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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** January 29, 2017

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**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**  
Sunday morning, January 29, 2017

Worship Leader: Greg Ferguson  
Lord's Supper: Gene Clark  
Scripture Reading: Wyatt Henson  
Closing Prayer: Keith Conner  
Elder Available After Worship: Gene Clark  
Children's Church: Rachel McCage  
Attended Nursery: Christy Henson  
Nursery Next Week: Olivia Ferguson  
Greeters (side): Kevin & Annette Dobbins  
(back): Barry & Teresa Bumpus

**PRAYER LIST**

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Christine Fussell, Mary & Leaton Johnson, Kenneth Scott, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Faye Tittle

**OUR COMMUNITY:** Tom Hopkin, Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Heple, Phyllis Weatherly, Lew Solomon, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey

**OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS:** Erica Albritton, Alan Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry Grady, Leroy Albritton, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Kim Barker (Jerry's uncle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley (expectant parents), Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Jason Elliott, Glen Rippee (Evan's grandfather), Velynda Cameron (Evan's aunt), Wilma Smith; Lohnya Rippee

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:** Mark Reed, Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Danielle Durham, Dakota McCord

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



TROY *Church of* CHRIST  
**FAMILY NEWS**



January 29, 2017



Many years ago in the Far East there was a country known as Serendippo. It was governed by a great and powerful king by the name of Giaffer. The king had three sons who were very dear to him. Since he was a good father and quite concerned about their education, he decided that he had to leave them endowed with great power, and more importantly with all kinds of virtues of which princes always need.

The father searched the kingdom for the best possible tutors. To them he entrusted the training of his sons, with the understanding that the best they could do for him was to teach them in such a way that they could be immediately recognized as his very own.

They made excellent progress in all fields of study. However, he had reservations about their training, fearing that his sons' education may have been too sheltered and privileged. So he sent them away from the land.

The heart of the story is about the unexpected wonders and riches they encountered on their journey into an unknown land. Thus the term "serendipity" came into existence. These three princes from Serendippo had adventures that led to accidental but pleasant discoveries. A serendipity is an inadvertent satisfying experience.

That word seems to best describe what happens when someone sets aside the comforts of home, leaves loved ones behind and travels to a foreign land and strange culture on a short term mission trip. They leave planning and fully expecting to help and be a blessing to others. In the process, they enjoy accidental and pleasant experiences.

We heard that over and over last Sunday as the medical mission team gave their impressions of their trip to Colonet in the Baja, Mexico last December. I have no doubt they were all a blessing to the loving people on Colonet. But I know from experience that they felt they received more blessings than they gave. It is one of the most rewarding experiences one can have in life. Jesus is quoted by the apostle Paul in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." That seems to be most true in life when in the name of Jesus we give of ourselves to those we don't know and receive blessings in return.

While we thank all those who sacrificed to go on the trip, special thanks goes to LeEllen Smith. If you have gone on an extensive trip, especially outside the country, then you know how difficult it is to book flights, organize transportation and arrange accommodations. Now multiple that by thirteen!

But before the trip could take place, the team had to be assembled. LeEllen saw the potential for a great blessing to the church and people of Colonet. She was responsible for putting the team together, working out the timing and schedules. That is truly a remarkable feat which must have had the hand of the Lord involved all the way.

I know the team is grateful for the experience. I know that they touched the lives of hundreds of people in the name of Jesus. I also know that the serendipity of receiving an unexpected blessing in return made the sacrifices worth every dollar, every minute of time and every inconvenience they experienced. Thank you LeEllen and the team of extraordinary Christians you assembled.

- Ron

**THOSE TO SERVE February 5, 2017**

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

\* - information not available at time of publication.



*Thank you*

**THANK YOU**

Thanks for the food. It was very good. Thanks for the prayers, the kind words, the phone calls and visits. A special thanks to Jimmy Smith for all the kind words about my brother Billy. It's wonderful to have so many Christian friends. We love all of you."

- Betty Chandler & Family

**SECRET SISTERS**

**Baby It's Cold Outside!** January 29th  
Bring something to keep your Secret Sister warm during the cold winter weather.



**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

January 29 Exodus 33-35  
January 30 Exodus 36-38  
January 31 Exodus 39-40  
February 1 Leviticus 1-4  
February 2 Leviticus 5-7  
February 3 Leviticus 8-10  
February 4 Leviticus 11-13



**REMINDER**

The 5<sup>th</sup> **Sunday Evening Devotional with Exchange Street** is this evening at 5:00 p.m. at Troy. Plan to come and be a part of this time of singing and devotion. Bring finger foods for the fellowship meal to follow.

**WELCOME!**

Heather Hancock and her three children, Aspen, Hamilton, & Vivian, have placed membership with our church family. Their address is 1504 Julie Street, Union City, TN 38261. Heather's email address is [hhancock78@gmail.com](mailto:hhancock78@gmail.com) and her telephone # is: [731-446-2021](tel:731-446-2021).

We seek to serve and lift up our God to the best of our abilities, and to unite as one to lead others.

Good morning to you all!

With Winterfest just around the corner, I would like to thank everyone who donated a scholarship. These kids are so excited and so are we!

We will be leaving the church building at 6am on Friday, February 17th. We will be spending the weekend in Gatlinburg, exploring the theme of "Identity." The guest speakers include Jeff and Taylor Walling and The Skit Guys, plus many more! We will leave after breakfast and Church service on Sunday and return late, so please pray for our safe travels!

Also, I would like to commend our young men and women who participated in the service on Wednesday night. They did a great job and we look forward to seeing just how much God does through you in years to come!

**- Clean out the Sin -**

Brian Clark was at it again on Wednesday, cleaning out the baptistery. There seems to be a problem with rust in the heater that just keeps coming back. As Brian and I talked, he joked about cleaning the sin out of the pool and putting fresh water in.

Funny as this is, it made me think that maybe we should all do a little assessment to see if we have sin floating around in our hearts. If so, we need to be mindful to clean it out!

Brian sucked many gallons of dirty water out of that pool, and it made me imagine what it would be like if we could just flip a switch and the sin we seem to hold onto just gets sucked out of our lives.

As convenient as that would be, the truth is this. Jesus already cleaned us up. Which means that if we have any sin floating around, it's because we went back and picked it up again.

That's gross. Don't do that. It's never too early for some spring cleaning, especially in our hearts!

Have a great week!

- Evan

Have info, updates, announcements or prayer requests to share? Send them to [jmcmillan159@gmail.com](mailto:jmcmillan159@gmail.com). Sorry, I don't text, but I can stumble around on Facebook. My hearing impairment makes the telephone difficult for me, but if you're a patient soul, call me at 731-536-0114. Thanks!  
- Jean

The Spring 2017 list for **ON TRACK MEALS** is posted at the Information Station. Ladies, please sign up to prepare one meal. If you have questions, see Jenny.



**ON TRACK MEAL 2-1-17**  
**Vegetable Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwiches**—Jeanette Scott & Barbara Long

