

| Those to Serve This Week        |  |
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| 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<br>D. Milam, B. Braxton |
| Song Leader                     | Billy Anderson                                   |
| Greeters                        | Eddie & Pat Albritton                            |
| Nursery<br>(Birth thru 3 years) | Sharon Anderson<br>Casey Fletcher                |
| Wednesday Devo & Invitation     | Joe Preaus (12-23-20)                            |

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| Announcements                   | Jim Rhodes  |
| A.M. Prayer                     | Eddie Albritton   |
| A.M. Closing Prayer             | Dennis Milam  |
| P.M. Prayer                     | Ron Hudoba  |
| P.M. Closing Prayer             | David Duty  |
| Lord's Table                    | * Joe Preaus, D. Dvorshock<br>D. Preaus, J.E. Albritton |
| Song Leader                     | Tracey Brantley   |
| Greeters                        | J.E. & E.J. Albritton                                   |
| Nursery<br>(Birth thru 3 years) | Paula Strickland  |
| Wednesday Devo & Invitation     | Larry White (12-30-20)                                  |

| Schedule of Events  |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| <b>Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> thru Dec. 26<sup>th</sup></b>                   |                 |
| <b>Dec. 20<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. 23<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<br>Tracey Brantley – 368-9106 |                 |
| <b>VBS</b> – Third week in June every year                              |                 |

| The Record Speaks |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Date              | Dec. 13, 2020 |
| Bible Class       | 43            |
| A.M. Worship      | 82            |
| P.M. Worship      | --            |
| Contribution      | --            |
| Date              | Dec. 16, 2020 |
| Wed. Attendance   | 40            |

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Merry Christmas!

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

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*“Let us  
now go even unto  
Bethlehem,  
and see this  
thing which  
is come to  
pass...”*



**Luke 2:15**

### What I Like About Christmas

I like getting the Christmas spirit early, as I always do, right after Thanksgiving. I start thinking of the tree, and how I will decorate the house. Each day I put up some glitter, tinsel and trimming and when the holiday arrives, the house is all aglow.

I like the warm feeling I get when friends, neighbors or relatives drop in for a chat and to bring me a token of love; sometimes a fruitcake, candy, cookies or a picture of my house that a friend had taken. A photo of when the trees were all in their splendor.

I like going to the mailbox and getting cards from friends and relatives from near and far. Some I only hear from at Christmas. The little notes tucked inside mean so much to me. Each day as I reach into my mailbox is like a big surprise. I look forward to this time of day. Some cards bring laughter, and occasionally a tear. Long after the holidays are over and forgotten, I go through all my cards and reread them, enjoying them more at this time, as there is more free time to ponder. As I go through them, I decide to keep the ones that appealed to me the most and to discard the rest, but each year I end up keeping them all until I have a mountain of memories.

I like going shopping in a crowd and sometimes brushing elbows with someone I have never seen before or will never see again. Soon they are lost in the sea of people, never thinking of it again. But later, I wonder what that person might have been like if we could have shaken hands or said hello.

I like seeing little children sitting on Santa's knees trying to convince him they have been good all year, when sometimes they have been little monsters, trying to be extra good in the few days left until Santa comes around. I have always had a great fondness for children, so I take the good, bad and in-between all in their stride, and when I'm conversing with children, I always try to talk their language. All little ones are interesting.

I like Christmas best of all when my little grandchildren come in with their eyes all filled with wonder and excitement, and love seems to abound everywhere. They know at grandma's house, they are always welcome, and they can wheedle her into most anything.

Some people take their tree down the day after Christmas, but I keep mine up until after New Year's, and when I do take it down, a little sadness creeps in as I put the magic away until the next year. And I have to get used to the room's emptiness, like a ring that has lost its stone.

Yes, I know there will be other years and times of gaiety, and I only hope I can always keep the warm feeling that comes only at Christmastime. This is also the celebration of Christ's birth, and He made all these things possible for me.

Yes, I like Christmas holidays the best of all.

*--Copied*

### You Need to Know

#### *Birthdays this week:*

**Wednesday, Dec. 23 – Alyssa Brantley & Lane Denton**

**Thursday, Dec. 24 – Mattie Gray Bird**

**Friday, Dec. 25 – Grant Weatherford**

**Saturday, Dec. 26 – James M. Anderson & Ryan Phelps**

#### *Anniversaries this week:*

**Wednesday, Dec. 23 – Jerry & Jo Ginn**

**Saturday, Dec. 26 – Danny & Brenda Albritton**

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Holidays can be a lonely time for those who have lost loved ones and those who are shut-in. Let's keep them in our prayers, and check on them with a visit, phone call or card.

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.

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#### **Christmas Is...**

It's not having the biggest and best Christmas light display; it's displaying the Christ light that comes from your heart.

It's not Santa coming down the chimney; it's Jesus coming down from heaven, and giving the gift of eternal life.  
*--Unknown*

### 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**

**Nathan Wiens-had a tonsillectomy**

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#### **Little Red Wagon**

It was the day after Christmas at a downtown church in San Francisco. The preacher was out in front looking over the manger scene set up on the front lawn when he noticed the Christ Child figure was missing.

Right on cue, he turned to see a little boy with a red wagon coming down the street and in the wagon was the figure of the infant Jesus. So the preacher walked up to the boy and asked, "Well, young man, where did you pick up your passenger?"

"I got Him here, from the church."

"And why did you take Him?"

The little boy replied, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus, and I told Him if He would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give Him a ride around the block in it."  
*--Copied*

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?*

*If I were a shepherd, I would give Him a lamb.*

*If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,--*

*But what can I give Him?*

*I give Him my heart.*

*--Copied*