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December 14, 2014

Today:

“Christianity: Is It Just Another World Religion?”

Winterfest Meeting immediately following worship service for all those attending and/or parents of those attending.

Tuesday:

Sr. Citizen Christmas lunch at the home of Ted & Phyllis Haynes – 11AM. Van will leave the church at 10:30AM for anyone needing a ride.

Wednesday:

Deadline to bring in Christmas gifts for children from the “Giving Tree”

Contact Elder for December –
Elton Carter 256-493-6120

Order of Worship

Song Leader: Shane Champion

***Call to Worship by the Elders – Fred Denney
Prayer - David Pugh***

Song #587: Sing and Be Happy (1,3)

Song #544: Without Him (1,2)

Scripture Reading: Avery Pressley

John 14:6 & Acts 4:12

Song #47: Holy, Holy, Holy (1,4)

Song #313: The Old Rugged Cross (1,3)

Communion & Offering

Song #898: Paradise Valley (1,3)

Children dismiss to Children’s Bible Hour

Message: John Ross

Song #943: Do You Know My Jesus (1,3)

Announcements

Song #991: This Is My Father’s World (1)

Prayer - Bobby Phillips

Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith, as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Straight Lines With Crooked Sticks



There is a medieval saying you may have heard: *"God draws straight lines with crooked sticks."* Have you noticed how candid the Bible is about its heroes? It doesn't whitewash the flaws and weaknesses of its characters. For instance, Abraham is not only the father of all believers, but the scared rabbit who puts his wife in jeopardy to save his neck. King David is not only the man after God's heart, but the adulterer who lies and kills a man to try to keep the affair from being exposed.

So how can these people be "saints" and "examples" to the rest of us? How are we supposed to find hope and encouragement from reading their stories? That question isn't too hard to answer.

For one thing, those stories in the Bible are about real people. And real people have weaknesses as well as strengths, bad days as well as good ones.

For another, God knows everything and lies about nothing. So the Bible doesn't tell half-truths or gloss over human frailty.

Finally, the full story gets told so you and I will understand that God is willing and eager to accept and include us too.

The purposes of God in this world are seen through the eyes of people who have clay in their feet. Always have been. Always will be.

We've all met people who are under the impression they are hopeless or "too far gone." One woman told a friend of mine that there was no place in God's heart for somebody who had made as big a mess of her life as she had. A man just out of jail said he could never feel comfortable among "decent folk." What?

Joseph had a prison record. Sarah laughed at God's promises. Jacob hurt his family by playing favorites with his kids. Job lost everything he had ever worked for. Jeremiah was depressed and suicidal. Rahab had been a prostitute. Noah got drunk. Moses stuttered.

Are you getting the picture now? Is it dawning on you that God doesn't have to recruit perfect people (there aren't any!) and will use just about anybody who is willing to trust Him? That means we qualify!

God does some of His best work through the most unlikely people. He draws some beautifully straight lines with some of the most crooked of sticks.

Upcoming Events



December 16: Senior Citizen Christmas lunch at the home of **Ted & Phyllis Haynes** (11AM). Sign-up sheet in foyer. Van will leave church building at 10:30am for anyone needing a ride.

December 17: Deadline to bring in your gifts for the children from the "Giving Tree"

December 21: Christmas "Glad Tidings" dinner after PM worship service. Church will provide meat, members bring sides, desserts and drinks.

December 21: Kids Christmas party following the "Glad Tidings" Christmas dinner.

December 23: Mid-week worship on **Tuesday** due to Christmas holidays.

December 30: Mid-week worship on **Tuesday** due to New Year's Eve holiday.

January 4: Monthly Pot Luck Lunch—Menu Theme is Mexican Food—**Food Group 3** in charge of set up and clean up.

January 11: Elders / Deacons meeting following PM worship service.

January 18: Baby Shower for **Courtney**

Madrigal—2PM to 4PM Fellowship Hall—It's a GIRL (**Elliana Brooke**)!!! Courtney is registered at Target, Baby's R Us and Kohl's.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/14—Virginia Brewer

12/16—David Austin

12/17—Tory Tillson

12/18—Macy Pressley, Corby Tinney, M/M Cary Camp, M/M Wayne Carden, Sr.

12/19—M/M David Pugh, M/M Kenny Stratton

12/20—Ray Ishee

Remember in Prayer. .



Our Sick. . .

Calvin Phillips is having issues with his eyes – please pray for health and complete healing. (7 Cobblestone Drive, Anniston 36207)

Family Members & Friends...

Darrell Phillips (son of Dorothy & Calvin) is undergoing tests on his kidney. Please pray for favorable results.

Abby Usher is recovering from kidney surgery on Thursday. Please continue to keep Abby and family in your prayers as she is still battling leukemia. (1993 Fish Hatchery Road, Eastaboga 36260)

This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Chef Boyardee Pop Top Meals

-Soup (pop top)



HELP NEEDED

We still need members to sign up to prepare communion, secure the building and host youth devotionals for 2015. Please check the sheets in the foyer and sign up for a month if you are willing to help.

Those Privileged to Serve:

December 2014

Song Leaders:

14th – Shane Champion
21st – Rusty Stephens 28th – David West

AM: Opening Prayer

14th: David Pugh
21st: Wayne Carden
28th: Rusty Stephens

Closing Prayer

Bobby Phillips
Glen Brown
Boots Lane

PM: Opening Prayer

14th: Kevin Briley
21st: Shaun Stancil
28th: Eric Ishee

Closing Prayer

Larry Watts
Duane Stephens
Patrick Houston

Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: Jamie Burgess

Assisting: John Davis, Kenny Stratton, Keith Yarbrough, Frank Thomas, Britt Parker, Charles Elston, David Austin, Eddie Jennings

Ushers:

James Galbreath, Tyler Johnston, Spencer Austin, Landon Watts, Jason Webb, Matt Smith

Little Lambs:

14th: Sharon Limbaugh & Diane Gable
21st: Andi Johnston & Linda Galbreath
28th: Kesley Williams & Susan Briley

Greeters:

West Entrance: Debbie Stewart & Juanita Wallace
East Entrance: Wayne & Gail Carden
Main Foyer: Harold & Pattie Bean, Calvin Phillips, Virginia Brewer, Linda Carter, Macy Stratton
Prepare Communion: Kenny & Pam Stratton
Secure Building: Kenny Stratton

If you are unable to serve please contact
Brian Forbus @ 256-831-2471.

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Fred Denney
James Lindsey
Bob Templin

Deacons:

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Brian Forbus
(Worship Organization)
James Galbreath
(Food Ministry, Building)
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Sunday

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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Morning Study: 10:00am-
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Moral relativism = truth according to popular opinion

The Bible has always maintained that there is "Absolute truth."

God speaks in _____.

1. John 4:24

If truth is so important, where do I look for it?

World Religions:

1. Eastern Religions:

2. Hinduism:

3. Islam:

4. Judaism:

5. Christianity:

If I can't get "ABSOLUTE" truth from just any world religion... where am I to find it?

We Care and We Pray. . .

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