

### Noteworthy

**Prayer Requests:** Karen Berry (*recovering from accident*), Margaret Blackburn (*pancreas and hip*), Joe Brown (*cancer*), Marian Church (*neck and back*), Mildred Church (*at Wedgewood Rehabilitation Center, Rm # 402*), Linda James, Yvonne Jordan (*knee replacement, family illnesses*), Paul Lloyd (*discharged from hospital last week; recovering at home*), Neil Miller (*back*), Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Dottie Reynolds (*back, ongoing medical*), Arlene Turner (*cataract surgery last week*), Ken Turner, and the Day and Ross families (*sickness; also, Nick and Robyn's grandfather passed last week*).

*Our family and friends:* Tonya Bryan (*Dottie's Reynold's daughter*), Ned Hicks (*Larry Hick's father, ongoing medical*), Plen Hicks (*Larry's brother fell and broke his hip*), Brian James (*cancer*), Jesse Jordan (*Yvonne Jordan's husband*), Ardis Tucker (*Paula Sullivan's sister-in-law*), Lourdes Villalobos (*Rowena Lawson's mother*), Bob Waldron (*ongoing medical*), Phil Wharton (*Paula Sullivan's brother-in-law, heart*), Charles Woods (*Ed and Terrell's brother-in-law*).

**Bible Class Review:** The next kid's review class will be January 8th, shortly after the evening services, in classroom # 7.

**Group Meeting:** Group (3) meets tonight after worship.

**Ladies Bible Class:** The next Ladies' Bible will be held Monday, January 9th at Angela Wisdom's home (@ 7PM). In preparation, please study lesson number VII that begins on page # 131 in the book, "Some Do's and Don'ts for the Christian". (*See the sign-up sheet in the foyer*)

**4th Sunday of the Month:** Jeremy Wharton will be preaching during the evening worship service next week, as it will be the 4th Sunday of the month.

### Assignments for Worship Service

**Wednesday Night: 12/21/16**

Song Leader: Keith Marschall  
Opening Prayer: Clay Sadler  
Invitation: Eddie Lawson  
Announcements: Leon Miller  
Closing Prayer: Paul Lloyd  
Recordings: Bucky Day  
Usher: David Williams

**Sunday Evening: 12/25/16**

Song Leader: Joe Brown  
Opening Prayer: Keith Marschall  
Lord's Table: Sherman Johnson  
Announcements: Leon Miller  
Closing Prayer: Paul Lloyd  
Recordings: Nick Ross  
Usher: Bob Marschall

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**Sunday Morning: 12/25/16**

Lord's Table: Sherman Johnson (B)  
Trent Stevens (C)  
Serving: Jim Abram  
Norm Blackburn  
Song Leader: Larry Hicks

Opening Prayer: Jim Elliot  
Announcements: Leon Miller  
Closing Prayer: Bucky Day  
Recordings: Nick Ross  
Usher: Bob Marschall



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**SERVICES**

Sunday  
Bible Study 9:00 A.M.  
Morning Services 9:50 A.M.  
Evening Services 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday  
Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

**DEACONS:**

Robert Marschall  
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David Williams

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### *"The Lesson"*

Then Jesus took his disciples up the mountain and gathering them around him, he taught them saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are the they that mourn...  
Blessed are the merciful...  
Blessed are they who thirst for justice...  
Blessed are you when persecuted...  
Blessed are you when you suffer...

Be glad and rejoice for your reward is in heaven."

Then Simon Peter said,

"Do we have to write this down"?

And Andrew said,  
 “Are we supposed to know this?”

And James said,  
 “Will we have a test on it?”

And Phillip said,  
 “What if we don’t know it?”

And Bartholomew said,  
 “Do we have to turn this in?”

And John said,  
 “The other disciples didn’t have to learn this.”

And Matthew said,  
 “When do we get out of here?”

And Judas said,  
 “What does this have to do with real life?”

Then one of the Pharisees who was present asked for Jesus’ lesson plans, And inquired of Jesus, His terminal objectives in the cognitive domain.

And Jesus wept.

- Bob Waldron

**“But I Fear, Lest Somehow...”**

*“But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.” (2 Corinthians 11:3)*



Throughout the Apostle Paul’s letters, he raised various concerns that he had for his brethren. In 2 Corinthians chapter 11, he addressed the fact that some people were trying to discredit his authority as an apostle (thereby destroying his influence, and ultimately the work of God). Paul therefore wrote of how he was deeply worried that, just as Satan deceived Eve, so his brethren’s minds would be led away from the simplicity and purity that is toward Christ. Furthermore, Paul wrote that it appeared him as if someone else came to them preaching another Jesus, or if they present-

ed another personality, or came preaching a different gospel which they did not accept before, that that would be okay (**2 Corinthians 11:4**)?! Paul feared that his brethren would be corrupted, so he expressed those concerns (while inspired of the Holy Spirit) in order to caution them.

Paul also noted many other instances of corruption during his labors. They included:

- Judaizing teachers who sought to impose circumcision upon the Gentiles (**C.f. Acts 15:1-2, Galatians 2:1-6**).
- Division among brethren because of personal preferences concerning preachers (**1 Corinthians 1:10-4:21**).
- Brethren letting an unrepentant man remain in the church who had committed gross immorality (**1 Corinthians 5:1-13**).
- Corruption of the Lord’s Supper (**1 Corinthians 11:17—34**).

- Improper use of spiritual gifts within the assembly (**1 Corinthians 12:1-14:40**).
- Jealousy among the brethren (**1 Corinthians 12:1-31**).
- A denial of the resurrection (**1 Corinthians 15:1-58**).
- A contention that the resurrection was already past (**2 Timothy 2:16-18**).

Take into consideration Paul’s fear, as stated in **2 Corinthians 11:3-4**... Then recall that - his fear was not unfounded!

God wills for His people to remain sincere, as well as to be unified, in truth (**Joshua 24:14a; John 4:24; Ephesians 4:1-6**). My brothers and sisters, please do not be deceived by any who seek to dismiss, shrug off, or lessen any corruption of *God’s truth* in our day!

- Ian Rice