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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 15, 2017

Jesus is Coming Soon- 712

WELCOME

Lord, Reign in Me- 531

Glory Land Way

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah - 3

Sing and Be Happy- 587

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION

CONTRIBUTION

DISMISS TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Restore My Soul- 567

Our God, he is Alive- 23

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

Create in Me a Clean Heart

FAMILY NEWS

Jesus is Coming Soon- 712

CLOSING PRAYER



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, January 15, 2017

Worship Leader: Evan Rippee

Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins

Scripture Reading: Brian Clark

Speaker: Ron Newberry

Closing Prayer: Jerry Ross

Elder Available After Worship: Chris Gooch

Children's Church: Nancy Spain

Attended Nursery: Jenny Newberry

Nursery Next Week: Nancy Spain

Greeters (side): Royce & Brenda Aker

(back): Jamie & Rachel Clark

PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Christine Fussell, Mary & Leaton Johnson, Kenneth Scott, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Bryce & Chelsea Moran; 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, Ethelee Fox, Terry Grady, Leroy Albritton, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Kim Barker (Jerry's uncle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley (expectant parents), Katie Harris, Rubye Rogers, Larry Rogers, Larry Rogers, 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 15, 2017



Why is one side of the aluminum foil you find in every kitchen shiny on one side and dull on the other? Which side is best to have outward when baking something in the oven? My mother always insisted that the shiny side was supposed to be out to prevent the item in the pan from over cooking. Does it make any difference which side is out?

According to the manufacturers at Reynolds Metals, the makers of Reynolds Aluminum Foil, it makes no appreciable difference which side covers the food and which is exposed directly to the heat. The reflectivity difference is so small that you would have to have special instruments in a lab to detect the difference.

That still leaves the more curious question about "Why?" the sides are different. Aluminum foil begins as a solid block of pure aluminum. It passes through a series of large rollers with decreasing space between them until the foil is rolled like a pie crust until there's one long, thin, continuous sheet of foil. In the final step, two layers of aluminum foil pass through the mill at the same time. The side coming in contact with the steel rollers which are highly polished comes out shiny. The other side which does not come in contact with the rollers comes out with a matte finish. Therefore, the shiny and dull finish is a result of the process rather than the intention of the manufacturer.

In spite of that knowledge—provided you accept the word of the manufacturer—some of you will likely still take care which side of the foil will be out and which will be next to the food you prepare. Old habits are hard to break, especially ones handed down to us by our mothers. Even if we are intellectually convinced it doesn't matter which side is out, we will cling to the "way we've always done it".

Is that not illustrative of the way we behave in any number of ways in religion? We have ideas planted by our parents or someone we highly respect and we will stay with those concepts even when we are shown in the owner's manual (the Bible) that what we believe is a "it-doesn't-really-matter" position.

The New Testament is filled with such instances. There's the criticism of Jesus' disciples for not washing their hands before they ate. It was a ceremonial not a sanitary concern, yet it caused great consternation among the Jewish leaders. Jesus said it didn't matter. What mattered was the condition of the heart, not some ceremonial act.

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New Sunday Morning ADULT CLASSES

On February 5, we will begin our new Sunday morning adult classes. Chris Gooch will be teaching the auditorium class. Ron Newberry will teach a class in room 6. We are also offering a third adult class, designed for young adults (roughly 18-30). It's for college age, married as well as singles. We have a number of "millennials" as they're called and we want to provide a class geared to meeting their needs. Kevin Dobbins will be teaching this class in Evan's office. There will soon be more information about the subjects for each of the classes, so stay tuned.



FOOD for THOUGHT

THOSE TO SERVE January 22, 2017

Worship Leader: Jim Robertson
 Lord's Supper: Jamie Clark, Greg Ferguson,
 Tony Henson, Wyatt Henson, Wade
 Henson, Mike McCage, Kevin Dobbins
 Scripture Reading: Josh Scott
 Closing Prayer: Jimmy Smith
 Power Point: Phil Green
 Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks
 (back): Wade & Christy Henson

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

January 15 Genesis 43-45
 January 16 Genesis 46-47
 January 17 Genesis 48-50
 January 18 Exodus 1-3
 January 19 Exodus 4-6
 January 20 Exodus 7-9
 January 21 Exodus 10-12



CHURCH CALENDARS 2017

The church calendars for 2017 are here. Pick one up if you haven't already done so.



PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

We have updated our website with the pictures Kim and Evan recently took of our members. We want to make the pictures and pertinent information available to you but not to the world. Therefore, if you would like to be able to access our pictorial directory online, provide us with a username and password. This will be unique to you so keep it confidential. You may write it out and give it to Phil Green or drop it in the container provided at the Information Station. Thanks to Phil's efforts we will be able to have access to member information quickly and efficiently, and we will be able to update it promptly as well.

SHINY SIDE OUT? Ron's article continued from page 1:

Jesus often healed someone on the Sabbath which brought down the ire of his critics. That was considered work and he wasn't supposed to work on the Sabbath. Jesus said it didn't matter. What mattered was a need that someone had and he could meet that need. Whether it happened on Saturday or Thursday didn't matter. The Father in heaven didn't stop working on the Sabbath and neither would he.

There was the situation in Rome and Corinth—and I assume other churches as well—with whether it was acceptable for Christians to eat meat that had been offered to idols. Paul said it didn't matter. Eat it or don't eat; it didn't matter.

I am certain that many continued to wash their hands ceremonially after they knew the truth. Many continued to cease working on the Sabbath because it was their custom. No doubt some Christians refused to eat any meat because they had been taught that they might eat some meat offered to idols and, therefore, sin.

What might you be doing, what might we be doing that would be fine if we did something different but we are tied to a custom, a tradition, a fear? We may even be convinced intellectually that doing something different would be acceptable but we are emotionally connected to the shiny side out? Something to think about isn't it?

- Ron



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Bryce and Chelsea Moran on the birth of Hudson Guy. Hudson was born on January 9th at 11:38 pm, weighing five pounds, 13 ounces, and 19" long.

THANK YOU

"Thank you so very much for the goodie bag that was brought to me. I am sure it was Linda Allen that brought it. I really appreciate getting it. It has so much good stuff to eat and use. You really put so much in a small bag and I love it all. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness."

- Ann Culp (Magnolia Place)

WINTER WEATHER GUIDE

Winter is upon us and the weather can be unpredictable around here. It's a good time to remind everyone of our bad weather plan at Troy. If weather dictates that we have to make a decision about meeting, the elders will make it as soon as we have enough facts to make an informed call. We will base our decision on road conditions, the church parking lot, the immediate forecast and, of course, the overall safety of everyone.

We will communicate any closings on our Facebook page. You can also listen to KYTN 104.9 FM or WENK 1240 AM. If you do not have access to those outlets, feel free to call Ron at 796-5752 or any of the other elders.



Have info, updates, announcements or prayer requests to share? Send them to 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 1-18-17
Breakfast - by Nancy Spain, Amy Hawkins & Kim Rippee

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Greetings to all!

It was a great Christmas and New Year, but it is time to officially get the 2017 TCoCYG year underway! I will be distributing a quarterly Calendar this year for youth events. I will (to the best of my ability and knowledge) include trip registration deadlines and costs for those trips. I have used the district school calendar to create the youth calendar so the major dates like graduation and dances should not be interfered with, however, there may be some events planned over sports. Without having the sports schedules in front of me, I was unable to plan around games and tournaments, but I'm hoping that we will do enough this year that everyone gets an opportunity to participate!

While at the National Conference of Youth Ministry we had the opportunity to hear many great speakers on many interesting topics, but one comes to mind over all when thinking about our group here.

Teens (and if you are a teen and reading this, pay attention) tend not to see the true value that God has placed on them. We are all irreplaceable and paid for by the blood of Christ. But the world and Satan like to place price labels on us that make us feel as if we are worth a lot less than we really are. It was also stated that in a study conducted with over 100 youth groups across the US, when teens were asked what they think the adults in their congregation would say about them, they responded with things like "they are lazy" or "irresponsible" and "they take everything for granted". This is what teens imagine adults thinking about them.

If we were to ask our teens what they think the adults of this congregation would say about them, what kind of answers do you think we would get?

Now, what is the truth? If you are a teen reading this, know that adults don't just see the negative in you, they see the good as well. We all have both positive and negative qualities. If you are an Adult reading this, find one of our teens and let them know how you feel about them. Show them that we don't just sit around disapproving of everything they do, because here is the catch... Many of us base our value off of how we are treated rather than what God sees in us.

Let's let the world know that God sees that we are valuable enough to die for us, and to love us unconditionally.

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