

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. First Prayer	Billy Anderson
A.M. Closing Prayer	Justin Preaus
P.M. Prayer	David Duty
P.M. Closing Prayer	Eddie Albritton
Lord's Table	* R. Hudoba, M. Kerrigan A. Eldridge, K. Everett
Song Leader	Tracey Brantley
Greeters	J.E. & E.J. Albritton
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	---
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Ben Walker (12-29-21)

Those to Serve Next Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	David Williams
A.M. Closing Prayer	Kent Everett
P.M. Prayer	Mike Kerrigan
P.M. Closing Prayer	Charlie Reeves
Lord's Table	* B. Braxton, S. Richardson J.E. Albritton, E. Albritton
Song Leader	Jim Rhodes
Greeters	David Duty & Dan Preaus
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	----
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	David Williams (1-5-22)

<u>Schedule of Events</u>	
Dec. 26th thru Jan.1st	
Dec. 26th 45 A.M.	Bible Class
10:45 A.M.	Worship
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
Dec. 29th 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	December 26, 2021
Bible Class	56
A.M. Worship	90
P.M. Worship	57
Contribution	--
Date	December 22, 2021
Wed. Attendance	45

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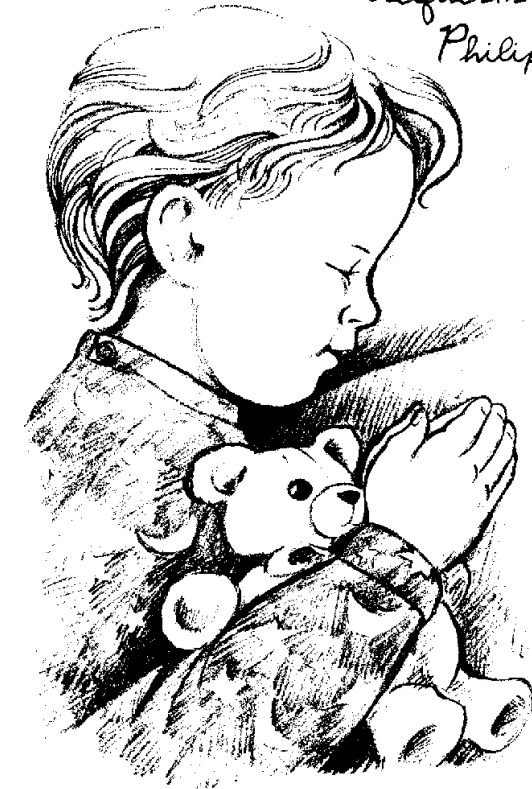
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*do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer ...
with thanksgiving present your
requests to God.
Philippians 4:6*



Old Photographs

If you're like me, you probably have an unspoken understanding with your siblings when it comes to old photographs. No one ever needs to see that picture of you with the bad perm, and no one ever needs to know that your brother loved to rock a stonewashed jean jacket back in the day.

Nothing makes a person cringe more than when the old photo album is hauled out in front of company. In that seemingly innocent stack of pages is photographic evidence of every fashion faux pas you've ever make. Each picture is covered in a plastic sleeve so that you're adolescent awkwardness can be preserved for the enjoyment of future generations. There are some things that you'd just rather forget.

Over and over in Scripture, however, we are told to remember. The Lord wants us to periodically review the past and recall all His deeds. The Israelites were instructed on several occasions to remember the struggles that the Lord had brought them through and to tell those stories to future generations. It wasn't just the good stuff that they were remembering either. In order to tell of the Lord's goodness, they had to recall their own failings as well.

The fact is that we must remember the good with the bad. Together they make up the story of God's grace in our lives. It can be tempting to tell only the stuff that we're proud of or to show only the picture of us at our best. But that wouldn't be an accurate portrayal of our faith journey; and it would discourage those walking the same road. By sharing the good with the bad, we allow others to witness the power of God's grace in our lives. *-Copied*

Happy New Year!

The old one is behind us Forever! Some things God gives often, but He gives time only once. The flowers of spring return again and again. The trees burst into a new foliage year after year. But time does not come twice to anyone.

We enter the new year with high hopes. Every new year holds a brighter hope than the last, and we are ever ready to shake off bad habits and to give life a new start and a new effort.

So our first resolution is to keep our thoughts working for us. No person is better, bigger or stronger than his or her thoughts.

Second, let us be grateful for the many blessings of last year. We are not worthy of more if we are ungrateful for what we have.

Third, may we determine to be sympathetic toward all less fortunate persons than ourselves. Having a heart is a big accomplishment.

Fourth, let us resolve to place the best reasonable construction on the words and deeds of others.

Fifth, let us build life on the good foundation of loving God and our fellowmen. --Copied

You Need to Know

Birthdays this week:

Sunday, Dec. 26– James M. Anderson & Ryan Phelps

Monday, Dec. 24–Eddye Jo Albritton

Wednesday, Dec. 29 –Tiffany Albritton

Anniversaries this week:

Sunday, Dec. 26—Danny & Brenda Albritton

Wednesday, Dec. 29 – Joe & Marilyn Preaus

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.

At the last business meeting, it was decided that we would return to using plates for communion. We are hoping to resume using communion plates beginning the first Sunday in March, hopefully after the flu season and new virus threat has been reduced. We will continue to have the individual communion packets available for anyone who prefers them.

The church has already sent a \$10,000 check to the Dresden Church of Christ in Dresden, KY for relief from the tornado that devastated that area.

If you would like to make a personal contribution to help them begin to recover, please give your money or check to Tracey, Brian, Chris or one of the elders and we will forward our individual contributions to the Dresden church in about 3 weeks.

Those in Need of Special Prayer

Letsy Everett
Mattie Gray Bird
"Bee" Stewart
Ashley Harrison
Sherry Taylor
Lane Denton
Bobby Fletcher
Fred Futch
Roxanna Gill
Betty Perot
Cathy Nall
Rita Huffstutter
Christy Fine
Bonnie P. Simpson
Eloyce Everett
Mildred Watkins

Doris Roller
Joe Albritton
"Hoss" Brantley
Pam Denton
Cooter Anderson
Amie Smith
Elaine Brantley
William Wilson
Meade Phelps
Asa Duty
William Colvin
Richard Farrar
Donny Ray
Jenny Savage
Savannah Bernard

More Faith and Less Worry

I remember seeing my grandmother in her old rocking chair, and I can still hear the profound bits of philosophy she shared with me as she rocked, slowly, thoughtfully. One was "Worry is like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere."

There is a world of difference between worry and concern. A worried person frets over a problem even if it's not there, while the concerned person calmly solves problems. The worried person crosses rivers before he reaches them, and if there isn't one to cross, he makes one; but the concerned person goes ahead and when he gets to a river, detours or swims it or takes a ferry or builds a bridge.

Worry is the payment of a debt before it's due, a debt which in most cases never comes due. Most of our worries are over troubles that never happen. Life requires thought, planning, arrangement, rearrangement, adjustment, readjustment. But we can do it without worrying about.

Faith in God's care prevents fretful anxiety. Worry can't get started if we believe that everything will work out all right, some way, somehow. *--Copied*