

Those serving...**February 1st-A.M. Services**

Song Leading	Tom Wolaver
Scripture Reading	Johnathan Evans
Opening Prayer	John Thomason
Lord's Supper	Perry Sims(P)
	Tom Parker, John Hughes, Clyde Hill, Jesse Callihan, DJ Allen, Duke Allen

Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Calvin McCoy
Media Attendant	Dwayne McCannon
Announcements/Invitation	Larry Eldridge

February 1st-P.M. Services

Song Leading	Causie Crane
Scripture Reading	Johnathan Evans
Opening Prayer	Don Evans
Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Dwayne McCannon

February 4th-Wednesday Services

Announcements	Larry Eldridge
Lead Singing	Tom Wolaver
Devotional	Tommy Wolaver
Closing Prayer	Art Hein
Media Attendant	DJ Allen

For The Record...**January 25th**

Bible Study	73
AM Worship	106
PM Worship	56

January 28th

Bible Study	59
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Offering Jan. 25th
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FEBRUARY 01, 2015

Assembly Times:**Sunday**

Bible Study-9:30 am
Worship-10:30 am
PM Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study
Morning-10:30 am
Evening-7:00 pm

ELDERS

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TOMMY WOLAVER 770-596-7893

DEACONS

DUKE ALLEN 404-538-9507
TREY CALLIHAN 770-841-4975
JOHN HUGHES 678-983-8192
TOM WOLAVER 770-560-3722

MINISTER
KEITH DIXON

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear Romans 10:17
Believe John 8:24
Repent Acts 17:30
Confess Romans 10:9-10
Baptized Acts 22:16
Live Faithfully Matthew 7:21

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"...worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:24

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Visitors Welcome!

You are truly our honored guests! We hope that you find our Bible Study and Worship Service beneficial to you. We seek only to worship God in the same manner as done by Christians when the church began in Acts 2. Please stay after services so that we may get to know you. For your convenience, there is a nursery in the foyer for babies up to 18 months old and a toddlers room next to the auditorium.

COME BACK TONIGHT! SERVICES START AT 6PM.

UP
Coming
EVENTS

SERVANTS FOR THE MASTER-TEAM 1

After services, next door, a meal will be given from Team 1. Please plan to stay for lunch, especially if you are a visitor!

NEXT WEEK-SERVANTS FOR THE MASTER-TEAM 2

If you are part of Team 2 or if you would just like to join them for lunch please bring a dish to go along with spaghetti. After eating they will sign cards and fellowship. Please plan to stay if you can!

MEN'S BREAKFAST-EVERY WED-9AM~POT-LUCK-CAFE

LADIES MONTHLY DEVO-7PM-FINGER FOOD ~ FEB. 10TH
Bring a finger food to the fellowship hall.

NURSING HOME SINGING-EVERY 3RD SUNDAY AFTER LUNCH**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Ray Coopers wife, Jewel passed away. Please keep Ray in your prayers.

Keep Don Evans and his family in your prayers. His mother has dementia.

Albert Tolles mother broke her wrist.

Please keep Yvonne Spates in your prayers and send her a card if you are able. It would brighten her day.

Teresa Renew asked for the prayers of the congregation.

Sharon Eldridges brother in law, Jackie Lutrell, has brain cancer. Gloria Ansley, Karon Sims, Linda Parker, Sharon Eldridge, and Gina Tolle have all recently dealt with health issues. Continue to lift them up!

Pray for our entire congregation.

Keep the men and women of our military in your prayers

Corey Henry, Barron Crane, Matt Callihan, Jacob Shepherd, Nicholas Stacks, Shilo Crane, Tim Dixon, Josh Blackburn, Matt Shepherd, Ronald Bly

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS-FEB.

The pantry is used for members or anyone in need. Please help us be able to keep these items on hand. Let your kids bring them to class. They'll be excited to help!

- Rice
- Tuna
- Mac & Cheese
- Toilet Paper
- Tooth Paste

Tom gave a great devo Sunday night.

Thank you Donna for the pizza too!

Next devo-Feb. 22.

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.

YOUTH NEWS

Psalms 119:9

CARDS FOR YVONNE SPATES

If you can please send a card to Yvonne her address is: 165 Winston Drive, Athens, GA 30607. She is on dialysis and gets very depressed. Cards of encouragement would mean a lot to her.

CHURCH APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for the 2nd Annual Appreciation Breakfast! Keith and Judy will provide the meal. They just need to know who all will be there. Please sign the sheet and give a total for your family of who all will attend. It will be on Feb. 21st at 9AM.

DIRECTORIES

Non-pictorial directories are available today. The pictorial directories will be ready later. See Sharon Eldridge for more details.

RAINTREE TRUCK-THIS TUESDAY

The Raintree truck will be here Feb. 3rd. A list of their needs is in the foyer.

SNOW MOUNTAIN OUTING FOR THE YOUNG YOUNGIN'S

On Feb. 14th there will be several families taking there younger kids to Stone Mountain for the Snow Mountain attraction. It is a "reserved only" attraction with certain times. If you would like to go please let Susan Thomason or Crissy McCannon know.

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Ambassadors

In the King James Version of the New Testament a student can find the term “ambassadors” used in 2 Corinthians 5:20 which reads: “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.” The word is also used in Ephesians 6:20, “For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.” Paul calls himself an ambassador, can we make the same claim today? Just what is an “ambassadors”? Let us study and find out the answer to these questions.

When we look up the word “ambassador” in a dictionary of New Testament words one might be amazed at what they find. The word “ambassador” comes from the Greek word “presubus” and has the same root meaning of the word “elders.” This word “ambassador” means “an old man, first to be an old man, then to be an ambassador. According to another dictionary it means, “to be older, prior by birth or in age.”

David Lipscomb wrote in the Gospel Advocate commentary on 2 Corinthians about the best answer to all these questions; he said: “Since some preachers speak of themselves as ambassadors of Christ, it is necessary to consider what it takes to constitute an ambassador. An ambassador must be chosen by the head of the government, and be ratified by the chief council of the nation. He must receive a commission and must be sealed with the great seal of the nation or power sending him. Not until the appointed time, and at the appointed place, can he act. His power may be either ordinary or extraordinary, according to the terms of the instructions given. Jesus, after he had chosen his apostles, gave them a commission with extraordinary power, saying to them, ‘whose ever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven unto them; whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained’ (John 20:23). ‘What things soever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and what things so ever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven’ (Matthew 18:18)... The apostles were and are the ambassadors of Christ. They sustained a relation to the gospel that no other preachers in their day or since ever sustained or could sustain. They were the REVEALERS of the gospel. All others are only proclaimers of what the apostles revealed. No preacher today has any revelation, nor can he claim to be a witness of the resurrection. He has no authority to declare remission of sins; but he can only point to the apostles’ declaration of the subject. He may preach the gospel, but he cannot reveal it. He has no message that is not already made known. He does not have the credentials of an ambassador; he cannot work miracles; and God will not work with him in signs and wonders confirming

the word that he preaches... We may not expect any more ambassadors until the Lord has a new message for mankind.”

Is it not interesting that in time past, it was preachers who claimed to be ambassadors now it is everyone claiming to be an ambassador for Christ. Just because a person claims to be an ambassador does not make him one. I may claim that my truck is a Rolls Royce, does that make it one? I might even put a Rolls Royce hood emblem on the hood but does that make it a Rolls Royce? In the same manner then just because a person calls themselves an ambassador does not make them one.

Also let us consider who are calling themselves ambassadors for Christ. Young people are calling themselves ambassadors for Christ. Singing groups call themselves “Ambassadors.” Those in the denominational world are calling themselves ambassadors for Christ. How do you know who is the true ambassador for Christ? Just because they claim to be an ambassador does not make them one. Let us see their credentials to see if they are true ambassadors. Is it one who has the Word in his hand? Does this signify that one is an ambassador for Christ? Could an atheist hold up a Bible and say that he is an ambassador for Christ because he is holding in his hand a Bible? How can we distinguish a true ambassador from a pseudo-ambassador? If every Christian is an ambassador there is no test for all are ambassadors. If only the apostles are ambassadors the test is in that they could confirm the Word with signs, wonders, and divers miracles. They had credentials that proved they were from God and were chosen by God to reveal His message to mankind. Men today have no credentials to prove

When a person is baptized does that make them an ambassador? How can this babe in Christ prove or even show that he is an ambassador in Christ? Can he point to these passages and say that applies to me? If so then the dictionary meaning means nothing at all. Is a person an ambassador at age 16? Are they older, wiser than another 16 year old who has not been baptized? This may or not be the case. What about a person who is baptized at age 60, 70 or 80? Are they an ambassador as soon as they are baptized or is there an age requirement for being an ambassador? If no age requirement then again the dictionaries mean nothing.

The apostles were men who had credential to prove that they were given a commission from the Sovereign. The apostles were the men identified as ambassadors in 2 Corinthians 5:20.

Love, Keith

Those serving...Next Sunday

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Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Lord’s Supper

Tom Wolaver
Albert Tolle
Chuck Mitchell
Calvin McCoy(P)

Jerry Shepherd, Eugene Hendrix, Art Hein,
Trey Callihan, Timmy Thomas, Duke Allen

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Causie Crane
Tommy Wolaver

BULLETIN INFORMATION

If there is something that needs to be put in the bulletin please email Crissy at trudyblue1@yahoo.com. Please get this info to her before Thursday evening. You can also text her with info at 706-206-8514