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Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. First Prayer	Ron Hudoba
A.M. Closing Prayer	Dan Preaus
P.M. Prayer	Mike Kerrigan
P.M. Closing Prayer	David Duty
Lord's Table	* Joe Preaus, Russ Brantley D. Williams, J.E. Albritton
Song Leader	Kent Everett
Greeters	Joe & Marilyn Preaus
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	---
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Joe Preaus (12-15-21)

Those to Serve Next Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Ben Walker
A.M. Closing Prayer	Dennis Milam
P.M. Prayer	Kent Everett
P.M. Closing Prayer	Tracey Brantley
Lord's Table	* J. Rhodes, Chris Cook C. Gilbert, W. Hutson
Song Leader	Billy Anderson
Greeters	Eddie & Pat Albritton
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	----
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Eddie Albritton (12-22-21)

The Record Speaks	
Date	December 12, 2021
Bible Class	--
A.M. Worship	--
P.M. Worship	31
Contribution	--
Date	December 15, 2021
Wed. Attendance	---

Schedule of Events	
<b>Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> thru Dec. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 9:45 A.M.</b>	Bible Class
<b>10:45 A.M.</b>	Worship
<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	Evening Worship
<b>Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 12:30 P.M.</b> Men's Prayer Group	
<b>7:00 P.M.</b>	Bible Classes
<b>Benevolence:</b> Ron Hudoba – 368-4886 Tracey Brantley – 368-9106	
<b>VBS</b> – Third week in June every year	

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*Love  
your neighbor  
as yourself.*

*Leviticus 19:18*

**“Success Is A Journey, Not A Destination”**

When Ben Sweetland made this statement, I doubt he had our Christian lives in mind. But, nonetheless, it most definitely describes our walk with God. Each day we start a new walking with God. The relationship we develop is not a destination to which we arrive needing to venture no further. Rather, our relationship with God, like any other relationship, is a living and moving part of our lives. Our friendship with God will either increase and deepen, or it will decrease and decline. Many will realize this too late. Without regular interaction with Him the relationship suffers. Over time it will die. That is why it is important to remain in constant interaction with God. We cannot afford to sit back thinking that we have arrived in our spiritual walk with God. There are always greater heights to climb, distant shores to explore, and additional roads to follow. We want our friendship to grow.

“Success is a journey, not a destination,” is true also for the life of a church as a whole. We are on a spiritual journey together. Our successes will not be a time to sit back and reminisce our accomplishments. Rather we succeed only as we strive to continue becoming more of what God wants us to be. Historically, success only comes as we pursue greater possibilities that He has waiting for us. Israel was not a success simply for fleeing slavery through the Red Sea, nor for maneuvering through the wilderness after 40 years, nor for conquering the land of promise. Yet with each faithful step, they moved successfully with God as their guide. God honored them with success, as they trusted in Him for help and direction.

We are no different. Though we are already a free people, it does not mean that we have no more battles to fight. Though we have seen good success at the hand of God, it is no reason to stop reaching for the future. God is not done with us yet! As we follow the lead of our shepherds, we follow the direction of the Good Shepherd. He is leading us to greener pastures. We should follow faithfully, always pursuing the presence and person of God. In this we are a success! --Copied

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**Gifts**

Many women have bought into the lie that there is a right way and a wrong way to do everything. Often we are unable to acknowledge the gifts in another woman without feeling envious of her or disgusted with ourselves. The fact is that we all have different gifts. Your gifts are not better, and mine are not worse, they're just different.

Whether you monogram your baby's cloth diapers or run each morning while pushing a toddler in a jogging stroller and munching on homemade granola, we all have specific gifts. We can find freedom in acknowledging our differences—and freedom feels good.

Along with the acknowledgment that we all possess gifts is the assumption that we will actually use our gifts. We were each given a specific gift for a specific purpose. Perhaps the purpose benefits you. The reality is, however, that our gifts are often for the benefit of others. Consider the gifts Paul lists, prophecy, service, teaching, encouragement, generosity, leadership, and mercy. Each of these gifts is a blessing to those on the receiving end.

The enemy will try to convince us not to use our gifts. He might even try to get us to deny that we have any. We may call it humility, but it's actually selfish to hoard our gifts, which were given to us to benefit the people God has placed in our lives. So let's go out and use the gifts we've been given. --Copied

**You Need to Know**

*Birthdays this week:*

**Wednesday, Dec. 15– Mary Miller & Reese Rogers**

**Thursday, Dec. 16 –Dennis Milam & Luke Albritton**

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If you like to sing, there is a group meeting together here at the building after the Sunday night worship service to practice old songs and learn new ones.

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We're so glad to have Ms. Tommie back home with us! She will be getting her mail now at P.O. Box 725, Farmerville.

**Upcoming Events**

Our annual Church Christmas Party will be next Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> after the evening worship service. Please bring finger foods. Please give your preacher gifts to Mary Beth Brantley and Connie Kerrigan.

If you'd like to donate money for Christmas presents for the children we're adopting, please give your donation to Pat Albritton.

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All the time, but especially during the holiday season, there are people who are sad and mourning lost loved ones. Some are shut-in and unable to get out. Let's reach out to them and add a little joy to their lives!

**Those in Need of Special Prayer**

Letsy Everett  
Mattie Gray Bird  
“Bee” Stewart  
Ashley Harrison  
Sherry Taylor  
Lane Denton  
Bobby Fletcher  
Fred Futch  
Roxanna Gill  
Betty Perot  
Cathy Nall  
Rita Huffstutter  
Christy Fine  
Bonnie P. Simpson  
Eloyce Everett  
Mildred Watkins

Doris Roller  
Joe Albritton  
“Hoss” Brantley  
Pam Denton  
Cooter Anderson  
Amie Smith  
Elaine Brantley  
William Wilson  
Meade Phelps  
Asa Duty  
William Colvin  
Richard Farrar  
Donny Ray  
Jenny Savage  
Savannah Bernard  
Carlton & Jodie Silmon

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**I Am**

While praying one day, a woman asked, “Who are you, Lord?”

He answered “I Am.”

But who is “I Am?”she asked.

And He replied, “I am Love,  
I am Peace  
I am Grace  
I am Joy

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Light,  
I am the Comforter,  
I Am Strength,  
I Am Safety,  
I Am Shelter  
I Am Power  
I Am the Creator,  
I Am the Beginning and the End,  
I Am the Most High.”

The lady with tears in her eyes looked toward Heaven and said, “Now I understand. But Lord , who am I?

Then God tenderly wiped the tears from her eyes and whispered, “You are Mine.”

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