

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....(668-3537) Jamie Brock  
 Lead Singing.....Larry Cook  
 First Prayer.....Daniel Boyd  
 Reading.....David Chilton  
 Scripture.....Matthew 2:1-2  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Eddie Palmer  
 (S).....\*Ricky Prince  
 (N).....Willie Newby  
 (N).....Harold McGinness  
 (N).....David Roberts  
 (S).....Rodney Maynard  
 (S).....Joe Maynard  
 (S).....Shannon Griffin  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Jeff McVey

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....(668-3537) Jamie Brock  
 Lead Singing.....Larry Cook  
 First Prayer.....Willard Dunlap  
 Reading.....Caleb Graves  
 Scripture.....I Corinthians 6:6-8  
 Lord's Table.....\*Tommy Crouch  
 .....\*Randall Gann  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Bruce Pryor

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Special Program

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Tim & Cindy Fisher  
 P.M.....Paul Hurst Family

*If you cannot serve, please contact  
 David Keele (273-5566)*

Ushers: .....Jared Mullican, Ronnie Hoover, Herb Rowland  
 Un/Lock Building:.....Don Cathey/Ricky Prince  
 Prepare Communion: .....Rowlands  
 Assist Baptisms: .....Cindy Fisher & Sherry Graves

Pantry Item: .....Corn

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Allen Hughes

**Record For The Week...**

A.M.Worship.....290  
 Bible Study.....236  
 P.M.Worship.....206  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....206  
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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		
P.M.Worship	6:00 PM	<i>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

**Radio Program**

Each Wednesday at 12:45 on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

**Shepherds**

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Jamie Brock	Joe Collins
Jeff Flatt	Randall Gann
Shannon Griffin	Rickey Hurst
David Keele	Ken Martin
Kurt Maynard	Gordon Mayfield
David McColloch	Jeff McVey
Bruce Pryor	Herb Rowland

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## Sick

### At Home:

Melinda Martin (following surgery)  
Marsha Dunlap  
Zollie Settles  
Jim McColloch (at David & Stefanie's home)  
Osborn Huntley (Ruby's husband)  
Alan Niles (Annie's father)  
Jerry Simons (Eva's husband)  
Thomas Owens (Glenda Hughes father)

### In The Hospital:

Irene Lawrence - St. Thomas Rutherford, surgery  
Wednesday  
Johnny Bouldin (son of the late Faye Bouldin) -  
heart surgery Monday in Minneapolis, MN

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Gordon "Buster" Wade, father of our Sabrena Wade. His services were this past Monday.



"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one." (Colossians 4:6)

## Youth News and Updates

- **Bybee Youth** - there are several activities and updates regarding our youth that you can read about in the Bybee Youth monthly publication. You may pick up a copy of the Bybee Youth on the back table.
- **Future Events** - there is a list of ideas posted on the Youth Board. These are a few brainstorming ideas that were thought up. If you are interested in any of them, please place a tally mark by the event you would like to participate in.
- **Holiday Gift Giving** - I would like to thank EVERYONE who helped the youth group during our outreach effort to the Camarago Family. All of the donations, time shopping, wrapping and especially the delivery. I know that our combined efforts really lifted their spirits this holiday during this time of loss they are going through.
- **Spring Youth Retreat** - is well under way in its preparation stages. We will need many volunteers that weekend to assist with the activities that are being planned.
- **Spring Youth Retreat Volunteers** - there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board (not the youth board). If you are able to assist in any way, please sign up. The sooner you sign up the sooner the SYR planning can continue.

My family and I would like to say Thank You from the very bottom of our hearts. You have welcomed us, supported our efforts, shown us love, and given us new family. We appreciate the generous gift from the youth group last Sunday night.

## Thank You!

Corretta and I want to thank the congregation from the bottom of our hearts for the very generous gift given to us Sunday evening. Your kind generosity has been so evident over the years. We truly appreciate you!

## Shepherds And Sheep

In Acts 20 we read Paul's discourse to the elders of the Ephesus church. He had called for them to meet him at Miletus (verse 17). This was Paul's last meeting with them (verses 25,38). In verses 18-35, we read his "family talk" with them. He reviewed his ministry with them (verses 18-21), what awaited him (verses 22-25), and how he had faithfully met his responsibility to them (verses 26-27). He then challenged them to meet their responsibility as elders of the church (verse 28-35). The account closes with their beautiful, tearful goodbye (verses 36-38).

The instructions (challenges) Paul gave the Ephesus elders are insightful:

- First, he challenged them to meet their responsibility as shepherds and overseers. "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with his own blood (verse 28).
- Second, he challenged them to watch, i.e., to protect the flock. "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears" (verses 29-31).
- Third, he challenged them to be true to God's Word. "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified" (verse 32).
- Fourth, by his own example, he challenged them to have pure motives. "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided

for my necessities, and for those who were with me" (verses 33-34).

- Fifth, he challenged them to be servants. "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

How blessed a congregation is to have faithful elders – elders who meet their responsibilities as shepherd and overseers, who watch for and protect the flock, who are true to God's Word, who have pure motives and who are servants. The Hebrews' writer exhorted, "Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you" (Hebrews 13:17). Paul exhorted, "Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor... (1 Timothy 5:17).

~ Dwight Fuqua ~

## Soul of a Child

The soul of a child is the loveliest flower,  
That grows in the garden of God.  
It climbs from weakness to knowledge and power,  
To the sky from the clay and the clod.

To beauty and sweetness it grows undercare,  
Neglected 'tis ragged and wild.  
It's a plant that is tender and wondrously rare,  
The sweet wistful soul of a child.

Be tender, O gardener, and give it its share,  
Of moisture, of warmth and of light.  
And let it not lack for painstaking care,  
To protect it from frost and the blight.

A day shall come when it's bloom unfold,  
It will seem that an angel has smiled.  
Reflecting a beauty and sweetness untold,  
In the sensitive soul of a child.

~Elizabeth George~