

| Those to Serve This Week        |  |
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| Announcements                   | Jim Rhodes   |
| A.M. Prayer                     | Ben Walker   |
| A.M. Closing Prayer             | David Williams   |
| P.M. Prayer                     | Charlie Reeves   |
| P.M. Closing Prayer             | David Duty   |
| Lord's Table                    | * R. Hudoba, J.E. Albritton<br>T. Brantley, Joe Preaus |
| Song Leader                     | Billy Anderson   |
| Greeters                        | J.E. & E. J. Albritton                                 |
| Nursery<br>(Birth thru 3 years) | Carolyn Cobb   |
| Wednesday Devo &<br>Invitation  | Ron Hudoba (1-20-21)                                   |

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| Announcements                   | Jim Rhodes  |
| A.M. Prayer                     | Brian Braxton                                       |
| A.M. Closing Prayer             | Dennis Milam  |
| P.M. Prayer                     | J.E. Albritton                                      |
| P.M. Closing Prayer             | Brian Braxton                                       |
| Lord's Table                    | * Joe Preaus, B. Anderson<br>K. Everett, Chris Cook |
| Song Leader                     | Tracey Brantley                                     |
| Greeters                        | Eddie & Pat Albritton                               |
| Nursery<br>(Birth thru 3 years) | Nora Nunnery  |
| Wednesday Devo &<br>Invitation  | Ben Walker (1-27-21)                                |

| Schedule of Events  |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> thru Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>                   |                    |
| <b>Jan. 17<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    |
| <br>  |                    |
| <b>Jan. 20<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              | Jan. 10, 2021 |
| Bible Class       | --            |
| A.M. Worship      | 23            |
| P.M. Worship      | --            |
| Contribution      | --            |
| Date              | Jan. 13, 2021 |
| Wed. Attendance   | --            |

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*And now abide faith,  
 hope, love, these three; but  
 the greatest of these is love.  
 1 Corinthians 13:13*

### Elders

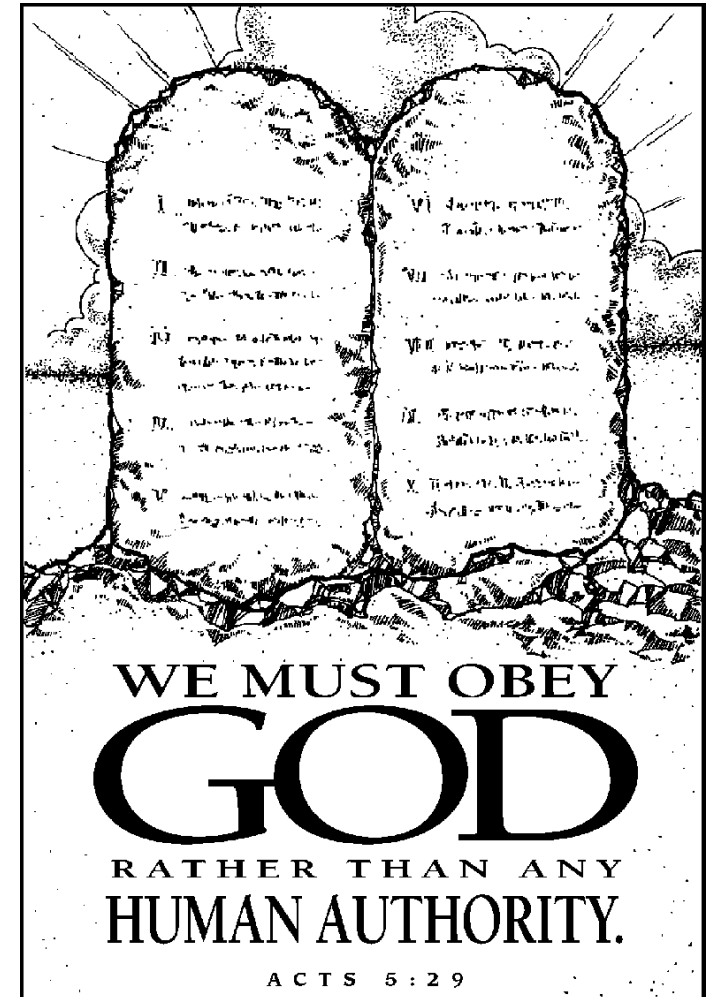
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### From The Heart

Standing at the lunch counter of a local eatery, I made the mistake of asking about the daily special. “There will be no more specials,” I was told. Plus, I received a lecture on just how fickle John Q. Public really is. “We’d make egg salad,” the waiter said, and they would ask for ham and cheese. We’d slice roast beef and they would want chili cheese dogs. We just couldn’t please ‘em!” I timidly ordered a chicken salad on whole wheat and took a seat.

While waiting, I couldn’t help but recall the children of Israel’s wilderness wanderings. No matter what God did for them, regardless of the gift or blessing, they always found reasons to grumble. If given bread, they cried for meat. If given meat, they cried for vegetables. They wanted light at night, shade at noontime, water from a desert rock—nothing seemed to satisfy. God himself couldn’t please ‘em!

And then I thought about the goodness of God in my own life. How many blessings do I have? It would be impossible to count them. Daily the Father shows His love for me in a thousand ways, for “every good and perfect gift is from above” (James 1:17). But, in all this, am I pleased? Or do I grumble about not having what I want just when I want it?

Lunch turned out to be quite a bargain that day, despite the lack of a “special.” I paid for chicken salad on whole wheat but also received—at no charge—a lesson on contentment.

*“I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances” (Philippians 4:11). –Copied*

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### The Pattern of Our Life

Oh, it is so easy to look at someone else, to see what others are doing, and to take them for an example, yes, even to say, Well, if Mary can do such and such a thing, surely it is all right for me to do it, too. But how much better it would be for you and me to get the pattern of our life from God, to submit ourselves into the hands of the heavenly Potter, letting Him mold us and fashion us according to His will.

A boy was once asked to drive some holes into some wooden bars, and was to follow a pattern that was given him. He thought that if he made every bar just like the last one, it would do just as well. But when he made the first one, there was a slight difference in the position of the hole. The next one was worse, and as he kept putting holes into the bars, the error increased. As a result, several hundred of those bars had to be thrown away. He did not follow the right pattern.

Remember, you and I have a Pattern to follow—a perfect Pattern. Jesus came to this earth in order that He might share and bear our woes. It was for our atonement that He hung on the tree. It is a comforting thought to know that Jesus was tempted like as we are, and even more cheering is the thought that He will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able. --Copied

### You Need to Know

#### Birthdays this week:

Monday, Jan. 18 – Aaron White & LaJune Edwards

Tuesday, Jan. 19 – Louise Denton

Wednesday, Jan. 20 – Betty Rhodes, Judy S. White & Marilyn Preaus

Thursday, Jan. 21 – Travis Blake

#### Anniversary this week:

Thursday, Jan. 21 – Billy & Sharon Anderson

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It’s good to be back this morning with our church family to worship and praise God!

Please continue to remember in prayer all of those who are sick and affected by the Covid virus, & other illnesses.

Also, we want to pray for the family of Wanda Stewart in their loss. She was Chris Strickland’s aunt.

Our worship services are being streamed live to the fellowship room if you are unable to find distanced seating in the auditorium. There are communion items, and you are welcome to participate in the worship service from there.

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*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.”*  
Psalm 91:1,2

### Those in Need of Special Prayer

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

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#### Top Ten Predictions for 2021

With all the problems the world is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind. Today, I share with you ten predictions that are true:

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn’t it great to remember who is really in control, and that “the Word of the Lord endures forever.” (1 Peter 1:25).