

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....(668-3537) Jamie Brock  
 Lead Singing .....Larry Cook  
 First Prayer .....W.C. Chilton  
 Reading.....Bob Cantrell  
 Scripture .....John 4:13-14  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Randall Gann  
 (S).....\*Tim Gann  
 (N) .....Micah Lawrence  
 (N).....Kane Maynard  
 (N).....David McColloch  
 (S) .....Justin Griffin  
 (S).....Jared Mullican  
 (S) .....Mike Mullins  
 Sermon ...*The Woman, Well & Water* - Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Ricky Prince

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....(668-3537) Jamie Brock  
 Lead Singing .....Larry Cook  
 First Prayer .....Tim Fisher  
 Reading.....Joe Collins  
 Scripture.....Mark 12:41-44  
 Lord's Table .....\*Ryan McColloch  
 .....\*Willie Newby  
 Sermon .....*Looking At The Gifts* - Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Bruce Pryor

**Wednesday Bible Study**

**Special Program**

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Calvin & Nancy Rogers  
 P.M. ....Jeff Templeton

Bus Driver: .....Randall Gann (580-6252)

Ushers: .....Jeff Templeton, Eddie Palmer, Bruce Pryor  
 Attend Nursery:.....Lori Chilcutt  
 Un/Lock Building: .....Don Cathey/Ricky Prince  
 Prepare Communion: .....Templeton Family  
 Assist Baptisms: ..... Cindy Fisher & Sherry Graves

Pantry Item: .....Chili

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Leonard Clemons

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship.....340  
 Bible Study .....233  
 P.M. Worship .....226  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....189  
 Contribution.....\$7,565

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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 (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i>	
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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Jamie Brock	Joe Collins
Jeff Flatt	Shannon Griffin
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Jeff McVey	Bruce Pryor
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## Sick & Shut-in

### At Home:

Jim Slatton  
Barbara Pryor (Bruce's mother)  
Randy Rains (father of Miranda Vinson)  
Angie Jones (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Bill Ashford (Bobby's brother)  
David Chilton  
Wilma Chisam (at son's home)  
June Crouch (home with pneumonia)

### In The Hospital:

Juanita Oliver - River Park #221  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister) - CCU  
Southern Hills Medical Center  
Dennis Eller - Nashville VA  
Doyle Pryor (Bruce's father) - River Park #253  
Zollie Settles - St. Thomas Rutherford, hopes to be able to come home Wednesday.

## Sermon Topics

Sunday AM .....The Well, The Woman, The Water  
Sunday PM. ....Looking At The Gifts

## Holiday Party

Our annual Holiday Party for the congregation will be this Sunday evening following services. 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

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Aryn Snow on graduating from Tennessee Tech with her BSN degree this past weekend.

## Youth News

**H.E.Y.** "The Holiday Edition" is this Wednesday. We'll meet in the fellowship room.

If you plan on donating to buy gifts for Bybee Branch nursing home residents, this Sunday is the cut-off.

**"WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS"** on the foyer table.

## Bible Classes during the holidays

Sometimes members wonder why the elders have everyone to assemble in the auditorium for a special service during a holiday period. This is primarily due to a large number of teachers being out. There are 23 teachers on Sunday morning and 20 on Wednesday evening. It is not uncommon to have 3-4 teachers call in either sick or out of town during a normal week. However, during a holiday there may be as many as 8-10 away. The plan is to always have an edifying and encouraging service. Over the next couple weeks there will be some changes in the Bible Classes when all will meet in the auditorium.

Wednesday, December 21, all classes meet in auditorium with Don Sullivan coordinating the program.

Sunday, December 25, all classes will meet in the auditorium. Tony Lawrence will teach a special class on "The Bible and Archaeology."

Wednesday, December 28, all classes meet in the auditorium with Tony Lawrence coordinating the program. "Five/Five Minute Lessons from James"

Sunday, January 1, all classes meet in the auditorium. Shane Fisher will present the lesson.

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Marie Moore, the mother of our Mary Ashford. She passed away Sunday morning and her funeral will be Wednesday afternoon at Highs.

## 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. Heather and Lynn are registered at Walmart.

## Wedding Invitation

*Because you have shared in our lives  
with your love and friendship, we*

*Heather Tanner*

*and*

*Lynn Gann*

*Along with our parents, invite you*

*to join us as we*

*celebrate the beginning*

*of our new life together*

*December 31, 2016*

*At One O'clock in the afternoon*

*Westwood Church of Christ*

*Reception to follow*

## Are You In A Tunnel?

I don't know where the following comes from but it has a great point, "When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and get off. You sit still and trust the engineer." David in the Psalms said, "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth" (Ps. 46:10). There are a lot of tunnels in life; financial tunnels, health tunnels, marital tunnels, relationship tunnels. Sometimes it gets very dark in those tunnels. We often say, "There is light at the end of the tunnel." If one can learn to put his trust in God, either in or out of the tunnel, there will always be a light, a way to see through the darkness. David addressed this in Psalm 13. Here is what he wrote:

*How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me? Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine*

*eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved. But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. I will sing un- to the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.*

David wondered how long he was going to be in this tunnel. He said, "How long will thou forget me, O Lord? Forever?" Many feel like they will never get through the tunnel but David did three things.

*"I have trusted in thy mercy."* God's mercy is ever lasting (Ps. 100:5). God is always patient with us. As sinners we all must trust in the mercy of God. One description of mercy is, "This means that even though He knows of our guilt, He doesn't always issue the punishment deserved." In the tunnel we trust in his mercy.

*"My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation."* We may be in the tunnel but it doesn't mean that we are not saved. One who has been baptized for the remission of sin and remained faithful to the Lord knows that, in spite of what we may be experiencing, our Lord has promised to be with us. This was his promise in the great commission, "...And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Mt. 28:19-20).

*"I will sing unto the Lord."* Even in the tunnels of life the Christian can sing and praise the Lord.

There is light at the end of the tunnel.

~ Larry Acuff ~

*The Fountain of Life*

*Bulletin of the Lithia Springs Church of Christ*

## 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. Thanks in advance for everyone's willingness to help in this needed task.