

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. First Prayer	Eddie Albritton
A.M. Closing Prayer	Dennis Milam
P.M. Prayer	Eddie Albritton
P.M. Closing Prayer	Mike Kerrigan
Lord's Table	* Justin Preaus, T. Brantley, B. Braxton, A. Eldridge
Song Leader	Billy Anderson
Greeters	Joe & Marilyn Preaus
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	---
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Jim Rhodes (1-19-22)

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Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Ron Hudoba
A.M. Closing Prayer	Billy Anderson
P.M. Prayer	Chris Cook
P.M. Closing Prayer	Joe Preaus
Lord's Table	* D. Williams, S. Richardson, Russ Brantley, J.E. Albritton
Song Leader	Tracey Brantley
Greeters	Justin Preaus & Chris Cook
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	----
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Ben Walker (1-26-22)

The Record Speaks	
Date	January 9, 2022
Bible Class	45
A.M. Worship	84
P.M. Worship	34
Contribution	--
Date	January 12, 2022
Wed. Attendance	43

Schedule of Events	
<b>Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> thru Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	
<b>Jan. 16<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>Jan. 19<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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let  
everything  
you do  
be done  
in love

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

### Keep Your Eyes On The Rose

I once read an article in which a young man was describing his mother. He said, "She is the kind of person who doesn't notice the dust on the table, but instead, looks at the rose in the vase."

My friend Karen is that kind of person. She immediately sees the flower; she'd never notice the dust in my friendship garden. Karen belongs in a sunny flower bed. Bright, cheerful, and fun-loving, she tolerates warm summer breezes and demands little upkeep. By nature, she is a nurturer, a motivator, an encourager, so that as a result of her example, they begin to realize their own potential.

When I think of her, I am thankful that she listened to the lessons taught by the Master Gardener. She has discovered His secrets about seeds and knows that those that He plants within each of us will do their work—even without human intervention. But Karen has allowed God to use her to inspire others, encouraging them to open themselves to the energy of the Creator so that they may become exactly and completely what He intended for each of them.

I pray that I may follow Karen's example—looking for the rose, guarding my eyes from seeing only the dusty dry places, being a model for others, claiming for myself the promises of Philippians 1:6. "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."  
--Peggy Benson

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### Help Someone Up!

*"A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could."*  
--Zig Ziglar

Think back on some times in your life when you just weren't sure if you were going to make it. OK, maybe you don't have to think too far, or maybe it was just last week, yesterday, right now!!

I don't know about you, but I couldn't have made it through some tough times in life without the encouragement, support, and love of a few special people.

In those moments when I really didn't think I could do what life was demanding me to do, I got through it because someone believed in me. Someone had more faith in me than I had in myself. When was the last time you were a special source of encouragement to those around you.

What does God's Word say?

*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!...Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10,12*

One thing I have found to be true about this crazy life we live is that when the going gets tough, true friends show up and stand with you.

However, even if a friend is not to be found and you feel all alone, there is still One who is always there. One who believes in you. One who laid down His life for you! His name is Jesus. You can call Him Savior, Lord, and Friend!

Why not be a source of encouragement for a friend today? Or better yet, why not embrace the ultimate source of encouragement, Jesus? He is waiting to lift you up, to calm your storm, to hold your hand. All you have to do is call on Him.  
--Lance Brown

### Birthdays this week:

**Tuesday, Jan. 18 – Aaron White & LaJune Edwards**

**Wednesday Jan. 19 – Louise Denton**

**Thursday Jan. 20 – Betty Rhodes & Marilyn Preaus**

**Friday Jan. 21 – Travis Blake**

### Anniversary this week:

**Friday Jan. 21 – Billy & Sharon Anderson**

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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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*50 Years and we still do!*

*Please join us as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of*

**Mr. & Mrs.  
Charlie & Mildred Reeves**

*The celebration will be*

*Saturday February 19, 2022*

*3:00 – 5:00 PM*

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### Those in Need of Special Prayer

**Letsy Everett  
Mattie Gray Bird  
"Bee" Stewart  
Pam Denton  
Cooter Anderson  
Amie Smith  
Elaine Brantley  
Fred Futch  
Roxanna Gill  
Betty Perot  
Cathy Nall  
Rita Huffstutter  
Christy Fine  
Bonnie P. Simpson  
Savannah Bernard  
Sharon Braxton**

**Doris Roller  
Joe Albritton  
"Hoss" Brantley  
Sherry Taylor  
Lane Denton  
Bobby Fletcher  
Mildred Watkins  
William Wilson  
Meade Phelps  
Asa Duty  
Richard Farrar  
Donny Ray  
Eloyce Everett  
Judy Strickland**

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### Love and Acceptance

An elderly mother, needing some reassurance that she had done well by her children, recently asked them, "What were the most positive things about our home when you were a child?" Quickly the son said, "Love and acceptance." The daughter added, "Yes, and the fun we had together." Their comments were music to that mother's ears.

Hers was a family who had little of the world's goods, but what a rich heritage they gave their children! And this mother has now relinquished the parental role and enjoys a friendship with her grown children which many parents would envy.

Today, we are tempted to sacrifice time with our children in order to spend time making more money. But time spent developing character and lasting relationship is more valuable than any "thing."

When Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize, she said: "What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family."

--Copied