

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-3537) Jamie Brock
 Lead SingingCaleb Graves
 First PrayerBobby Ashford
 Reading.....Marty Boles
 ScriptureJohn 3:10
 Lord's Table (N)*Steve Hillis
 (S)*Allen Hughes
 (N)Dwight Barrett
 (N)Mitchell Ferrell
 (N)Jacob Griffin
 (S)Ronnie Hoover
 (S)Kurt Maynard
 (S)Clent Kesey
 Sermon*Teaching A Teacher* - Tony Lawrence
 DismissChris Snow

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-3537) Jamie Brock
 Lead SingingCaleb Graves
 First PrayerLeonard Clemons
 Reading.....Stanley Clendenon
 Scripture.....Ephesians 3:14-19
 Lord's Table*Gordon Mayfield
*Ken Martin
 Sermon*The "Inner Man"* - Tony Lawrence
 DismissDon Griffith

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsDon Sullivan
 Lead Singing.....David Keele
 First PrayerSteve Hillis
 ReadingKelly Thaxton
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Jeff McVey

Welcome Committee

A.M.Norman & Barbara Sain
 P.M.Don Sullivan Family

Bus Driver:Paul Hurst (668-7088)

Ushers:Tim Gann, David McColloch, Josh King
 Attend Nursery:Sharon Boles
 Un/Lock Building:Don Cathey/Ricky Prince
 Prepare Communion:Templeton Family
 Assist Baptisms: Cindy Fisher & Sherry Graves

Pantry Item:Corn

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....292
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Services

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM	<i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i>	
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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Sick & Shut-in

At Home:

Iva Cunningham
Frankie Hobbs
Jim Slatton
Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan's father)
Barbara Pryor (Bruce's mother)
Randy Rains (father of Miranda Vinson)
Angie Jones (Mary Ashford's sister)
Bill Ashford (Bobby's brother)

In The Hospital:

Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister) - CCU
Southern Hills Medical Center
Dennis Eller - Nashville VA
Doyle Pryor (Bruce's father) - River Park #253
Marie Moore (Mary Ashford's mother) - Raintree
#502

Sermon Topics

Sunday AMTeaching A Teacher
Sunday PM.The "Inner Man"

Holiday Party

Our annual Holiday Party for the congregation will be following the evening services on December 18th. We will be having soup, sandwiches and other finger foods. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to bring soup, so we will be sure to have a variety. Otherwise if your last name begins with the following letter please bring the following:

A-F. Ham/rolls, pigs in a blanket, sandwiches (at least 1 dozen)

G-M. Dessert and drink

N-Z. Chips/dip and drink

Prepare Communion for 2017

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board to prepare the communion for 2017. If you would be willing to volunteer to do so for a month, please sign the list.

Youth News

BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY is this Wed. (12/7) following evening services. We're celebrating early this month to stay away from the holidays. Please stick around to help celebrate our youth with December birthdays.

The final **PEW PACKERS** of 2016 takes place this Sunday (12/11.) We will have a brief review of our lessons this year, sing a few songs and then enjoy snacks together. Festivities begin at 5:00 in the fellowship room.

A parents/youth informational meeting for BBYG & PEW PACKERS will take place this Sunday following evening worship. We will be discussing plans for January to May 2017.

EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY and **EU2** takes place January 13-15, 2017 in Savannah, TN. The event is for Christian high school students (EU) and college age Christians (EU2). Money and commitment is needed this Sunday, 12/11. \$30 for EU and \$24 for EU2.

The annual BBYG Holiday Party at the Hillis' will be Monday, December 12th. Details are in the Youth Newsletter.

"WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table.

UPCOMING:

Wed. 12/14 H.E.Y

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of *Winona Ward*, sister of our Juanita Oliver. Her funeral was this past Saturday.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of *Don Cantrell*. Brother & sister Cantrell have attended the Monday Morning Bible Class. His funeral is today (Tuesday).

Several have lost loved ones in the past few weeks, keep them in your prayers.

Celebrating Christmas

One doesn't have to celebrate Christmas as a religious holiday to appreciate the birth of Jesus Christ. Prophets hundreds of years in advance predicted the time and location of his birth (Dan. 2:44; Micah 5:2). Angels in the heavens sang and announced it to the shepherds.

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." (Luke 2:10-14, NASB95)

Wise men traveled for many weeks to honor the birth of the King, whose birth they saw in the stars. A singular star led them to the place of His birth and stood above it.

The Lord Jesus was born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23-25), the only person ever to have been born this way. The Holy Spirit miraculously placed the seed in her womb.

The birth of Jesus indirectly caused the fulfilling of another prophecy, when Herod destroyed the infants up to the age of two (Jer. 31:15; Matt. 2:16-18).

In all of history no birth was like the birth of Jesus, no one so heralded, so honored, so loved, so important. Now more than two thousand years later we remember Him for all He has done for us.

~ Philip Sanders ~

Bridal Shower

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a Bridal Shower in honor of Heather Tanner, bride-elect of Lynn Gann, at the home of Penny Keele on Sunday afternoon, December 18, from 2-4 pm.

The Reason For The Season? Really?

It's December! For many, especially children, "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." It is also the time of the year when we hear the slogan, "Jesus is the reason for the season." How do you feel about that slogan?

I take issue! Jesus is not "the reason for the season." For devoted Christians, Jesus is "the reason for all of life" – our lives! Read Colossians 3:1-4! Paul reminds us that Christ is "our life." We "died" and "were raised with Christ" – an illusion to our repentance and baptism (2:11-12). We "seek those things which are above" and our minds are set "on things above." Our lives are "hidden with Christ in God." A "season" may be long enough for those of a secular mindset, for those who give a little thought to Jesus this time of the year. But to God's faithful a "lifetime" is not long enough to serve the Lord we love! He is not "the reason for our season" – He is "the reason for our surrender."

We rejoice every day that God sent His Son into the world to save us – the story of His birth being a part of that grander scheme. Many are enamored with the story of Jesus' birth because a babe in a manger makes no demand upon their lives. They can have God without obligation. They can talk about His birth, sing a carol or two and then walk away! The emphasis of the gospel, however, is on the Lordship of Christ, not the birth of Christ. In the first sermon to the Jews Peter declared that Jesus is "both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). In the first sermon to the Gentiles he declared that Jesus is "Lord of all" (Acts 10:36). His birth is only the beginning of the story! Surrendering to Him as Lord is the story! Wise men still seek Him! Wise men surrender to Him as Lord!

~ Dwight Fuqua ~

Monday Morning Bible Class

The final class for 2016 of the Monday Morning Bible Class will this coming Monday, December 12. We will have a breakfast at Billy's Restaurant at 8 am followed by Bible Class at the building at 9 am.