

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. First Prayer	Eddie Albritton
A.M. Closing Prayer	Dan Preaus
P.M. Prayer	David Duty
P.M. Closing Prayer	Dennis Milam
Lord's Table	* B. Braxton, Mike Kerrigan R. Hudoba, W. Hudson
Song Leader	Tracey Brantley
Greeters	Mike & Connie Kerrigan
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Paula Strickland
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	David Williams (8-11-21)

Those to Serve Next Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Justin Preaus
A.M. Closing Prayer	Billy Anderson
P.M. Prayer	Ben Walker
P.M. Closing Prayer	Joe Preaus
Lord's Table	* R. Hudoba, T. Brantley S. Richardson, Russ Brantley
Song Leader	Jim Rhodes
Greeters	Joe & Marilyn Preaus
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Bonita Hutson Deanna Wilson
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Ron Hudoba (8-18-21)

Schedule of Events	
<b>Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> thru Aug. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Aug. 8<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>Aug. 11<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

The Record Speaks	
Date	August 1, 2021
Bible Class	-
A.M. Worship	-
P.M. Worship	-
Contribution	--
Date	August 4, 2021
Wed. Attendance	38

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**Surely this  
is our  
God  
we trusted  
in him, and  
he saved us.**

Isaiah 25:9

### The Day I Couldn't Pray

In November 2015, I learned I needed open-heart surgery. Surprised and a little shaken, I was naturally drawn to think about the possibility of death. Were there relationships I needed to mend? Were there financial matters I needed to attend to for my family? Was there work that could be done ahead of time? And what about work that couldn't wait; who should I hand that off to? It was a time to both act and pray. *Except I couldn't do either.*

My body was so weary and my mind so fatigued that even the simplest of tasks seemed beyond my strength. Perhaps most surprising, when I tried to pray, my thoughts would drift to the discomfort, or the shallow breathing caused by the damaged heart made me fall asleep. It was frustrating. I couldn't work and I couldn't even ask God to let me live so I could spend more time with my family!

The inability to pray troubled me most. But as with all other human needs, the Creator knew this was happening to me. I would eventually recall He made two preparations for such occurrences: the prayer of the Spirit for us when we can't pray (Rom.8:26), and the prayer of others on our behalf (James 5:16; Gal 6:2).

What a comfort it was to know that the Holy Spirit was even then raising my concerns before the Father. What a gift also to hear from friends and family as they prayed for me. Then came another surprise: As my friends and family asked me what to pray for, it became clear that my answers to them were also being heard by God as prayers. What a gift it is in a time of uncertainty to be reminded God hears our heart even when we think we can't call out to Him. *—Copied*

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### Best Friend – Forever

One of the pieces of wisdom I have come to appreciate is my dad's often-repeated statement, "Joe, good friends are one of life's greatest treasures." How true! With good friends, you are never alone. They're attentive to your needs and gladly share life's joys and burdens.

Before Jesus came to earth, only two individuals were called friends of God. The Lord spoke to Moses "as one speaks to a friend" (Ex. 33:11), and Abraham "was called God's friend" (James 2:23).

I am amazed that Jesus calls those of us who belong to Him friends: "I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you" (John 15:15). And His friendship is so deep that He laid down His life for us. John says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (v. 13).

What a privilege and blessing to have Jesus as our friend! He is a friend who will never leave us or forsake us. He intercedes for us before the Father and supplies all our needs. He forgives all our sins, understands all our sorrows, and gives us sufficient grace in times of trouble. He is indeed our best friend! *—Copied*

### You Need to Know

#### Birthdays this week:

Tuesday, August 10 – Conner Craig

Friday, August 13 – Calvin Walker

#### Anniversary this week:

Tuesday, August 10 – Eddie & Pat Albritton

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Please continue to pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones. The Covid 19 virus has caused so much sickness, death, and heartache in this world. There is no one who has not been affected in some way. But God still answers prayer, and although it seems that Satan is running rampant, we have to remember that God is, and always will be, in control.

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### Sodium

Sodium is an extremely active element found naturally only in combined form; it always links itself to another element. Chlorine, on the other hand, is the poisonous gas that gives bleach its offensive odor. When sodium and chlorine are combined, the result is sodium chloride—common table salt—a substance to preserve meat and brings out its flavor.

Love and truth can be like sodium and chloride. Love without truth is flighty, sometimes blind, willing to combine with various doctrines. On the other hand, truth by itself can be offensive. Spoken without love, it can turn people away from the gospel.

When faith and love are combined in an individual or a church, however, then we have what Jesus called "the salt of the earth," and we're able to preserve and bring out the beauty of our faith.

*—Copied*

### Those in Need of Special Prayer

Letsy Everett  
Mattie Gray Bird  
"Bee" Stewart  
Justin Albritton  
Fennie Perkins  
Cooter Anderson  
Bobby Fletcher  
Ben Nivens  
Krew Martino  
Betty Perot  
Cathy Nall  
Rita Huffstutter  
Ashley Harrison  
William Wilson  
Brenda Albritton

Doris Roller  
Joe Albritton  
"Hoss" Brantley  
Pam Denton  
Sherry Taylor  
Lane Denton  
Elaine Brantley  
Fred Futch  
Roxanna Gill  
Asa Duty  
William Colvin  
Richard Farrar  
Meade Phelps  
Lane Denton

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### A Friend In Need

My six-year-old son, Willie, was thrilled when the tooth fairy left him a dollar.

In the morning, as Willie got ready for school, he tucked the bill in his pocket. Afraid he might lose it, I suggested he leave the money at home.

"Mom, I have to take it with me," Willie insisted. "Some of my friends don't have enough money to buy chocolate milk."

Those kids sure have a terrific friend. And Willie has one proud mom. *—Copied*

*The greatest service one can perform is to be a friend to someone. Friendship is not only doing something for someone, but it is caring for someone, which is what every person needs.*

*--Copied*

*When you're with someone you trust in, never needing to pretend, someone who helps you know yourself...you know you're with a friend.*

*--Copied*

*If we had all the riches that we could ever spend, it could never buy the treasures the heart finds in a friend.*

*--Copied*