

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Justin Preaus
A.M. Closing Prayer	Dan Preaus
P.M. Prayer	Charlie Reeves
P.M. Closing Prayer	Mike Kerrigan
Lord's Table	* J. Rhodes, S. Richardson C. Cook, D. Dvorshock
Song Leader	Kent Everett
Greeters	David & Debbie Williams
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Skylar Read Kaia Read
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Brian Braxton (12-16-20)

The Record Speaks	
Date	Dec. 6, 2020
Bible Class	58
A.M. Worship	78
P.M. Worship	--
Contribution	--
Date	Dec. 9, 2020
Wed. Attendance	51

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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	Eddie Albritton
P.M. Closing Prayer	J.E. Albritton
Lord's Table	* R. Hudoba, M. Kerrigan D. Milam, B. Braxton
Song Leader	Billy Anderson
Greeters	Eddie & Pat Albritton
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Sharon Anderson Casey Fletcher
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Joe Preaus (12-23-20)

Schedule of Events	
Dec. 13th thru Dec. 19th	
Dec. 13th 9:45 A.M.	Bible Class
10:45 A.M.	Worship
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
Dec. 16th 12:30 P.M. Men's Prayer Group	
7:00 P.M.	Bible Classes
Benevolence: Ron Hudoba – 368-4886 Tracey Brantley – 368-9106	
VBS – 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

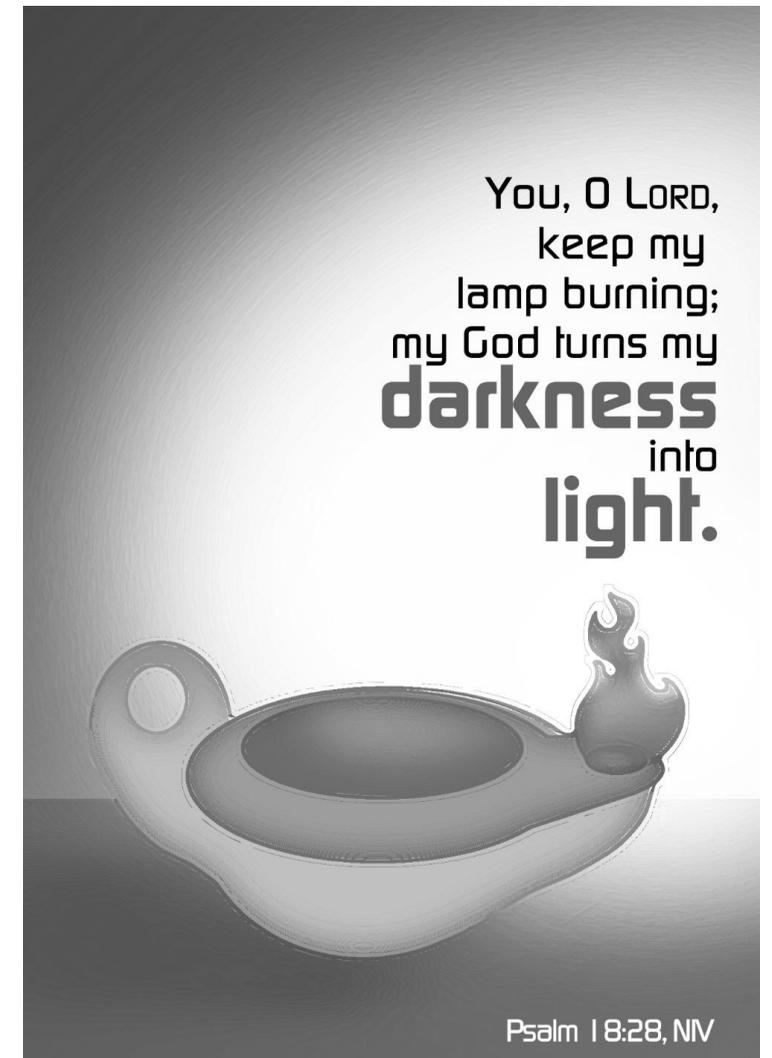
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You, O LORD,
keep my
lamp burning;
my God turns my
darkness
into
light.

Psalm 118:28, NIV

The Stranger

A few months before I was born, my dad met a stranger who was new to our town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around to welcome me into the world a few months later.

As I grew up I never questioned his place in our family. Mom taught me to love the Word of God, and Dad taught me to obey it, but the stranger was our storyteller. He could weave the most fascinating tales. Adventures, mysteries and comedies were daily conversations. He could hold our whole family spellbound for hours each evening.

He was like a friend to the whole family. He took Dad, Bill and me to our first major league baseball game. He was always encouraging us to see the movies, and he even made arrangements to introduce us to several movie stars.

The stranger was an incessant talker. Dad didn't seem to mind, but sometimes Mom would quietly get up while the rest of us were enthralled with one of his stories of faraway places, go to her room, read her Bible and pray. I wonder now if she ever prayed that the stranger would leave.

You see, my Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but this stranger never felt an obligation to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our house—not from us, from our friends, or adults. Our longtime visitor, however, used occasional four-letter words that burned my ears and made Dad squirm. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive and generally embarrassing. To my knowledge the stranger was never confronted.

As I look back, I believe it was because of the grace of God that the stranger did not influence us more. Time after time he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked and never asked to leave.

More than thirty years have passed since the stranger moved in with the young family on Morningside Drive. But if I were to walk into my parents' den today, you would still see him sitting over in a corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

His name?

We always just called him TV. --Copied

One thing, and only one, in this world has eternity stamped upon it. Feelings pass, resolves and thoughts pass, opinions change. What you have done lasts—lasts in you. Through ages, through eternity, what you have done for Christ, that, and only that, you are. --Copied

You Need to Know

Birthdays this week:

Tuesday, Dec. 15 – Mary Miller & Reese Rogers

Wednesday, Dec. 16 – Dennis Milam & Luke Albritton

Anniversary this week:

Saturday, Dec. 19 – Larry & Judy White

The Teen Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 16th at the home of Gary and Mandy Kennedy. We will be meeting at the church building at 5:45 p.m. to caravan to the Kennedy's house. Please contact Justin or Selena if you have any questions.

Anyone who cannot find distanced seating in the auditorium is welcome to participate in the worship services from the fellowship room. The service is being livestreamed and there are communion items there also.

Please see Eddy Jo Albritton about Ben & Misti's gift and Pat Albritton about Larry & Judy's gift. There will not be a congregational Christmas party this year due to concerns of the Covid virus.

Bulletin Bloopers

The sermon this morning: "The Lord Walks on the Water."

The sermon tonight: "Searching for The Lord."

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

For those who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals. --Copied

Those in Need of Special Prayer

Yyvern Taylor

Elta Knight

"Bee" Stewart

Eloyce Everett

Pam Denton

Sherry Taylor

Cooter Anderson

Pam Holloway

Elaine Brantley

Caden Wilson

Krew Martino

Betty Perot

Betty Swarers

Lorraine McDaniel

Asa Duty

Misti Walker

Larry White

Doris Roller

Joe Albritton

"Hoss" Brantley

Letsy Everett

Steve Brantley

Morgan Preaus

Cindy Lanham

Bobby Fletcher

Betty Reese

Ben Nivens

Roxanna Gill

Patsy Williams

Laiken Heard

Mattie Gray Bird

Calvin Miller

Connie Kerrigan

Donald Reeves

What Do You See?

Poor Henry. He never beheld anything but defeat, failure and disaster. Most of his years were spent in reverse. He wore the invisible crown of pessimism (or was it invisible?). Perhaps more people saw that cloud of gloom encircling his head than he thought. For he had a way of showing it.

One thing that determines what we see is the kind of eyeglasses we wear. If our glasses are blue, the world looks blue; if brown, the world appears brown; if green the world seems green. Sometimes it's our glasses that need attention, not the world.

This is the difference between an optimist and a pessimist: an optimist sees an opportunity in every difficulty; a pessimist sees a difficulty in every opportunity. They look through different glasses.

But history—and our own past—teaches the brighter view. Sometimes it just takes awhile for it to develop. Moses was eighty years old before he was prepared to become the great leader of God's people. Maybe you, too, are now training for a greater service, and the best is yet to come. By looking for something better, we're more apt to find it. For what a person finds depends largely on what he looks for. --Copied