

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Brian Braxton
A.M. Closing Prayer	Dennis Milam
P.M. Prayer	J.E. Albritton
P.M. Closing Prayer	Brian Braxton
Lord's Table	* Joe Preaus, B. Anderson K. Everett, Chris Cook
Song Leader	Tracey Brantley
Greeters	Eddie & Pat Albritton
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Nora Nunnery
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Ben Walker (1-27-21)

Those to Serve Next Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Eddie Albritton
A.M. Closing Prayer	Dan Preaus
P.M. Prayer	Ron Hudoba
P.M. Closing Prayer	Joe Preaus
Lord's Table	* Justin Preaus, M. Kerrigan B. Braxton, D. Dvorshock
Song Leader	Jim Rhodes
Greeters	Mike & Connie Kerrigan
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Jean Futch
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Jim Rhodes (2-3-21)

Schedule of Events	
<b>Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> thru Jan. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Jan. 24<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>Jan. 27<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	Jan. 17, 2021
Bible Class	34
A.M. Worship	59
P.M. Worship	--
Contribution	--
Date	Jan. 20, 2021
Wed. Attendance	43

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*And now abide faith,  
hope, love, these three; but  
the greatest of these is love.  
1 Corinthians 13:13*

### Elders

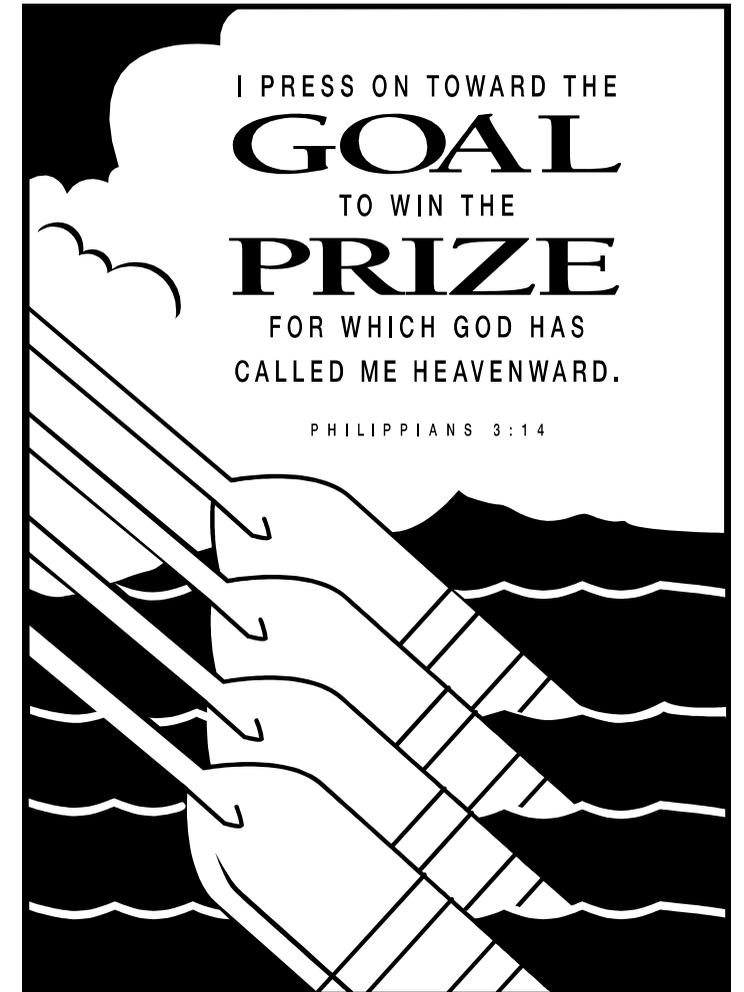
Eddie Albritton-680-8585  
Ron Hudoba-614-0950  
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### Our Eyes On The Goal

The other night I watched a television drama called “See How She Runs.” The story concerned a 40-year-old divorced teacher from Boston who decided to become a jogger and eventually entered the 26-mile Boston Marathon. To finish the race became her goal, and in spite of being harassed, jeered at and assaulted, she did not lose sight of it.

The day of the race came and she faced her ultimate test. As she ran, huge blisters developed on her feet. She was also hit and injured by a bicycle. And several miles short of the finish line found her utterly exhausted. Yet she kept going. Then, within a few hundred yards of the finish line, late at night when most other runners had either finished or dropped out, she fell and lay flat on her face, too tired to raise her head. But her friends had put up a crude tape across the finish line and began to cheer her on. She lifted her head with great effort, saw the tape, and realized her goal was within sight. With a supreme effort she got up on her bruised and bleeding feet, and in a burst of energy dredged up from deep inside her courageous heart, she ran the last few yards.

She had kept her eyes on the goal and for the joy of finishing, she endured. We are to do what our example, Christ, did on earth. He kept looking at the goal, not the going. He was seeing the prize, not the process, the treasure, not the trial; the joy, not the journey. And we must do the same!  
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*Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14*

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith... 2 Timothy 4:7*

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### If You Run With The Goats

When our son Paul was a little boy, he had some friends. One of them lived on a little acreage where the happy children could play in the great outdoors. Another special attraction this friend had was some goats and a little wagon for the goats to pull.

There were times when the goats chose to be unruly and butted the children off their feet, but each time those two boys got back up. What a lesson! Life has its blows, jolts, and kicks that flatten us; but as long as we can get back up, we’re still in the struggle and still in reach of victory.

One day Paul came home smelling like a goat, and that’s *not* a savory odor. I said, “Son, if you *run* with the goats you’ll *smell* like a goat.” He was too young then to comprehend the full import of what I’d said, but later he learned and heeded the message. Now, with two sons of his own, he understands even more fully the power of association and influence.

Jesus truly wants us to learn this lesson on influence. I know He does. For He told us what a little leaven could do to three measures of meal (Matt. 13:33). Since we’re all creatures of influence, we’ll find protection and elevation in associating with righteous, honorable people.  
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### You Need to Know

#### Birthdays this week:

Tuesday, Jan. 26 – Baileigh Williams, Kristin Bryan & Nicholas White

Thursday, Jan. 28 – Matt Bird & Tommie Andrews

Saturday, Jan. 30 – Wes Chapman

#### Anniversaries this week:

Monday, Jan. 25 – James & Tina Fuller

Saturday, Jan. 30 – Heath & Deanna Wilson

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Tommie Andrews will be going to her nephew’s home for a few weeks. If you would like to contact her while she is away, this is the address and phone numbers:  
7969 Sunset Lane  
Mooringsport, LA 71060

Tommie’s – 318-608-4298  
David Rowe – 318-294-2412  
Donna Rowe – 318-294-2407

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At the moment your pain began, God heard your cry and began to respond. But you must stay alert, or you may mistake the work of the divine healer for mere coincidence.

A knock on your door by a friend, a letter from a loved one, a call from a concerned neighbor, an encouraging word from a family member – all of these are so much more than mere touches of human kindness. In reality, they are gifts of God.

He knows what you’re going through. He’s intimately familiar with pain. He suffered loss, rejection, and crushing cruelty through the life and death of His only Son. God’s compassion is like an endless stream that brings renewal to His beloved children. As you yield yourself to His will, He will work his divine providence to heal your broken heart.  
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### Those in Need of Special Prayer

Yyvern Taylor  
Elta Knight  
“Bee” Stewart  
Eloyce Everett  
Pam Denton  
Sherry Taylor  
Cooter Anderson  
Pam Holloway  
Elaine Brantley  
Caden Wilson  
Krew Martino  
Betty Perot  
Betty Swarers  
Lorraine McDaniel  
Asa Duty  
Misti Walker  
Gary Tucker  
Tex Nolan

Doris Roller  
Joe Albritton  
“Hoss” Brantley  
Letsy Everett  
Steve Brantley  
Morgan Preaus  
Cindy Lanham  
Bobby Fletcher  
Betty Reese  
Ben Nivens  
Roxanna Gill  
Patsy Williams  
Laiken Heard  
Mattie Gray Bird  
Calvin Miller  
Donald Reeves  
Pat & Eddie Albritton

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### Burdens

Dear Lord, I realize I need Your help more than ever. Life is too tough for me to handle. Lead me to people who can help. At times I am so distraught I can’t even pray. Yet Your Holy Spirit knows my heart. I know You are lifting my needs to my Heavenly Father in words that can never be expressed by any human. I take comfort in that.

Let me give my burdens all to You, my Lord. I must let You carry them for me. Most of all, help me be willing not to take them back.

I know You watch over me and will help me through this. I put my trust in You. I won’t depend on my own understanding. I purpose to acknowledge You in every way and be alert to Your direction. Let me not worry. Help me do my best to solve each problem as it comes along and pray about everything, large and small. Here are my anxieties and my problems. I thank You for Your answers, given according to Your will. You know my needs before I ask. -- Copied