

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, January 10

8:00AM	Deacon's Meeting
8:45AM	Youth Handbells
9:30AM	Children's Music
9:45AM	Sunday School
11:00AM	Worship
12:00PM	Youth Choir
5:00PM	Youth

TUESDAY, January 12

5:00PM	Property Committee Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, January 13

5:15PM	Family Night Meal (Hamburger Steak with Rice and Gravy, Steamed Veggies, Dessert)
6:00PM	Bible Study
6:00PM	Youth, RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
6:15PM	Cathedral Bells
7:15PM	Sanctuary Choir

MEMORIALS

General Fund

Kemp Morgan by M/M Bob Sweet

Martin Brewer by M/M Bob Sweet

Dr. Bill Hatley by Don Bennett

Kemp Morgan by Don Bennett

George & Rebecca Pilakel by Pradeep Pilakel

Martin Brewer by M/M Reed Furr

Jim Goins by M/M Reed Furr

Organ Fund

Ed & Geraldine Holbert by Jerry Lou Jones

HONORARIA

General Fund

Betty Mabry by the Service Sunday School Class

FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2016 Flower Calendar is now posted on the bulletin board near the church parlor. Sign-up now for birthdays, anniversaries, surprises, special occasions or just because you have flowers to share from your garden.



Sunday School Attendance	12/20	153
	12/27	119
	01/03	158
Worship Attendance	12/20	232
	12/27	160
	01/03	184
Weekly Budget Requirement		\$10,472.48
Budget Receipts	12/13	\$10,618.78
	12/20	\$8,627.90
	12/27	\$8,961.00
YTD Budget Receipts	11/30	\$498,562.12
YTD Expenses thru	11/30	\$482,732.05
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 12-27)		\$145,869.92
Capital Campaign Commitments		\$278,595.00

WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING

Goal: \$9,000.00

Total Gifts to date (01-03): \$9,022.48

SCCM need for January is toiletries (soap, deodorant, shampoo, personal hygiene, toothpaste, etc.)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS

You can make or update your reservations by calling the church office. This Winter/Spring, there are 20 weeks of meals. A 10% discount will be given to those who wish to prepay for the entire semester.

Here is your *TIE* to



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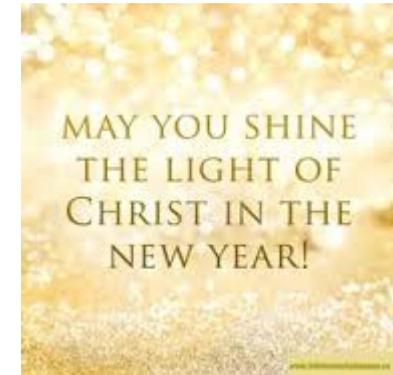
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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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From the Desk of Andy Jung...

Happy New Year! 2015 was a busy year for our church and I look forward to all God has in store for us in 2016! We all have goals we want to accomplish in the new year; some are resolutions, some are hopes and others are dreams. We set these at the beginning of each year hoping the results will be different than years past.

There is nothing wrong with setting goals for ourselves at the beginning of each year. However, it is important that we set the right types of goals. These words by Henri Nouwen are a reminder of what we should avoid:

“Over the years, I have come to realize that the greatest trap in our life is not success, popularity, or power, but self-rejection. Success, popularity, and power can indeed present a great temptation, but their seductive quality often comes from the way they are part of the much larger temptation to self-rejection. When we have come to believe in the voices that call us worthless and unlovable, then success, popularity, and power are easily perceived as attractive solutions. The real trap, however, is self-rejection. As soon as someone accuses me or criticizes me, as soon as I am rejected, left alone, or abandoned, I find myself thinking, "Well, that proves once again that I am a nobody." ... [My dark side says,] I am no good... I deserve to be pushed aside, forgotten, rejected, and abandoned. Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the "Beloved." Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence.”

More than chasing after the things of the world, it is important that we focus on the things that will make us better disciples of Christ. We should try to be a little healthier. We should read our Bibles a little more often. We should spend a little more time with God in prayer. We should spend more time in community with one another. These types of goals are healthy ways to grow as a person and as a follower of Jesus. In 2016, may you be reminded that you are God's beloved over and over again.

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This Sunday, we will begin a new sermon series titled “Who Is This Man?” as we look deeper into the person of Jesus Christ. See you on Sunday! Andy

Deacon of the Week
Ed Thomas January 10 – January 16

Our Church Family

Continual Care: Mildred & Kenneth Archer, Mildred Cooper, Hazel Townsend, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Leroy & Frances Newton, Nancy Jo Harwood, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Christine Snuggs, Ramelle & Herman Faulkner, Helen Lockamy, Dennie Carpenter, Gene Moose, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, Don & Carol Brummitt

PRAYER LIST

David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Tracy Lee, Brendan Hearne, Diane Powell, Clement Hahn, Steve Sasser, Sandy & David Young, Sue Hunsucker, Martha Lowder, Lori Stiller, Lucy Johnson, Chloe Fraley, Bonnie Herring, Buck Hill, Charles Burris, Jackie Harward, Helen Baugess, Bud Morton, Bob Sweet, Todd Williamson, Betty Mabry

SYMPATHY

Christian love and sympathy to Harold Brewer and family in the passing of his father, Martin Brewer.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Justin and Katie Furr on the birth of their son, Landon James, born Wednesday, December 30, 2015. Landon weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and joins big brother, Eli. Proud grand-parents are Jeff and Brinn Smith.

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Winter Bible Study will be on the Sunday evenings of February 14, 21, and 28 from 5-7PM. A light supper will be served.

YOUTH SCHEDULE

January 10 – 5:00PM Youth
January 17 – 5:00PM Youth
January 22-24 – Youth Winter Retreat

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Welcome to 2016!! It's hard to believe that I have been here full time now for 6 months. The time has really flown by. I want to again thank the church for this opportunity to serve. In Matthew 19:14 Jesus stresses the importance of children when he says, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” With this in mind, we have refocused on our Children's and Student Ministries. We are beginning the Sticky Faith process with our youth. We are updating our children's area and we are in the planning stages of many more opportunities for our church families. Because of this, our numbers are growing and great things are happening in these ministries. With all that is happening, we want you to be involved too. I invite you as the church community to begin thinking and praying about where you can get plugged-in to this excitement. There will be many opportunities over the next year for people to get involved. The more we invest in each other, the stronger our church family becomes. This allows us in turn to be a force for Christ in the community around us. Please join me in this exciting process. Michael

Wednesday Night Study

Beginning Wednesday, January 6th, at 6pm, we will take a deeper look into the Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32) through the words of Henri Nouwen in his book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. For three weeks, we will dig into the story from the perspective of the prodigal son, the elder brother and the father. Come join us as we look to see how we fit into all three characters of Christ's teaching.