

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. First Prayer	Dan Preaus
A.M. Closing Prayer	Dennis Milam
P.M. Prayer	Ben Walker
P.M. Closing Prayer	Mike Kerrigan
Lord's Table	* E. Albritton, J.E. Albritton D. Williams, K. Everett
Song Leader	Billy Anderson
Greeters	David Duty
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Sharon Anderson Casey Fletcher
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Jim Rhodes (4-14-21)

Those to Serve Next Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Closing Prayer	Billy Anderson
P.M. Prayer	Brian Braxton
P.M. Closing Prayer	Chris Cook
Lord's Table	* Justin Preaus, R. Hudoba S. Richardson, K. Everett
Song Leader	Tracey Brantley
Greeters	Mike & Connie Kerrigan
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Paula Strickland
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Tracey Brantley (4-21-21)

Schedule of Events	
Apr. 11th thru Apr. 17th	
Apr. 11th 9:45 A.M. Bible Class	
10:45 A.M. Worship	
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship	
Apr. 14th 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	Apr. 4, 2021
Bible Class	70
A.M. Worship	133
P.M. Worship	22
Contribution	--
Date	Apr. 7, 2021
Wed. Attendance	34

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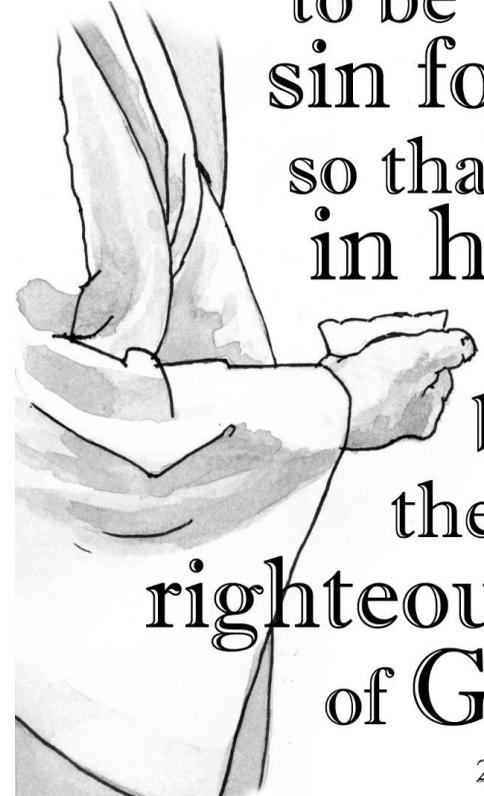
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God made him
who had no sin
to be
sin for us,
so that
in him we
might
become
the
righteousness
of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Bring Them!

Is it really worth all the trouble? Bringing young children to worship services is often a “struggle.” And that’s putting it mildly. You find that you cannot concentrate on the sermon, the songs, or the prayers. And after an hour of trying to maintain law and order on the pew, you are completely exhausted and you haven’t the energy nor the desire to stay afterwards for the fellowship. Sometimes you want to say “forget it! I’ll come back to services when the kids are old enough to sit still!”

But that is a big mistake! If your children aren’t brought to church, how will they ever learn to love and reverence the Lord? Can you bring your children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4) and not bring them to worship? “Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Training your children to come to worship regularly, and to sit quietly, reverently, and attentively, will set a pattern that will last a lifetime. Don’t ever worry about those small disturbances your child may sometimes cause during worship. That is nothing compared to the heart-breaking disturbances brought about by keeping them away.

Bring your children to worship!

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Shade Trees

Depending on your skill or interest in gardening, you may prefer any number of things in terms of landscaping. You may want your front yard to be as maintenance free as possible—no pruning bushes or pulling weeds for you. Or perhaps you enjoy an extravagant array of plants and truly delight in the work involved. Either way, one essential for any yard is a good shade tree.

The perfect shade tree is old and solid. It needs to be strong enough to hold tire swings and climbing kids and have lots of leaves to shield you from the heat of the day. This mixture of greatness and grace creates the perfect shade tree.

Scripture describes David in much the same way; a mixture of greatness and grace. He was known for his giftedness at playing the harp, an instrument that required gentleness. Yet, he was also known as a man of war, which required strength and courage. It was the combination of these attributes that made David the man after God’s own heart. He was created to be a warrior and a musician.

As believers, we are to live a similar life. There are times when it is necessary to be bold and speak the truth, and there are times when we are to be gentle and extend grace. It’s vital that we seek God’s will to know the proper response for each situation. When those around us are weary and worn, we can be a source of shelter and shade.

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You Need to Know

Birthdays this week:

Sunday, Apr. 11 – Chloe Gates

Friday, Apr. 16 – Annalisa Preaus & Emilee Blake

Saturday, Apr. 17 – Jamie Futch & Lauren Futch

There will be a men’s business meeting tonight following the worship service.

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe.

She had a lot of children but she knew what to do.

The old shoe is empty— Not a lad nor a lass—

For it’s now Sunday morning And they’re in Bible Class.

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As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home every day.

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.

The most important things in your home are the people.

Laugh every day. It’s like inner jogging.

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Those in Need of Special Prayer

**Yyvern Taylor
Mattie Gray Bird
“Bee” Stewart
Letsy Everett
Steve Brantley
Morgan Preaus
Pam Holloway
Elaine Brantley
Caden Wilson
Krew Martino
Betty Perot
Cathy Nall
Misti Walker**

**Doris Roller
Joe Albritton
“Hoss” Brantley
Pam Denton
Sherry Taylor
Cooter Anderson
Bobby Fletcher
Donald Reeves
Ben Nivens
Roxanna Gill
Asa Duty
Lorraine McDaniel
Tracey Brantley**

The Little Things

A news item reported that many trials could not be held in Salonika, Greece, because mice had devoured files in the civil court archives.

It called to mind a novel, *Quiet Street*, by Ossorgin. Skillfully the writer depicted generation after generation of mice in a certain home, gnawing away at the joists, until one day the floor caved in. Until then life had gone on as if nothing were happening. No one seemed aware of the rodents at work.

What a telling parable this is of our lives! Unless our ears are opened to the Lord; unless our eyes see beyond the obvious; unless we seek grace to discern the things that are eternal; WHAM! Our house caves in!

What could be the “little mice” in your life? Could they be frittering away your time on nonessentials? Could they be anxieties that you haven’t turned over to the Lord? Could they be “harmless” indulgences of the flesh that seem to be so inconsequential?

The way to defeat the mice is to build on the Solid Rock. And in this building, little things are very important. Little deeds of kindness, a passing encouraging word, a cup of cold water in His name. Little things can destroy, but little things can also build.

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