Story of Love"  
1001 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"  
266 "Majesty"  
**Shepherd's Prayer**  
342 "We Saw Thee Not"  
**Communion**  
**Contribution**  
993 "What a Mighty God We Serve"  
1018 "Joy to the World"  
**Scripture Reading-Luke 2:4-14**  
**Sermon**  
288 "Fairest Lord Jesus"  
**Family News**  
**Responsive Reading-Luke 1:46-55**  
**Closing Prayer**