

**THOSE TO SERVE January 26, 2020**

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
 Lord's Supper: Jamie Clark, Tony Henson, Mike McCage, Paul Hill, Virgil Griffin, Carter Milam, Randy Brann  
 Scripture Reading: Jeff Nicks  
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Ross  
 Power Point: Tim Spain  
 Greeters (side): Kevin & Annette Dobbins  
 (back): Curtis & Carla Aaron

**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

January 19 Genesis 22-24  
 January 20 Genesis 25-26  
 January 21 Genesis 27-29  
 January 22 Genesis 30-31  
 January 23 Genesis 32-34  
 January 24 Genesis 35-37  
 January 25 Genesis 38-40

**MEXICO MISSION TRIP**

There will be a meeting about the Mexico Mission Trip (April 1-7) this Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00. If you have an interest in going on the trip or are already committed, please make every effort to attend as we will be discussing our plans for the trip.

**WOMEN OF HOPE 2020**

The early registration for this event is quickly approaching. Registration prior to February 3 is \$60 and after that date it is \$75. Breakfast is free if you are staying at the hotel. Lunch on Saturday is \$20 payable at registration. Jenny has reserved a room at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro (the location of the conference) and three people have committed to that room. There is room for two to three more if you want to reduce your overnight housing costs. The room cost will be shared by the number of people staying in the room (\$179/night plus taxes. Any questions, please Ask Jenny.

**MEDICAL NEWS**

*Barbara Long* is having eye surgery on January 29, 2020.

*Wilma Ray* had another fall and hurt her back.

Ron should receive a date today for his rotator cuff surgery.

*Kayla Barnes* requests prayers for her father, who was diagnosed with a mass in his lung and is having surgery on February 27, 2020.

**THANK YOU**

Vernell Sellers writes, "I want to thank you for the gifts that the ladies and church sent. In Christian love, Vernelle Sellers. P.S. I can't hardly write any more, but I love all of you.



**SUPER BOWL PARTY!!** This will be February 2. Please sign up on the list outside my office to attend. We will be having a devotional at 5:00, then we will have the game and food immediately after. The youth calendar will be out in front of my office very soon. If you would like to pick one up and check out what we are doing in the spring and summer please do. Everything that we have planned is aimed at building community, growing spiritually, having fun, or hopefully all of those together.

We are always needing sponsors for students to go on trips, so if you would like to help out in anyway let me know.

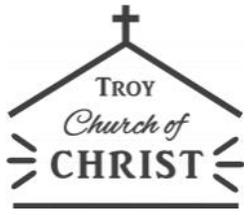
If you know anyone who would need help this spring/summer with yard work or cleaning up around the house please reach out to me. We will be looking for ways to serve in those areas this summer. I already have a few options, but please let me know if you know of any others.

— Carter

**ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE**

January 21, 2020	7:00 pm	Mexico Mission Trip Meeting
February 2, 2020	5:00 pm	Super Bowl Party
March 6-7, 2020		Women of Hope Weekend Murfreesboro, TN
April 7-7, 2020		Mexico Mission Trip Mexico
June 20-26, 2020		Youth Mission Trip—City of Children Mexico

**NOTE:** If you have plans for church events and activities (senior outings, youth devos/ outings, etc.), please provide the details to Jean (jmcmillan159@gmail.com) so she can include them in the bulletin's weekly Activities at a Glance section.



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**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Sunday, January 19, 2020

Worship Leader: Paul Hill  
 Lord's Supper: Paul Hill  
 Scripture Reading: Kevin Dobbins  
 Sermon: Ron Newberry  
 Closing Prayer: Greg Ferguson  
 Elder Available After Worship: Ron Newberry  
 Children's Church: Heather & Aspen  
 Attended Nursery: Lori Griffin  
 Nursery Next Week: Traci Taylor  
 Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks  
 (back): Wade & Christy Henson



**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



January 19, 2020

**GET A LIFE**

Last week I ran across one of those articles I take note of and save for future reference. It told the following story.

The Associated Press reported a story out of Sacramento, CA on Thursday, May 10, 2001. It seems that a San Francisco Democrat Assemblyman named Kevin Shelley adjourned the California Assembly session that Thursday in memory of a certain Mrs. Landingham, the President's secretary who died in a tragic accident. Before adjourning the legislative session, a somber Shelley called Mrs. Landingham a "great American" whose "contributions to the nation were too numerous to count." The only problem was Mrs. Landingham was the fictional President's fictional secretary on the fictional political drama called "The West Wing."

The lawmaker, who lives in Sacramento during the week, reportedly called his wife during commercial breaks to discuss plot twists. "It was tragic. She was crying, I was upset. It was terrible," Shelley said. Shelley has even told his aides that he wants his office to be more like the White House featured in the show, in which Martin Sheen plays the President.

Does this behavior strike you as a bit peculiar? Do you think that it borders on the bizarre? You may be thinking, "Well, Ron, it was California after all." I know. But isn't there an appropriate time and place for us to make a plea for a reality check? Is "get a life" apropos?

After reading that report and chuckling at the absurdity of the reaction of this Assemblyman Shelley to a fictional story, I reflected on how instructive this little episode might be for us. Paul wrote in Colossians 2:16 "Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. 17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ."

Hebrews 10:1 says, "The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming— not the realities themselves."

Both of these texts point out how easy it is to get fiction and reality confused. In the final analysis, what we perceive through our senses is only a shadow. That which we cannot see, touch, taste, hear or smell is reality. Paul asserts in 2 Corinthians 4:18, "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Reality involves unseen eternal things. Seen things are temporary and transitory. Even life itself James says is a mist that is here one moment and vanishes the next. (Jam. 4:14)

If this is true — unseen things are real and seen things are fiction — then where would our energies be better invested? Should we spend our lives pursuing transient earthly things that are not real or should we invest in the retirement plan that's out of this world? Should we strive for that which tries to give meaning to fictional things or pursue with a whole heart the invisible things that are genuine reality?

If we hold up as real the unreal though visible world and ignore the invisible yet real world, how are we essentially any different from Assemblyman Kevin Shelley? Yes, I think it would be appropriate to say, "Get a life." After all, the seen world only offers death while the unseen world offers life. Maybe another appropriate question would be, "Do you need a reality check too?" - Ron

**Worship Service Jan. 19, 2020**

**Welcome**

647 Soldiers of Christ, Arise  
 991 This Is My Father's World  
 71 As The Deer

**Shepherd's Prayer**

590 Jesus Is All the World to Me  
 383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

**Communion**

**Contribution**

693 Heart of a Servant  
 659 I Love to Tell the Story

**Sermon**

389 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
 147 I Stand Amazed (vs.1)

**Closing Prayer**

