

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. First Prayer	Brian Braxton
A.M. Closing Prayer	Chris Cook
P.M. Prayer	Tracey Brantley
P.M. Closing Prayer	John Earl Albritton
Lord's Table	* Justin Preaus, S. Richardson D. Williams, Eddie Albritton
Song Leader	Jim Rhodes
Greeters	Joe & Marilyn Preaus
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	---
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Brian Braxton (12-8-21)

Those to Serve Next Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Ron Hudoba
A.M. Closing Prayer	Dan Preaus
P.M. Prayer	Mike Kerrigan
P.M. Closing Prayer	David Duty
Lord's Table	* Joe Preaus, Russ Brantley J.E. Albritton, D. Williams
Song Leader	Kent Everett
Greeters	Joe & Marilyn Preaus
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	----
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Joe Preaus (12-15-21)

Schedule of Events	
Dec. 5th thru Dec. 11th	
Dec. 5th	9:45 A.M. Bible Class 10:45 A.M. Worship 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
Dec. 8th	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	

The Record Speaks	
Date	November 28, 2021
Bible Class	57
A.M. Worship	108
P.M. Worship	31
Contribution	--
Date	December 1, 2021
Wed. Attendance	70

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And you also
 were included
 in Christ
 when
 you heard
 the word of
 truth.



Ephesians 1:13

Fighting In The Pews

I want to see more fighting in the pews. Have you ever thought about the battles being fought in our pews? If we sleep through the sermon or just let our minds wander, if we pass the time planning lunch or the events of next week, then there are not many battles where we sit. But if we examine ourselves as we listen to a sermon (2 Cor, 13:5), and measure our conduct by God's Word (James 1:22-25), there is a battle within us. When we honestly compare our lives to that Word to see if we measure up to what God would have us to be, most would honestly admit to falling short (Rom.3:23) and therefore struggling to improve in our efforts to be more like Jesus.

Another kind of fight going on in the pew is the individual with a secret/private sin, who doesn't want to give up that part of their life and fully obey God's law. They hope others do not know, and battle their own conscience (Psalm 19:14; 90:8). Although we may not be aware of them I am sure that there are many such silent fights occurring every week.

There is a more open fight that we can see and hear—the training of our young children. Parents have a tremendous responsibility when those wonderful and beautiful babies begin to develop their own personalities (Proverbs 22:6). This is a fight we dare not lose. Busy little hands, minds, and feet. They can now do the things we have spent hours teaching them to do. They talk; they can walk! Now it becomes a power struggle. This is the first step in learning submission. It's a slow yet powerful process, and it is a fight that sometimes determines the course of their lives, and to some extent, ours.

There was a young mother with several small children, who sometimes left one son home because of such a struggle. He later died without obeying the gospel. Upon hearing of her son's death, that mother's cry was, "Oh, what about his soul?"

If children don't learn to obey their parents, how or when will they learn obedience to God? Will they respect any authority later? Can we afford to let this slide by until they are older? Little ones are cute, they have short attention spans, and they often have to "go potty." However, we must succeed in teaching them if we want to develop self-control, respect for authority, and reverence to God. What beautiful people these children become when these qualities are instilled at an age where they become part of the very character of an individual.

Young mothers, don't grow weary, don't lose sight of your goal, and don't give up (Gal.6:9). It's well worth the fight. If you don't do it now when that wonderful bundle of energy is young, when will you do it? When he is six and encounters worldly ways in school? When she is twelve and her acquaintances are smoking or drinking? When they turn sixteen and are tempted to enter into an intimate relationship? Subduing and bringing into obedient subjection is not breaking a child's spirit but directing it into a path that will serve them well all his/her life.

From outer space to the depths of the ocean floor, and all the wonders between, if we are small-town locals or a world-wide adventurer, regardless of our achievements, simple or great, in the end when all these things are stripped away we will eventually stand "naked" before God to be judged (2 Cor. 5:10). At that time, will it not be for our hearts, our self-control, our willing submission to His will, and our obedience to His Word—the same things that began being taught in this fight in the pew—that will determine our eternal destiny? Keep fighting in the pews.

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You Need to Know

Birthdays this week:

Sunday, Dec. 6— Colvin Everett

Wednesday, Dec. 8 –Kyle Phelps & Leslie Read

Thursday, Dec. 9 – Alisan M. Rutland & Gary Savage

Saturday, December 10 – Connie Kerrigan & Xander Bartolome

Anniversary this week:

Thursday, December 9—Johnny & Beverly Hearn

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.

Upcoming Events

We plan to take Christmas baskets to a few of our shut-ins next Wednesday, and sing carols for them. We will not go inside homes, so going will be dependent on the weather. For those who plan to go please be at the building by 5:45. After caroling we will meet back at the building for pizza and fellowship. There will not be any Bible classes that night.

Our annual Church Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 19th after the evening worship service. Please bring finger foods. Please give your preacher gifts to Mary Beth Brantley and Connie Kerrigan.

If you'd like to donate money for Christmas presents for the children we're adopting, please give your donation to Pat Albritton.

Those in Need of Special Prayer

Letsy Everett	Doris Roller
Mattie Gray Bird	Joe Albritton
"Bee" Stewart	"Hoss" Brantley
Ashley Harrison	Pam Denton
Sherry Taylor	Cooter Anderson
Lane Denton	Amie Smith
Bobby Fletcher	Elaine Brantley
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
Mildred Watkins – in ICU in Shreveport	
Carlton & Jodie Silmon	

Be Careful What You Say

In speaking of another's faults,
Pray don't forget your own.
Remember, those in houses of glass,
Should never throw a stone.
If we had nothing else to do,
Than talk of those who sin,
'Tis better we commence at home—
And from that point begin.
We have no right to judge a man,
Until he is fairly tried.
Should we not like his company,
We know the world is wide.
Some have faults and who has not?
The old, also the young;
Perhaps we may, for aught we know;
Have fifty to their one.
Then let us all when we begin,
To slander friend or foe—
Think of the harm one word may do,
To those we little know.
Remember, curses, sometimes like
Our chickens, roost at home;
Don't speak of other's fault,
Until you have none of your own!
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