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Season's Greetings

From the staff





PRAYER LIST

Lonnie Weaver, uncle of our *Lonnie Weaver* was involved in a 4-wheeler accident last week. He received several broken ribs and is in a great deal of pain.

Sympathy:

We express our deepest sympathy to *Bobby Marques* and family in the death of his mother, **Willie Jackson**. *Ms Jackson*, passed away late Sun. Dec. 18th in Atlanta, at the age of 94. Visitation will be Tue. night from 4 to 8 at Davis-Struempf Funeral Home and funeral services held 2pm Wed., at the funeral home.

Continual Prayer

Ray Adams, Johnny Davis, Norman Brown, Fagin & Johnnie Carpenter, Ron Garner, J.D. Stroud, Barry Yancey, Lisa Mitchell, Dick Young, Eleta Grimmett, Cindy Sprouse, Tony Cross, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts (grand-daughter of the Robertson's just returned to the states from Irag), **Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley**



DIRECTORY PHOTOS

We will be up-dating pictures for our pictorial directory on Sunday Jan. 8th and Jan. 15th. If you have not had your picture taken since moving here or have a new addition to your family please be prepared to have your picture made on one of these two days.

"I BELIEVE"

**.... that if God is your Co-pilot,
swap seats!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- December 23..... Tony Cross
- December 25..... Wadie Lepard
- December 26..... Chris Smithey
- December 28..... Jenna Carpenter
- December 29..... Dean Dillard
- December 29..... Mable Erwin



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- December 23..... Carl & Mary Nell Smith
- December 26..... Troy & Novene Robertson
- December 30..... Gary & Linda Turner

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,

My family would like to thank you for all the cards, texts, thoughts and prayers during the recent passing of my grandmother. A special thank you to Bro. *Mike*, Bro. *Harold* and Bro. *Richard* for making the trip to the funeral. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving church family. In Christian love,
Brad, April, Olivia & Cooper Pounders

With Sincere Appreciation,

My heartfelt thanks for the abundance of prayers, calls, visits, thoughtful deeds, & non fattening food. Thank you so much. In Christian Love,
Jerry's wife, *Lucille*

YOUTH NEWS

- Thanks to *Olivia Pounders* for entertaining us with Christmas songs at our Holiday fellowship Sun. night. Helping her sing some of the songs were *Masey Kate Adams* and *Cooper Pounders*. They all did a great job!
- The next Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held January 8th at Hwy 15 Pontotoc Church of Christ.

WHO ARE THE WISE?

Mike King



A lot of attention is given to the “Wise Men” of Matthew chapter 2, during this time of year. We have all seen the bumper stickers that say, “Real men cry” and “Real men love Jesus.” This only indicates that we have somewhat a warped and perverted view of what constitutes acceptability. In my view, the wise still seek Jesus today. The gods of men were crafted from timber, before which men fell down and worshipped saying, “*Deliver me, for you are my God*” (Isa. 44:13-17). It is interesting that the other half of the log from which their god was crafted was burned for heat and cooking. The true God’s creative powers are contrasted with the false gods (Gen. 1:1). David extols the virtues of his God as being great and mighty (Ps. 145:1-7). We are told by the inspired Scriptures that there is no darkness in Him (1 Jn. 1:5) and the angel servants praise Him calling, “*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory*” (Isa. 6:1-4).

God is holy; man is sinful and remains in a lost condition without God (Rom. 3:9-19, 23). All stand guilty before Him. He is “*of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness*” (Hab. 1:13). All sin is enormous regardless of how it is committed or who does it (Rev. 21:8). There is no other deduction that can be made but that sin is rebellion against God; it is as serious as practicing witchcraft (1 Sam. 15:23). How serious is it? The “*wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Rom. 6:23).

Because of Christ, justice and mercy meet. God is holy, all men sin, the wages of sin is death, and justly speaking all men deserve to die! But, God is just and merciful, desiring nothing but good for each of us (2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:4). Arrangements were made for one (Jesus) to pay the debt we owe (1 Jn. 2:2). He was able to do so because He was without sin (2 Cor. 5:21). The death of Christ was the turning point for all mankind...the forgiveness of sin.

A perfect sacrifice was necessitated (Jn. 1:29). The only one available and powerful enough was the blood of Christ. (Eph. 1:7-8). In order to be redeemed, we must come into contact with Christ’s blood. If we have not, then Christ died in vain. Polio vaccine is powerless unless contacted. Man is lost, Christ shed His blood to redeem man, and man must contact that blood to be saved. It was in His death that He shed His blood (Jn. 19:31-34). That contact is made, the blood has been reached, and salvation received when we are baptized into His death (Rom. 6:3-4). Are you a “wise man” in that you still seek Jesus today?

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	113
Sunday A M	146
Sunday P.M.	101
Wednesday	100
Contribution	\$3,300.45
Budget.....	\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Brad Pounders
A.M. Prayer	Harold Crowe
Closing Prayer.	Drew Drummond
P.M. Prayer.....	Richard Jennings
Closing	Paul Ormon
Wed 12/28	Jerry Gibson
Wed. 12/28	Jason Jennings
Usher & Lock.....	Roger Clayton
Greeter.....	B & N Frohn



PANTRY ITEM

SOUP

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson	534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office	534-4649

“Twas Two Hours Before Worship”

‘Twas two hours before worship, and all thru the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
Ma, in her curlers, and I, what a sap!
Had just settled down, Dick Tracy in my lap.
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my chair to see what was the matter,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
My neighbor’s lawn mower, and it in high gear.
I Thought to myself and just had to say,
“Just a fool would save this for the Lord’s day,”
I nodded my head and as I was turning ‘round,
I looked in the mirror, and saw with a frown:
A little round mouth drawn up in a bow,
Stubbornness, conceit, that I only should know.
I haven’t been to worship since...what was the day?
The day after mama went on her good way.
I’m part of the church, have a spouse that would go,
And we could have souls as white as the snow.
I woke up my mate and said, “How about you?”
She smiled and said sweetly, “Bible study, too?”
We spoke not a word but went right to work
Dress up all the kids and they were so pert.
They heard us exclaim as we drove out of sight,
“Two services this morning, and another tonight!”

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” (Psalm 122:1)



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