

| Those to Serve This Week        |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Announcements                   | Jim Rhodes  |
| A.M. First Prayer               | Ron Hudoba  |
| A.M. Closing Prayer             | Joe Preaus  |
| P.M. Prayer                     | Eddie Albritton                                   |
| P.M. Closing Prayer             | Charlie Reeves                                    |
| Lord's Table                    | * B. Braxton, D. Milam<br>J.E. Albritton, D. Duty |
| Song Leader                     | Tracey Brantley                                   |
| Greeters                        | Joe & Marilyn Preaus                              |
| Nursery<br>(Birth thru 3 years) | Paula Strickland                                  |
| Wednesday Devo & Invitation     | Brian Braxton (10-6-21)                           |

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| Announcements                   | Jim Rhodes  |
| A.M. Prayer                     | Justin Preaus   |
| A.M. Closing Prayer             | Dan Preaus  |
| P.M. Prayer                     | Mike Kerrigan   |
| P.M. Closing Prayer             | Chris Cook  |
| Lord's Table                    | * R. Hudoba, K. Everett<br>B. Anderson, Eddie Albritton |
| Song Leader                     | Jim Rhodes  |
| Greeters                        | David & Debbie Williams                                 |
| Nursery<br>(Birth thru 3 years) | Bonita Hutson<br>Deanna Wilson                          |
| Wednesday Devo & Invitation     | Joe Preaus (10-13-21)                                   |

| Schedule of Events                                  |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Oct. 9<sup>th</sup></b> |   |
| <b>Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:45 A.M.</b>                | Bible Class   |
| <b>10:45 A.M.</b>                                   | Worship   |
| <b>6:00 P.M.</b>                                    | Evening Worship                                     |
| <br>  |   |
| <b>Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 12:30 P.M.</b>                | Men's Prayer Group                                  |
| <b>7:00 P.M.</b>                                    | Bible Classes                                       |
| <br>  |   |
| <b>Benevolence:</b>                                 | Ron Hudoba – 368-4886<br>Tracey Brantley – 368-9106 |
|   | <b>VBS</b> – Third week in June every year          |

| The Record Speaks |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Date              | September 26, 2021 |
| Bible Class       | 60                 |
| A.M. Worship      | 88                 |
| P.M. Worship      | 57                 |
| Contribution      | --                 |
| Date              | Sept. 29, 2021     |
| Wed. Attendance   | 56                 |

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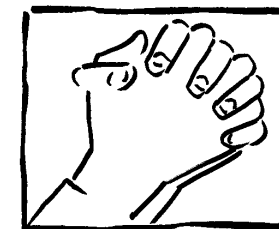
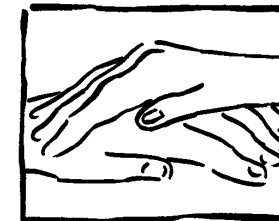
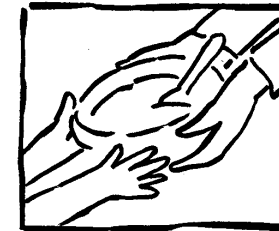
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**Conduct  
yourselves...  
so that...  
they may  
see your  
honorable  
deeds and  
glorify God.**

1 Peter 2:12

## Back Roads

*When Pharaoh finally let the people go, God did not lead them along the main road that runs through Philistine territory, even though that was the shortest route to the Promised Land. Exodus 13:17*

In this world, there are interstate people and there are back roads people. I still remember the first time we took the Natchez Trace Parkway for our annual trip to Granny's house. I was miserable.

Truth be told, I've always been more of an interstate kind of girl. When I was young, my dad would plan road trips carefully. Every gas stop and bathroom break was mapped out in advance. Vacation began when you arrived at your destination. The drives there and back were just necessary evils.

So to me, Natchez Trace was *slow*. It was long stretches of nothing but us, the open road, and occasionally another traveler whom I could only assume was as wretchedly unhappy as I was. The last couple of years, however, the parkway has grown on me. I've come to the realization that life wasn't meant to be lived quickly.

It's easy to get caught up in getting from point A to point B. Maybe point B for you is naptime or payday. You're not interested in the potential lessons or beauty in the moment; you just want to get to where you're going and be done with it. I get it. However, there are some things we can only see and some blessings we can only receive on the slow road. If we'll take a deep breath and choose to be in the moment, we'll find ourselves seeing and experiencing things that we never would have noticed from the interstate.

*Your ways are higher than my ways, Lord. Sometimes I don't understand the roads that You make me travel. Teach me to trust You as You guide me down the appropriate paths. --Copied*

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## A Heart Like His

What if, for one day, Jesus were to become you? What if, for twenty-four hours, Jesus wakes up in your bed, walks in your shoes, lives in your house, assumes your schedule? Your boss becomes his boss, your mother becomes his mother, your pains become his pains? With one exception, nothing about your life changes. Your health doesn't change, your circumstances don't change. Your schedule isn't altered. Your problems aren't solved. Only one change occurs.

What if, for one day and one night, Jesus lives your life with his heart? His priorities govern your actions. His passions drive your decisions. His love directs your behavior. What would you be like? Would people notice a change? Your family—would they see something new? Your coworkers and friends—would they sense a difference? Would you still do what you had planned to do for the next twenty-four hours?

Adjust the lens of your imagination until you have a clear picture of Jesus leading your life, then snap the shutter and frame the image. What you see is what God wants. He wants you to "think and act like Christ Jesus" (Phil.2:5). --Copied

## You Need to Know

### *Birthdays this week:*

**Monday, October 4 – Canaan Gates & Graham Moore**

**Wednesday, October 6—Emily Cook, Rusty Critselous, & Sharon Braxton**

**Friday, October 8—Casey Cobb**

**Saturday, October 9 – Calvin Miller & Christian Strickland**

### *Anniversaries this week:*

**Tuesday, October 5 – James & Martha Anderson**

**Wednesday, October 6 – Lane & Louise Denton**

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We need to continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones. It seems that every week, we hear of someone else.

Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you plan to attend the Heart Sisters Meeting Thursday night here at the building at 6 p.m.

## Reminder

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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*If you meet a person with no smile, why not give him yours? --Copied*

*A lot of molehills become mountains when someone adds a little dirt. --Copied*

## Those in Need of Special Prayer

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Letsy Everett                       | Doris Roller    |
| Mattie Gray Bird                    | Joe Albritton   |
| “Bee” Stewart                       | “Hoss” Brantley |
| Ashley Harrison                     | Pam Denton      |
| Sherry Taylor                       | Cooter Anderson |
| Lane Denton                         | Amie Smith      |
| Bobby Fletcher                      | Elaine Brantley |
| Fred Futch                          | William Wilson  |
| Krew Martino                        | Roxanna Gill    |
| Betty Perot                         | Asa Duty        |
| Cathy Nall                          | William Colvin  |
| Rita Huffstutter                    | Richard Farrar  |
| Gary, Mandy & Chasen Kennedy -covid |                 |

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### **Wasted Years**

I looked upon a farm one day,  
That once I used to own;  
The barn had fallen to the ground  
The fields were overgrown.

The house in which my children grew,  
Where we had lived for years—  
I turned to see it broken down,  
And brushed aside the tears.

I looked upon my soul one day,  
To find it too, had grown  
With thorns and thistles everywhere  
The seeds neglect had sown.

The years had passed while I had cared  
For things of lesser worth;  
The things of heaven I let go  
While minding things of earth.

To Christ I turned with bitter tears.  
And cried, “O Lord, forgive!  
I haven't much time left for Thee,  
Not many years to live.”

The wasted years forever gone,  
The days I can't recall;  
If I could live those days again,  
I'd make Him Lord of all.

--Copied