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Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. First Prayer	David Williams
A.M. Closing Prayer	Kent Everett
P.M. Prayer	Mike Kerrigan
P.M. Closing Prayer	Charlie Reeves
Lord's Table	*B. Braxton, S. Richardson E. Albritton, J.E. Albritton
Song Leader	Jim Rhodes
Greeters	David Duty & Dan Preaus
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	---
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Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Ron Hudoba (1-12-22)

The Record Speaks	
Date	December 26, 2021
Bible Class	53
A.M. Worship	93
P.M. Worship	40
Contribution	--
Date	December 29, 2021
Wed. Attendance	40

Schedule of Events	
<b>Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> thru Jan.1<sup>st</sup></b>	
<b>Dec. 26<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
<b>Dec. 29<sup>th</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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JOHN 6:27



FOR...

FOOD THAT ENDURES TO  
ETERNAL LIFE,  
WHICH THE SON OF MAN  
WILL GIVE YOU.

## No Room For Jesus

There was “no room” in the inn and so, the Savior of the world was born in a stable! The words “no room” seem to be a prophecy of what our Lord’s life would be like in this world. Men and women have always had trouble finding room for the Son of God! Even today, Christ is still being excluded – He still finds Himself often on the outside. The Innkeeper mentality is not dead. Consider some ways in which there is “no room” for Jesus...

- 1. No Room In Politics, Government and Business.** Christ has been largely banished from the halls of government. The policies of our government are not framed so as to reflect the teachings of Christ. In our country the principle of the “separation” of Church and State has been distorted to mean the total isolation of Christianity from the government. Nor is there any evidence of the influence of Christ in the boardrooms of our giant corporations! There is “no room” for Jesus in public life.
- 2. No Room In The Schoolhouse.** Christ has been banned from the classroom. It is permissible to speak of Hitler or Napoleon or Stalin or other figures of history who have bathed the world in blood but it is not permitted to speak of the Prince of Peace! The ACLU has repeatedly filed suits to keep Jesus out of the school Christmas pageant. In their view, Karl Marx or Charles Darwin should be made welcome in our classrooms, but not Jesus Christ!
- 3. No Room In Many Churches.** Modern religion is often embarrassed by Christ and His teachings. Liberal churches deny the virgin birth, the resurrection, or the divinity of Christ and feel no loyalty to His standards of morals and ethics. Many churches are more interested in social issues than they are in the atonement.
- 4. No Room In The Lives Of Many Who Claim To Follow Him.** Often there is little evidence of the compassion, mercy, love, and morality of Christ in the lives of His would-be followers. Christ should be more visible in our lives! (Galatians 2:20) Many call themselves Christians but can’t make room in their lives for regular worship attendance, generous giving, Bible study, prayer and Christian service! We live in a world which has veered frighteningly out of control. We are so advanced technologically and scientifically and yet our world is full of loneliness, heartbreak and sin! Is there any wonder...? We have left Christ out of things! Life will always be empty and off course as long as we refuse to make room for Christ.

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### *Birthdays this week:*

Saturday, Jan. 1– Brenda Albritton

Sunday, Jan. 2–Eddie Albritton

Jan. 3 –John Murphy

Jan. 4—Heath Wilson

Thursday Jan. 6—Daniel Milam

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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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At the last business meeting, it was decided that we would return to using plates for communion. We are hoping to resume using communion plates beginning the first Sunday in March, hopefully after the flu season and new virus threat has been reduced. We will continue to have the individual communion packets available for anyone who prefers them.

The church has already sent a \$10,000 check to the Dresden Church of Christ in Dresden, KY for relief from the tornado that devastated that area.

If you would like to make a personal contribution to help them begin to recover, please give your money or check to Tracey, Brian, Chris or one of the elders and we will forward our individual contributions to the Dresden church about mid January.

### Those in Need of Special Prayer

Letsy Everett	Doris Roller
Mattie Gray Bird	Joe Albritton
“Bee” Stewart	“Hoss” Brantley
Pam Denton	Sherry Taylor
Cooter Anderson	Lane Denton
Amie Smith	Bobby Fletcher
Elaine Brantley	Mildred Watkins
Fred Futch	William Wilson
Roxanna Gill	Meade Phelps
Betty Perot	Asa Duty
Cathy Nall	William Colvin
Rita Huffstutter	Richard Farrar
Christy Fine	Donny Ray
Bonnie P. Simpson	Jenny Savage
Eloyce Everett	Savannah Bernard

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### **The Apple of His Eye**

A friend’s baby was suffering seizures, so they sped to the hospital in an ambulance, her heart racing as she prayed for her daughter. Her fierce love for this child hit her afresh as she held her tiny fingers, recalling too how much the Lord loves us and how we are “the apple of His eye”.

The prophet Zechariah employs this phrase in his word to God’s people who had returned to Jerusalem after their captivity in Babylon. He calls them to repent, to rebuild the temple, and to renew their hearts of love for the true God. For the Lord loves His people greatly; they are the apple of His eye.

Hebrew scholars suggest this phrase from Zechariah 2 denotes one’s reflection in the pupil of another’s eye, with the word “apple”emerging because it’s a common spherical object. So with eyes being precious and fragile, they need protecting and that’s how the Lord wants to love and protect His people—by holding them close to His heart.

The Lord who dwells in our midst pours out His love on us—even, amazingly, far more than a loving mother who does all she can for her ailing child. We are the apple of His eye, beloved.

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