

Those to Serve

January 20

January 27

Morning Worship

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Opening Prayer **Von Knight**
Song Leader **Gary Adams**

Opening Prayer **Brian Pack**
Song Leader **Kevin Odom**

Communion

Communion

Presiding: **Chris Lindelof**
Jeremy Brown **Gheath Alatrash**
Lynn Adams **Pete Griffith**
Dwight Ramsey **Ross Genaro**

Presiding: **David Blair**
Mike Turner **Kevin Scarsdale**
Bob Williams **Chuck Huckabee**
Phil Godwin **Josh Hamilton**

Closing Prayer **Claude Anderson**

Closing Prayer **Neil Barnhill**

Nursery

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Amanda Parsons **Michelle Griffith**

Laurie Huckabee **Angela Parker**

Evening Worship

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Opening Prayer **Paul Hamilton**
Song Leader **Mike Turner**
Communion **K. Odom & C. Huckabee**
Closing Prayer **Eddie Ray**
Nursery **Debbie Brown**

Opening Prayer **Claude Anderson**
Song Leader **Dwight Ramsey**
Communion **E. Ray & B. Westmoreland**
Closing Prayer **David Smith**
Nursery **Jalyn Wick**

Both Services

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Ushers (*indicates head usher)

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* **Kevin Odom, Charles Huckabee, Eugene Priestley, Kevin Ford, Anthony Sandoval**

* **Eddie Ray, Bill Westmoreland, Rick Stone, Brent Lindelof, James Taylor**

Announcements **Ryan Parsons**

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Video Camera **Josh Hamilton**

Video Camera **Elijah Sandoval**

Welcomers

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David & Brenda Blair
Neil & Fran Barnhill

Clifford & Nina Layton
Chris & Ginny Lindelof

Building Lock Up **Clifford Layton**

Building Lock Up **D. C. Brown**

Wednesday 1/16

Wednesday 1/23

Song Leader **Dwight Ramsey**
Opening Prayer **David Smith**
Closing Prayer **Tex Greene**
Devotional **Greg Fabian**

Song Leader **Kyle Huckabee**
Opening Prayer **Clifford Layton**
Closing Prayer **Gary Adams**
Devotional **Kevin Odom**

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Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Class.....7 pm

Wednesday Bible Study...7 pm

ELDERS

Gary Adams 281-485-2436
Greg Fabian 281-485-2436
Von Knight 281-485-2436
Clifford Layton 281-485-2436

DEACONS

David Blair – Building & Grounds
Chuck Huckabee – Finances
Chris Lindelof—Benevolence
Kevin Odom – I.T.
Eddie Ray – Education & Missions
Mike Turner—Worship Services

MINISTERS

D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister
Ryan Parsons Youth & Family Minister
Paul Tiohanon Evangelist
Save, Benin West Africa

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Nicodemus, “the teacher of Israel” (John 3:10) heard some of the most gracious words ever uttered by the Lord. It was Nicodemus who first heard the divine plan for acquiring citizenship into the kingdom of God. With great patience Jesus told him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God” (John 3:5). It was Nicodemus who first heard that the Son of Man must be lifted up (John 3:14), and that for the salvation of a world of dying men (3:14-16). It was to Nicodemus that Jesus first explained the divine reasons for coming to earth, and more to the point, why He wasn’t sent.

Jesus told him, ¹⁷ “For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸ He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.” (John 3:17-21)

Nicodemus would have loved the notion of a Messiah/Warrior! A vengeful Messiah who would exact divine and righteous retribution on a pagan empire that for decades prevented devout Jews from taking full advantage of the Law of Moses was exactly who he was looking for. But a Messiah who wanted to save Israel without military operations and who showed no interest in punitive actions? How could it be? To hear Jesus talk,

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one would conclude that the mission of the Messiah wasn’t so much judgment as it was salvation, but how do you have one without the other? With the Messiah paradigm that Nicodemus used, it wasn’t possible. But then that was the whole point of Jesus’ message wasn’t it? His paradigm was flawed.

In the darkness of the night, Nicodemus talked with the light of the world (John 1:4,9; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46) and learned great lessons about light and darkness. You can’t even appreciate just how lost you are when you’re in the dark. In fact, you find great comfort in ignorance. “What you don’t know can’t hurt you.”

The story is told of a midshipman who had been put down in the hold of a ship as punishment for some infraction of the rules. After having been left in total isolation in the dark hold for quite some time, his superior officer went over to the hatch to see how the seaman was faring. Expecting to find him miserable and sufficiently humbled by the experience, the officer was irritated to hear cheerful whistling on the other side of the hatch. After a few minutes of contemplation, the officer gave orders for a single light bulb to be lowered into the hatch and turned on. Within minutes the seaman began banging on the hatch and was heard begging and pleading for someone to let him out. What changed his attitude from cheerful complacency to terror? Once the light was on he could see the filth and the vermin that was literally surrounding him. Totally aware of his surroundings and his true condition, he couldn’t bear to remain in that condition a minute longer.

It’s what Jesus was telling Nicodemus. Men love darkness rather than light because darkness doesn’t expose the baseness, ugliness, and horror of their evil deeds. But those men who would live righteously, once exposed to the light, can never again be content to live apart from Christ. The only thing that remains is to



YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH



Jr. & Sr. High has been postponed until January 27th.

Camp Hensel applications are in, see Ryan for info and applications.

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH

J.A.M. will be Saturday, February 9th from Noon—2PM.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

This week your Sunday morning lesson will be Joseph Prepares for the Famine Gen. 41: 37—57. Wednesday evening will be Brothers Go to Egypt to Buy Food Gen. 42.



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learn how one lives with Christ. And Jesus had already told him that *"You must be born again"* (John 3:7).

Like Nicodemus, all of us are misinformed, if our instruction and wisdom comes from the world. Our paradigms are wrong. Even the things that give us the most comfort and peace may in fact mask from our view the true realities of a life lived in darkness.

I know, it's not very manly to ask it, but ... Shouldn't you be afraid of the dark?

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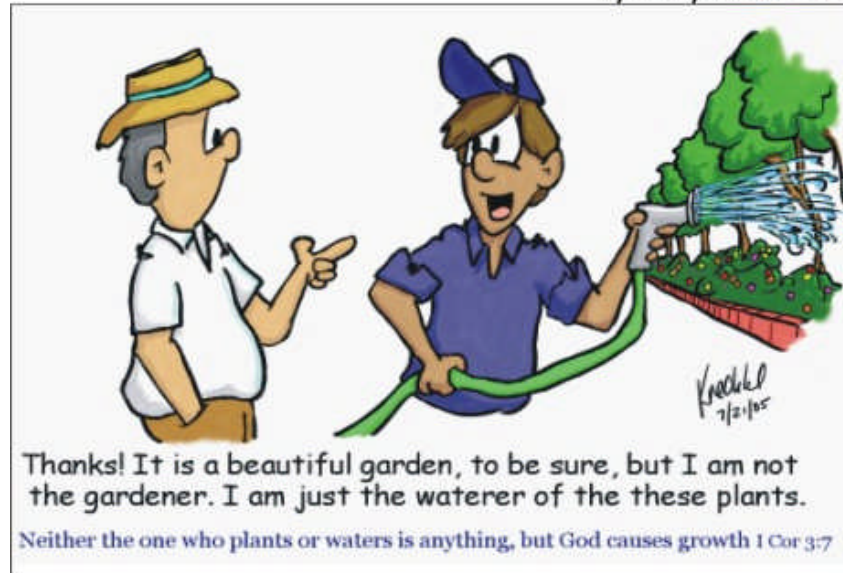
(REPRINT FROM 9-01— D.C. was ill & unable to be in office today.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Greg Fabian** is the contact elder for January. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Greg.
- Volunteers are needed for hosting Jr & Sr High devos. Sign up sheet on Youth bulletin board in foyer.

KARTOON KNUGGETS

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KEPT IN PRAYER

Betty Bazzy is undergoing tests on a growth in her stomach.

Rhonda Stover is in St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan, TX following a triple bypass. This is the mother of the Barnhill's niece.

Cooper Gartrell continues to need prayers for his strength and recovery.

Nina Layton who is still battling her infection.

Nelda Dyes, a sister of Clifford Layton, as she continues to struggle with her health.

In Continuing Need: Our Members: LaRue Case, Dorothy Kirkland, Ed & Wilma Koob, Janice Lemoine, Claudia Martin, Dwight & Andra Ramsey, Elaine Rawlings. **Shut-In:** Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Leonard Dunford, Louise Farmer, Frances Humphries, Rebecca Morgan-

thaler. **Others:** Timothy Anderson, Delta Burner, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, Michael Dykes, Glenda Martin Garner, Ainsley Garza, Mike Green, Bob & Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, Steve Herbert, William Kay, Margaret McKinney, Larry Wayne Martin, Shawna Martin, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Sue Pinch, Clairette Pool, Katy Ramsey, Norma Ray, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Lance Smith, Lavenda Spencer, Brett Statham, Kelly Stein, Kay Taliaferro, Victor Trevino, Alan Walker, Adam Wilson, Elaine Wilson.

So that we might keep our Continuing Needs list current, if you asked for a name to be placed on this list or you have information on someone on this list, please give Laurie an update. We would like to determine if there are any changes that need to be made.

January Birthdays

18	Sheri Ford	20	Bobby Parker
21	Kevin Odom	21	Donald Mickan
25	Ethan Brown	30	Lindsay Parker

February Birthdays

7	Leah Bateman	12	Gary Adams
12	Avery Turner	14	Louise Farmer
15	Rubye Jo Knight	16	Andra Ramsey
21	Candice Dobson	23	Jacob Genaro
27	Gretchen Whitmire		

February Anniversaries

9	John & Joy Sloan	20	Pete & Michelle Griffith
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