

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Eddie Albritton
A.M. Closing Prayer	Dan Preaus
P.M. Prayer	Ron Hudoba
P.M. Closing Prayer	Joe Preaus
Lord's Table	* Justin Preaus, M. Kerrigan B. Braxton, D. Dvorshock
Song Leader	Jim Rhodes
Greeters	Mike & Connie Kerrigan
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Jean Futch
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Jim Rhodes (2-3-21)

The Record Speaks	
Date	Jan. 24, 2021
Bible Class	46
A.M. Worship	76
P.M. Worship	--
Contribution	--
Date	Jan. 27, 2021
Wed. Attendance	42

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Those to Serve Next Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	David Williams
A.M. Closing Prayer	Tracey Brantley
P.M. Prayer	Brian Braxton
P.M. Closing Prayer	Jim Rhodes
Lord's Table	* Joe Preaus, J.E. Albritton J. Rhodes, D. Dvorshock
Song Leader	Kent Everett
Greeters	Joe & Marilyn Preaus
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Skylar Read Kaia Read
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Nathan Wiens (2-10-21)

Schedule of Events	
<b>Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> thru Feb. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> 9:45 A.M.</b>	Bible Class
<b>10:45 A.M.</b>	Worship
<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	Evening Worship
<b>Feb. 3<sup>rd</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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*And now abide faith,  
hope, love, these three; but  
the greatest of these is love.  
1 Corinthians 13:13*

### Elders

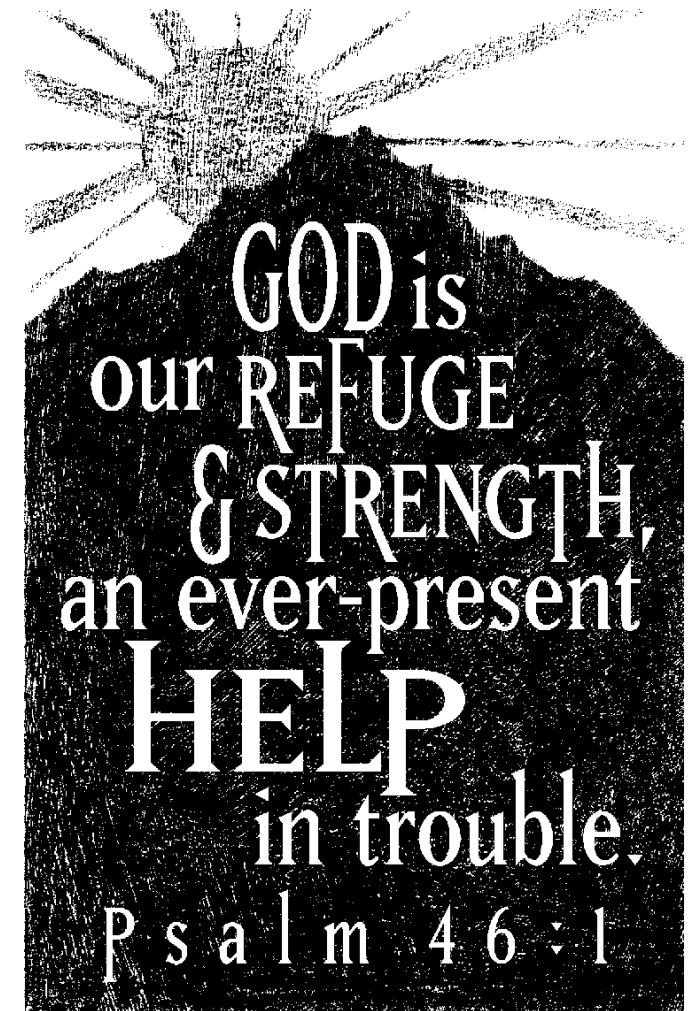
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### A Shady Place To Sit

*It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day. Isaiah 4:6*

There are two types of people. The first are those who bake themselves in the sun and somehow enjoy it. Sweat seems to bring them joy. The stifling air doesn't seem to bother them. Their ability to withstand the heat is baffling.

Then there are the rest of us. We are the ones who check the temperature and the humidity before ever stepping foot outside, sunscreen and sunglasses in hand. We can endure a summer day as long as we have a glass of iced tea in hand and a shady place to sit. Because, let's face it, shade makes the sun bearable.

When Isaiah described what life would be like for God's people when the Messiah appeared, he used the imagery of shade during the heat of the day. When summer is at its hottest, and you think you can't last another moment in the sun, it's amazing what a little time in the shade will do. Without changing anything in terms of the sun's heat or brightness, a little shade enables a person to endure the heat for just a little bit longer.

Jesus is shade on a hot summer day for believers. When life seems to be overwhelming or unbearable, a little time with Jesus can give us the needed strength to make it through the day. Though our circumstances may not change, His presence brings relief from the heat of the moment. When we sit in His shade, we are refreshed before heading back out into the heat of the day.

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### Living Courageously

Every human life is a tapestry of events: some grand, some not so grand, and some downright tragic. When we reach the mountaintops of life, praising God is easy. In the moment of triumph we trust God's plan. But, when the storm clouds form overhead and we find ourselves in the dark valley of despair, our faith is stretched, sometimes to the breaking point. As Christians, we can be comforted. Wherever we find ourselves, whether at the top of the mountain or the depths of the valley, God is there, and because He cares for us, we can live courageously.

Believing Christians have every reason to be courageous. After all, the ultimate battle has already been fought and won on the cross of Calvary. But, even dedicated followers of Christ may find their courage tested by the inevitable disappointments and tragedies that occur in the lives of believers and non-believers alike.

The next time you find your courage tested to the limit, remember that God is as near as your next breath, and remember that He offers salvation to His children. He is your shield and your strength; He is your protector and your deliverer. Call upon Him in your hour of need and then be comforted. Whatever your challenge, whatever your trouble, God can handle it. And will.

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### You Need to Know

*Birthdays this week:*

**Sunday, Jan. 31 – Lisa Preaus**

**Monday, Feb. 1 – Bettie Wilkes**

**Tuesday, Feb. 2 – Bobby Fletcher**

**Saturday, Feb. 6 – Mike Black**

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Our Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Class will start again this Wednesday night, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The book we will be studying is "She Hath Done What She Could."

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### Eternity Is Revealed

One afternoon, while hiking through a wooded property, I stopped to rest on the side of a hill. All I could see were immense tree trunks, dense underbrush, and scrub trees. As I made my way downhill through the lower tree limbs, underbrush, vines, and brambles, suddenly the view opened up and the beautiful tranquility of a magnificent lake was revealed.

At times, all we can see from day to day looks like scrub trees, underbrush, vines, and brambles. It seems impossible that there can be anything beyond the chaotic tangle we find ourselves in.

But because of the Cross, we can walk with Christ every day. He leads us to the place where a magnificent view is unveiled.

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### One Phone Call Can

*Cheer the sad  
Learn of a need  
Show your concern  
Lift the depressed  
Comfort the lonely  
Promote a good work  
Strengthen the weak*

### Those in Need of Special Prayer

<b>Yyvern Taylor</b>	<b>Doris Roller</b>
<b>Elta Knight</b>	<b>Joe Albritton</b>
<b>"Bee" Stewart</b>	<b>"Hoss" Brantley</b>
<b>Eloyce Everett</b>	<b>Letsy Everett</b>
<b>Pam Denton</b>	<b>Steve Brantley</b>
<b>Sherry Taylor</b>	<b>Morgan Preaus</b>
<b>Cooter Anderson</b>	<b>Cindy Lanham</b>
<b>Pam Holloway</b>	<b>Bobby Fletcher</b>
<b>Elaine Brantley</b>	<b>Betty Reese</b>
<b>Caden Wilson</b>	<b>Ben Nivens</b>
<b>Krew Martino</b>	<b>Roxanna Gill</b>
<b>Betty Perot</b>	<b>Patsy Williams</b>
<b>Tex Nolan</b>	<b>Laiken Heard</b>
<b>Lorraine McDaniel</b>	<b>Mattie Gray Bird</b>
<b>Asa Duty</b>	<b>Calvin Miller</b>
<b>Misti Walker</b>	<b>Donald Reeves</b>
<b>Gary Tucker</b>	<b>Pat &amp; Eddie Albritton</b>

**All those who have the Covid virus and their families**

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### Searching For Strength

God's hand is a never-ending source of strength and courage for those who call upon Him. When we are weary, He gives us power. When we see no hope, God reminds us of His promises. When we grieve, God wipes away our tears. Whatever our circumstances, God will protect us and care for us...if we let Him.

Have you "tapped in" to the power of God? Have you turned your life and your heart over to Him, or are you muddling along under your own power? The answer to these questions will determine the quality of your life here on earth and the destiny of your life throughout all eternity.

The Bible tells us that we can do all things through the power of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Our challenge, then, is clear: we must place Christ where He belongs: in *first* place. When we do so, we will surely discover that He offers us the strength to live victoriously in this world *and* eternally in the next.

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