

Those serving...**January 18th-A.M. Services**

Song Leading	Don Evans
Scripture Reading	Jonathan Evans
Opening Prayer	Chuck Mitchell
Lord's Supper	Calvin McCoy(P)
	Tom Parker, John Hughes, Clyde Hill, Jesse Callihan, DJ Allen, Timmy Thomas

Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Jerry Cooper
Media Attendant	Dwayne McCannon
Announcements/Invitation	Larry Eldridge

January 18th-P.M. Services

Song Leading	Causie Crane
Scripture Reading	Jonathan Evans
Opening Prayer	John Hughes
Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Art Hein

January 21st-Wednesday Services

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

For The Record...

January 11th	
Bible Study	70
AM Worship	110
PM Worship	63

January 14th	
Bible Study	64

Offering Jan. 11th
\$3176.75

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.

SUGGESTIONS

If you have any suggestions for next years Family Enrichment Seminar please give it to one of the elders.

SIGN UP SHEETS

There are signup sheets in the foyer. Youth Devos-someone to provide the meal once a month...tacos, pizza, subs, etc. Lord's Supper-needs to be prepared monthly, put into trays, and out on the tables in the auditorium on Sunday mornings. Please signup where you are able to help.

DIRECTORIES

The directories will be complete VERY shortly. It is important for the church to have a directory. It keeps us all connected.

RAINTREE TRUCK

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

CARDS FOR GRANT & MICHAEL PARKER

A request has been made to send cards of encouragement to Grant (and Michael). He is having a difficult time right now and is not being allowed to attend worship. Please encourage him and let him know you love him. 380 Walker Drive, Monroe, Ga 30655

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JANUARY 18, 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

LARRY ELDRIDGE 678-524-3848

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

SFTM-TEAM 3-LUNCH TODAY

There will be a potluck meal served next door after worship. Please plan to stay and join us for a meal.

NEXT WEEK-SUNDAY NIGHT-YOUTH DEVO

The youth will have their monthly devo next Sunday evening. It will be in the fellowship hall. If you signed up to provide meals next Sunday evening is the night to bring it! Please bring enough for 20 people.

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

Ginger Born, 35, is recovering after having a tumor removed.

Phil Redmond is recovering from surgery.

Clifton Angel will be going to India for a mission.

Art Hein had injections to his knees.

Yvonne Spates, sister of Pete Robinson, is in a nursing home and will never go home. Her address is available for cards.

Teresa Renew came forward asking for prayers.

Timmy Thomas' niece, Jane had surgery on Wednesday and is awaiting results.

Lori Kittle, Dwayne McCannon's cousin suffered a stroke and is still in the hospital recovering.

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-JAN.

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!

• Oatmeal

• Applesauce

• Peanut Butter

• Paper Towels

• Shampoo

• January 25th-Monthly devo

• Youth outings will be planned soon

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

YOUTH NEWS

Psalms 119:9

What was that excuse again?

Neal Pollard

Mark Speckman is an interesting story. He was a High School star linebacker, played Junior College then at a four-year NAIA college at the same position, and then coached college football for 20 years (he followed Dan Hawkins at Willamette in 1998). He can write, type, use a cell phone, drive, play racquetball, and play trombone (USA Today, 10/4/05). What's so unusual about that? Speckman was born without hands! He has never let that stand in his way, but has used the handicap to inspire and motivate others. Each of us will enjoy advantages and suffer some disadvantages throughout life, regardless of our age, income, citizenship, looks, and background. While some seem to have greater challenges than others, the greatest determining factor seems to be attitude, focus, and determination. Do I use my "handicaps" as an excuse? Am I full of self-pity? Do my problems cause me to give up and check out? We will not know on this side of time what Paul's "thorn in the flesh" was, but we know it tormented him (2 Corinthians 12:7), drove him to his knees three times in prayer about it (12:8), and was a weakness for him (12:10). He writes this after detailing the many trials he faced for doing what was right, preaching the gospel (2 Corinthians 11:23-33). Yet, he never fell back on any of this as an excuse for failing to reach, teach, serve, and help others. Apparently, as he hurt within and worked through his own limitations, he kept his focus on doing the Lord's work through his Christian service. The question is not whether you suffer and struggle or even if you have a thorn to contend with. In your own way, you probably will and on an ongoing basis. Will it be a crutch or a catapult? Will it hold you down or launch you higher? That depends on you. What will you do about it?

I read this on Facebook. Neal Pollard preaches in Colorado. He also helps with Polishing the Pulpit. He is a good man and does a tremendous amount of work for the Lord. This article caught my eye because of the excuses that we want to make.

Luke 14:16-20 states, "Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servants at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs to and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, therefore I cannot come." These are all excuses on why they could

not come to the supper. Really the invitations were already sent. The RSVP and been replied to and said they would come, but when the time came they began to make excuses. These are all pitiful. One does not buy land sight unseen. One does not buy cattle without seeing if they will work and then also work together. The other just blamed his wife. Just do not go there.

Why blame someone else for something that you do not want to do. I am afraid that we will do the same thing. In Matthew 25 we find the judgement scene. The Son of man will come in His glory and will divide people as a shepherd divides his sheep from his goats. To the sheep the Son of man said come, to those on his left hand he will say, "Depart." Those on the left hand will then begin to make excuses, "when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?" Notice the answer, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me" (Matthew 25:45). The punishment was then given, "everlasting punishment."

What excuse are you going to give for not doing the will of God? The Lord never gave us a command that was hard (1 John 5:3). Let us obey from the heart what God wants us to do. Let us obey today! Thanks also to Neal for giving us this thought! Love, Keith

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Trey Callihan, Timmy Thomas, Duke Allen
Jerry Cooper
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