

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. First Prayer	Eddie Albritton
A.M. Closing Prayer	Ron Hudoba
P.M. Prayer	Kent Everett
P.M. Closing Prayer	Joe Preaus
Lord's Table	* Dan Preaus, D. Milam N. Wiens, Eddie Albritton
Song Leader	Tracey Braantley
Greeters	Mike & Connie Kerrigan
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Sharon Anderson Casey Fletcher
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Nathan Wiens (12-1-21)

The Record Speaks	
Date	November 21, 2021
Bible Class	43
A.M. Worship	76
P.M. Worship	31
Contribution	--
Date	November 24, 2021
Wed. Attendance	Tuesday night singing--22

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Those to Serve Next Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Brian Braxton
A.M. Closing Prayer	Chris Cook
P.M. Prayer	Tracey Brantley
P.M. Closing Prayer	John Earl Albritton
Lord's Table	* Justin Preaus, S. Richardson Eddie Albritton, D. Williams
Song Leader	Tracey Braantley
Greeters	Joe & Marilyn Preaus
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Bonita Hutson Deanna Wilson
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Brian Braxton (12-8-21)

Schedule of Events
Nov. 28th thru Dec. 4th
Nov. 28th 9:45 A.M. Bible Class
10:45 A.M. Worship
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Dec. 1st 12:30 P.M. Men's Prayer Group
7:00 P.M. Bible Classes

Benevolence: Ron Hudoba – 368-4886
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VBS – Third week in June every year

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**"Though your sins
are like Scarlet,
they shall be as
white as Snow;
though they are
red as crimson,
they shall be
like Wool."**

Isaiah 1:18

Scars of Life

Some years ago, on a hot summer day in south Florida, a little boy decided to go for a swim in the old swimming hole behind his house. In a hurry to dive into the cool water, he ran out the back door, leaving behind shoes, socks and shirt as he went. He flew into the water, not realizing that as he swam toward the middle of the lake, an alligator was swimming toward the shore.

His father, working in the yard, saw the two as they got closer and closer together. In utter fear, he ran toward the water, yelling to his son as loudly as he could.

Hearing his voice, the little boy became alarmed and made a U-turn to swim to his father. It was too late. Just as he reached his father, the alligator reached him.

From the dock, the father grabbed his little boy by the arms just as the alligator snatched his legs. That began an incredible tug-of-war between the two. The alligator was much stronger than the father, but the father was much too passionate to let go.

A farmer happened to drive by, heard his screams, raced from his truck, took aim and shot the alligator.

Remarkably, after weeks and weeks in the hospital, the little boy survived. His legs were extremely scarred by the vicious attack of the animal. And, on his arms, were deep scratches where his father's fingernails dug into his flesh in his effort to hang on to the son he loved.

The newspaper reporter who interviewed the boy after the trauma, asked if he would show him his scars. The boy lifted his pant legs. And then, with obvious pride, he said to the reporter, "But look at my arms. I have great scars on my arms, too. I have them because my Dad wouldn't let go."

You and I can identify with that little boy. We have scars, too. No, not from an alligator, but the scars of a painful past. Some of those scars are unsightly and have caused us deep regret. But, some wounds, my friend, are because God has refused to let go. In the midst of your struggle, He's been there holding on to you.

The Scripture teaches that God loves you. You are a child of God. He wants to protect you and provide for you in every way. But sometimes we foolishly wade into dangerous situations, not knowing what lies ahead. The swimming hole of life is filled with peril-and we forget that the enemy is waiting to attack. That's when the tug-of-war- begins-and if you have the scars of His love on your arms, be very, very grateful. He did not and will not ever let you go.

Please pass this on to those you love. God has blessed you, so that you can be a blessing to others. You just never know where a person is in his or her life and what they are going through. Never judge another person's scars, because you don't know how they got them. Right now, someone needs to know that God loves them, and you love them, too--enough to not let them go.

Always Tell Your Family And Friends How Much You Love Them!!!

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You Need to Know

Birthdays this week:

Sunday, Nov. 28 – Brian Tucker

Monday, Nov. 29—David Williams & Nicole Futch Murphy

Tuesday, Nov. 30 –Verna Richardson

Thursday, Dec. 2 – Owen Morgan, Steve Richardson & Graham Moore

Saturday, December 4 – Claire Cobb

Heart Sisters will meet Thursday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the building. Please bring finger foods. See Pat Albritton for Bible lesson material.

The ladies will be putting the Christmas plates and bags together soon. More information will be given later about date and time.

Let's remember those who have lost loved ones, are shut-in, or ill. So many people are still struggling with the Covid virus. The holidays can be a time for sadness for a lot of people, and it helps to reach out to them, and let them know that we care.

Dear Lord, sometimes I face disappointments and challenges that leave me worried and afraid. When I am fearful, let me seek Your strength. When I am anxious, give me faith. Keep me mindful, Lord, that You are my God. With You by my side Lord, I have nothing to fear. Help me to be Your grateful and courageous servant this day and every day.

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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

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

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.

God's Thoughts

How deep are your thoughts! (Psalm 92:5)

God's thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are they even like ours. We aren't even in the same neighborhood. We're thinking, *Preserve the body*, He's thinking, *Save the soul!* We dream of a pay raise. He dreams of raising the dead. We avoid pain and peace. God uses pain to bring peace. *"I'm going to live before I die,"* we resolve. *"Die, so you can live,"* He instructs. We love what rusts. He loves what endures. We rejoice at our successes. He rejoices at our confessions. We show our children the Nike star with the million-dollar smile and say *"Be like Mike."* God points to the crucified carpenter with bloody lips and a torn side and says, *Be like Christ.*"

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