

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. First Prayer	Justin Preaus
A.M. Closing Prayer	Billy Anderson
P.M. Prayer	Ron Hudoba
P.M. Closing Prayer	Mike Kerrigan
Lord's Table	* E. Albritton, J.E. Albritton T. Brantley, D. Milam
Song Leader	Jim Rhodes
Greeters	J.E. & E.J. Albritton
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Jean Futch
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Dan Preaus (9-15-21)

Those to Serve Next Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Brian Braxton
A.M. Closing Prayer	Dan Preaus
P.M. Prayer	Joe Preaus
P.M. Closing Prayer	Charlie Reeves
Lord's Table	* J. Rhodes, Chris Cook C. Gilbert, W. Hudson
Song Leader	Kent Everett
Greeters	David Duty & J.E. Albritton
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Skylar Read Kaia Read
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Nathan Wiens (9-22-21)

Schedule of Events	
Sept. 12th thru Sept. 18th	
Sept 12th 9:45 A.M.	Bible Class
10:45 A.M.	Worship
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
Sept. 15th 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	September 12, 2021
Bible Class	-
A.M. Worship	-
P.M. Worship	-
Contribution	--
Date	Sept. 15, 2021
Wed. Attendance	-

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*We have the word of
the prophets ...
pay attention to it,
as to a light shining
in a dark place*

2 Peter 1:19



Now Is Not Forever

There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. -- Revelation 21:4

“Think about how good it will feel when it stops hurting,” said my father. I received this advice from Dad often while I was growing up, usually after some minor bump or scrape had resulted in a major dramatic reaction. At the time, the advice didn’t help. I was incapable of focusing on anything other than my pain, and loud wails accompanied by buckets of tears seemed the only appropriate response.

Through the years, however, Dad’s advice has pulled me through some truly miserable situations. Whether it was the pain of a broken heart or the misery of a drawn-out illness, I would remind myself: *Now is not forever.*

The confidence we have as Christians is that God has something good planned for us. Suffering was not part of His original act of creation, but it serves as a temporary reminder of what happens in a world where God’s order has been broken. It also motivates us to spread the word about God’s plan to redeem the world from the suffering caused by sin.

Although we cannot avoid pain and disappointment (John 16:33), we know that it’s only temporary. Some sorrow will be relieved in this life, but all of it will be relieved when God finally and firmly establishes His new heaven and new earth (Rev. 21:1). Now is not forever. *–Copied*

The Greatness of America

Early in the nineteenth century the French statesman, Alexander de Tocqueville, made a study of democracy in our country and wrote as follows...

“I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there.

“I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her fertile fields and boundless forests, and it was not there.

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her rich mines and her vast world commerce, and it was not there.

“I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her public school system and her institutions of learning, and it was not there.

“I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her democratic congress and her matchless constitution, and it was not there.

“Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power.

“America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.” *–Copied*

You Need to Know

Birthdays this week:

Tuesday, September 14 – Rachael Strickland Morgan

Thursday, September 16--Bonita Hutson

Friday, September 17—Debbie Williams

Heart Sisters’ first meeting will be Thursday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. here at the building. Please see Pat Albritton or Roseann Hudoba about Bible study material.

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. We will not meet on the second Sunday of each month due to the men’s business meeting.

Bullets or Seeds

You can offer your ideas to others as bullets or as seeds. You can shoot them, or sow them; hit people in the head with them, or plant them in their hearts.

Ideas used as bullets will kill inspiration and neutralize motivation. Used as seeds, they take root, grow, and become reality in the life in which they are planted.

The only risk in the seed approach: Once it grows and becomes part of those in whom it’s planted, you probably will get no credit for originating the idea. But if you’re willing to do without the credit...you’ll reap a rich harvest.

–Copied

Those in Need of Special Prayer

Letsy Everett
Mattie Gray Bird
“Bee” Stewart
Ashley Harrison
Fennie Perkins
Cooter Anderson
Bobby Fletcher
Fred Futch
Krew Martino
Betty Perot
Cathy Nall
Rita Huffstutter
Meade Phelps
Emily Wilkes Harris
Casey Cranford

Doris Roller
Joe Albritton
“Hoss” Brantley
Pam Denton
Sherry Taylor
Lane Denton
Elaine Brantley
William Wilson
Roxanna Gill
Asa Duty
William Colvin
Richard Farrar
Amie Smith
Bonnie Neese

Old Age—It’s Later Than You Think

It’s later than you think—everything is farther away now than it used to be. It’s twice as far to the corner—and they added a hill. I notice I’ve given up running for the bus—it leaves faster than it used to. It seems to me they are making steps steeper than in the old days and have you noticed the smaller print they use in the newspapers? There is no sense asking anyone to read aloud...everyone speaks in such a low voice I can scarcely hear them. Material in dresses is so skimpy especially around the hips. It’s all but impossible to reach my shoe laces. Even people are changing—they are much younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand, people my age are much older than I. I ran into an old classmate the other day and she had aged so much she didn’t remember me. I got to thinking about the poor thing while I was combing my hair this morning and I glanced in the mirror at my reflection and confound it, they don’t make mirrors like they used to either... *–Copied*