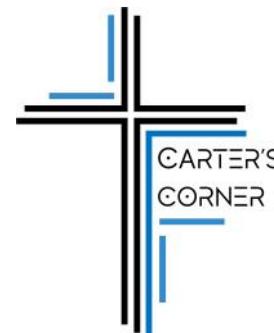


**THOSE TO SERVE February 2, 2020**

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
 Lord's Supper:  
 Scripture Reading:  
 Closing Prayer:  
 Power Point: Tim Spain  
 Greeters (side): Jim & Susan Robertson  
 (back): Jerry & Betty Chandler

**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

January 26 Genesis 41-42  
 January 27 Genesis 43-45  
 January 28 Genesis 46-47  
 January 29 Genesis 48-50  
 January 30 Exodus 1-3  
 January 31 Exodus 4-6  
 February 1 Exodus 7-9



We need sponsors for upcoming trips! If you can help in anyway, please let me know.

Make sure you're signed up for Winterfest if you want to go, and that you're turning in the money to me!

Grab a calendar today! They'll be outside my office.

- Carter



**WOMEN OF HOPE 2020**

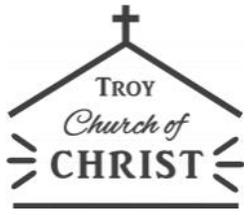
The early registration for this event is quickly approaching. Registration prior to February 3 is \$60 and after that date it is \$75. Breakfast is free if you are staying at the hotel. Lunch on Saturday is \$20 payable at registration. Jenny has reserved a room at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro (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.

**ACTIVITIES AT A**

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 26, 2020

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
Lord's Supper: Jamie Clark  
Scripture Reading: Jeff Nicks  
Sermon: Ron Newberry  
Closing Prayer: Jerry Ross  
Elder Available After Worship: Greg Ferguson  
Children's Church: Renee & Greg Ferguson  
Attended Nursery: Traci Taylor  
Nursery Next Week: Dawn Guy  
Greeters (side): Kevin & Annette Dobbins  
(back): Curtis & Carla Aaron



### 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 January 26, 2020

#### Welcome

454 "Rock of Ages"  
800 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#### Shepherd's Prayer

559 "The Joy of the Lord"  
375 "O the Depth and the Riches"  
349 "Ten Thousand Angels"

#### Communion

#### Contribution

187 "Great Is the Lord"  
47 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" "We Fall Down"

#### Scripture Reading

#### Sermon

"Mighty to Save"

#### Family News

s69 "Sanctuary"



### 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 Hepler, 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

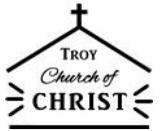
**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:** Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chris Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Brady Moore, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler, Brady Moore, Chris Floyd, Eb McCage

**MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:** Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.

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FAMILY NEWS 

January 26, 2020



### Ron's Reflections

Do you work? I mean, do you get paid to do a certain job? Then I suspect there are some things that are harder for you to do than other things, right? You may be good at seeing the big picture but find it hard to think about the details. Maybe you are wonderful utilizing physical resources but you find it hard to use human resources appropriately. Perhaps you can plan down to the *n<sup>th</sup>* degree but you cannot execute the first step. Granted we all have strengths and weaknesses and there are some things that are just hard to do.

My responsibilities are as varied as they are numerous. Some things are easy for me to do and others I find difficult. One of the most difficult things I do is *think*. I don't mean *think* in terms of what shirt I will put on today or where will I go for lunch. I mean *think*. Thinking is hard work. It takes a lot of mental energy and it can even impact our physical side as well.

To narrow that a bit, it seems to me that thinking for oneself is just plain old hard work. Making up your mind as the result of your own thinking is a real challenge. Your conclusion may differ from someone else's and you run the risk of clashing over the differences. However, I believe it is imperative that we think for ourselves.

Our tendency is to hit a tough issue and start asking everyone else what they think. What they think may very well be nothing more than repeating what someone else thought because they never processed the thoughts for themselves. For example, when you read a difficult passage in Scripture, or when you hear a text read do you sit down to ponder what it says, investigate what it means and what the implications are to you or do you search to see what someone else has written or said about that text?

I believe so much confusion, so much misunderstanding of the Bible results from spending so much time finding out what brother so-and-so says about it that we don't think about it for ourselves. I believe that because the response to a fresh idea or insight is so often, "Well, brother so-and-so says...." Or, "Brother, that's not what the church has taught on that."

I am not advocating that we throw away all the commentaries, articles, books, lectureship transcripts and pamphlets or stop seeking input from others. All I'm advocating is that we at least think for ourselves before we let others influence our thinking. When we study a difficult issue in a class or in a lecture or from the pulpit, before we check out our favorite source of answers to tough questions, why not dedicate a period of time to investigating it for ourselves?

Yes, thinking is hard work. It's one of the hardest things I do every day, if not *the* hardest. It takes a lot of energy to think, especially if it is outside the proverbial box. James M. Barrie, a Scottish playwright-novelist who wrote the play "Peter Pan," said, "As soon as you can say what you think, and not what some other person has thought for you, you are on the way to being a remarkable man."

My constant exhortation for all of us is to remember that when we became Christians we were not asked to put our brains in a jar on a shelf. Continue to think, to challenge others with your thoughts and to be challenged by others who think. And most of all do not be afraid to think for yourself – even if you disagree with the preacher.