

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Eddie Albritton
A.M. Closing Prayer	Dennis Milam
P.M. Prayer	Ron Hudoba
P.M. Closing Prayer	David Duty
Lord's Table	* Joe Preaus, D. Dvorshock D. Preaus, J.E. Albritton
Song Leader	Tracey Brantley
Greeters	J.E. & E.J. Albritton
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Paula Strickland
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Larry White (12-30-20)

Those to Serve Next Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Ron Hudoba
A.M. Closing Prayer	Brian Braxton
P.M. Prayer	David Duty
P.M. Closing Prayer	Joe Preaus
Lord's Table	* E. Albritton, M. Kerrigan D. Milam, D. Williams
Song Leader	Jim Rhodes
Greeters	Joe & Marilyn Preaus
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Bonita Hutson Deanna Wilson
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Eddie Albritton (1-6-21)

The Record Speaks	
Date	Dec. 20, 2020
Bible Class	44
A.M. Worship	65
P.M. Worship	--
Contribution	--
Date	Dec. 23, 2020
Wed. Attendance	42

Schedule of Events	
<b>Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> thru Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	
<b>Dec. 27<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>Dec. 30<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	

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

### Elders

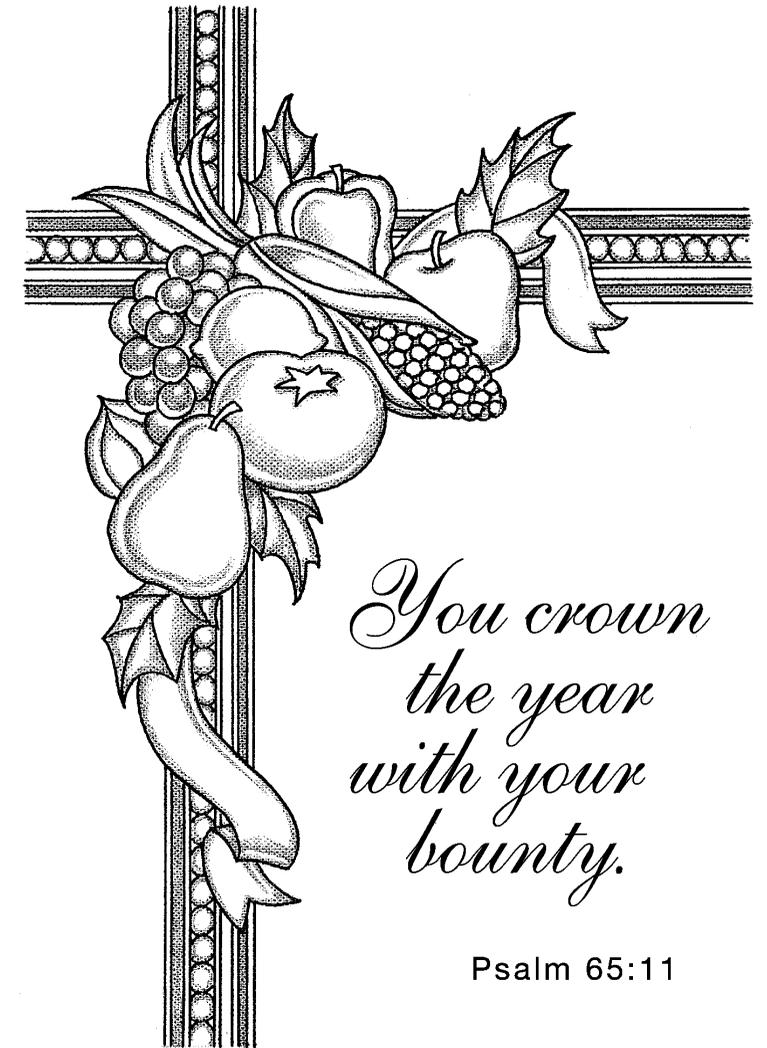
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*You crown  
 the year  
 with your  
 bounty.*

Psalm 65:11

### Rain Puddles

Kids are drawn to rain puddles. Something about a pool of water, no matter how small, seems to beckon little feet to play. As adults, though, most of us will attempt to navigate around the puddles. We will walk out of our way to avoid getting our shoes wet. Perhaps we'll even choose to stay on the porch and avoid the rain altogether. Children, however, march bravely right through.

Life can be a lot like a driveway after a heavy rain. There will be potholes and puddles. And chances are, no matter how hard we try, our feet will get wet. We have options, of course. We can stand on the porch and not venture out at all for fear of ruining our shoes. We can walk, timidly and slowly, down the drive in an attempt to stay dry. Or we can learn a little something from children.

We can kick off our shoes and run boldly down the driveway, choosing not to be afraid because God didn't create us to live that way. We can accept the fact that there will be puddles that we can avoid and some we cannot. And we may be surprised to discover that some puddles, which we thought were obstacles, were actually gifts.

God didn't create us to sit on the porch forever. Sure, it's safe and dry. Sometimes, however, He calls us to run down the driveway. He asks us to march bravely through the puddles. No child ever regretted splashing in a rain puddle, and no Christ follower ever regretted a life spent boldly following Him.

*I have spent too much time, Lord, being timid. Fear has caused me to miss out on the joy of being used by You. Thank you for the reminder that fear never comes from You. Teach me the beauty of boldness.*  
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### Attitudes That Change Your Life

This year, think first of someone else. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Gladden the heart of a child. Welcome a stranger. Thank God for what you are and what you have, whether it be great or small. Mend a quarrel. Give a soft answer. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Apologize if you were wrong. Listen. Try to understand. Examine your demands on others. Appreciate. Be kind. Be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve a confidence. Express your gratitude to others. Pray for peace. Go to church. Love completely. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it once again. These are but inklings of a vast category, a mere scratching of the surface. They are simple things; you have heard them all before; but their influence has never been measured. This year, they can change your life.

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### You Need to Know

#### Birthdays this week:

Sunday, Dec. 27 – Eddy Jo Albritton

Tuesday, Dec. 29 – Tiffany Albritton

Thursday, Dec. 31 – Caden Strother

Friday, Jan. 1 – Brenda Albritton

Saturday, Jan. 2 – Eddie Albritton

#### Anniversary this week:

Tuesday, Dec. 29 – Joe & Marilyn Preaus

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*To our dear family in Christ in Farmerville:*

*We thank God for each of you and love you dearly!!*

*We care so much for Christ's body—our dear Christian family in Farmerville, and you have always shown **such generous love and concern for us** as you did again last Sunday.*

*Thank you for being such an important part of our lives and ministry. Please know that there is always a very special place in our hearts and prayers for you and that our gratitude is often expressed to our heavenly Father for you.*

*Thank you for being such willing, loyal and loving co-workers, brothers and sisters, and dear friends.*

*We wish for each of you a wonderful, healthy and joyful New Year! We love you and thank you for the special gift that you so generously gave to us. We are ever undeserving and forever grateful for your love.*

*May God's blessing abound in you and your family is our petition to our heavenly Father.*

*With our love and prayers for each of you,  
Larry and Judy*

### 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

Nathan Wiens

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

Wanda Stewart

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#### Changes In Our Lives

We have lived by him twenty-six years. He has always worked so hard, plowing and farming from dawn to dusk. My heart ached for him as I looked out the window and saw him plowing the day after his wife's funeral. “My eyes are not what they used to be,” he said to me one day, “but at eighty-five I can still work as hard as ever!” His life is changing rapidly now, and he is having to make many adjustments.

Our lives change and circumstances change. Someone has said that it is not what life does to you that counts; it is how you react to it. We do have the choice of our response. And, like my neighbor, we can find something positive in every situation.

There is someone who never changes. He left us His Word. It will never pass away. Jesus not only gave us a blueprint for our lives here, but a plan that enables us to live forever with Him in glory. We shall all be “changed” in the twinkling of an eye!  
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*Our worship services are being livestreamed to the fellowship room if you are unable to find distanced seating in the auditorium. There are communion items, and you are welcome to participate in the worship service from there.*