

LADIES DINNER-TUESDAY

The ladies will gather one more time before the year is over. Finger foods, a \$5 gift, and a red sweater are requested for this meal. They will play the White Elephant game with the gifts. Please plan to attend this fun fellowship. It will start at 7pm. See Judy Dixon for more details.

MENS BREAKFAST

The men of the congregation will be meeting for breakfast on Wednesdays at the Pot Luck Cafe in Monroe at 9am. Please plan to come and visit!

JOHN HUGHES

John Hughes has been nominated for a deacon. Please go to John with any scriptural reasons that you have that he may not be able to serve.

BUDGET

This year we did not meet our budget. This means that the elders have a huge task of trying to decide how to balance it. Please pray for them in this area. Also pray for your giving. God loves a cheerful giver!

PLEASE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER!

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Those serving...

December 8th-A.M. Services

Song Leading	Don Evans
Scripture Reading	Trey Callihan
Opening Prayer	Calvin McCoy
Lord's Supper	Frank Long(P)

Clyde Hill, Jerry Shepherd,
DJ Allen, John Hughes,
Art Hein, Mark Pettus

Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Causie Crane
Media Attendant	Dwayne McCannon
Announcements/Invitation	Tommy Wolaver

For The Record...

December 1st

Bible Study	79
AM Worship	106
PM Worship	66
Contribution	\$3593.99

December 4th

Bible Study	70
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Yearly Totals

Baptisms	12
New Members	16
WBS	523

December 8th-P.M. Services

Song Leading	Don Evans
Scripture Reading	Trey Callihan
Opening Prayer	Tommy Stacks
Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Caleb Stacks

December 11th-Wednesday Services

Announcements	Tommy Wolaver
Lead Singing	Chuck Mitchell
Devotional	Frank Long
Closing Prayer	Harry Wise
Media Attendant	DJ Allen

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

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Assembly Times:

Sunday
Bible Study-9:30 am
Worship-10:30 am
PM Worship-6:00 pm
Wednesday
Bible Study-7:00 pm

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KEITH DIXON

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL
RALPH ANGUISH

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

If there are any health updates, changes, or events you would like to post in the bulletin please email them to: trudyblue1@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 08, 2013

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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jackie Brayton is responding well to her medicine for cancer. Birdie Smithpeters niece, Kim Hunnicutt has breast cancer. Susan Thomason's father, Gene Stephens, is sick and in need of prayer. Please send him a card if you can. His address is 13 3rd St. Chicopee, Gainesville, GA 30504
Teresa Renews father, Robert, had a stroke and is slowly recovering. Calvin McCoys uncle, Ned Andrews is experiencing heart and liver failure. Harry Wise came forward asking for prayers. Donna Parker came forward asking for prayers. Mark Pettus will be having wisdom teeth removed soon. Larry Eldridges sister, Donna White is having health problems. Terri Jenkins mother, Anniece, is doing better and will start chemo soon.

EXTENDED LIST...Richard Allen, Amanda Parker, Anniece Jenkins, Judy Dixon, Carole Wolaver, Lonnie Jones, Dana Jones, Debbie Casselle, Cliff and Sharon Bowden, Jewel Taylor, Teena Redmond.

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST-WEDNESDAYS-9AM

MARK Your CALENDAR

12-08 SERVANTS FOR THE MASTER-TEAM 2
12-10 LADIES DINNER-7PM-\$5 GIFT
12-11 MENS BREAKFAST-POT LUCK-9AM

COME WORK WITH US!

PANTRY ITEMS FOR DECEMBER...

DRY SOUP MIX, CANNED VEGGIES, ALUMINUM FOIL
OUR PANTRY IS VERY LOW-ANY ITEMS WILL BE APPRECIATED

FELLOWSHIP MEAL-DEC.22ND

Garry Jones will be here on December 22nd as a guest speaker. He will be speaking during the bible study and the worship service. He will give an update on his mission trip to India. The elders would like grades 5 and up to be a part of this class for bible study. We will also have a fellowship meal afterwards. Please plan to bring your favorite dish to serve at the potluck. Garry always does a great job!

YOUTH NEWS

PSALMS 139:14 I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE. WONDERFUL ARE YOUR WORKS; MY SOUL KNOWS IT VERY WELL.

HOLIDAY PARTY-DEC. 21ST-7PM

THE HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE HELD AT THE NIGHT OWL. THE WHITE ELEPHANT GAME WILL BE PLAYED. \$10 LIMIT ON GIFTS.

What did you say?

Children sing a song in Bible class and it has these words, “be careful little mouth what you say, be careful little mouth what you say, there’s a Father up above looking down with tender love, be careful little mouth what you say.” Let us think about this verse a little bit.

We can offend someone without knowing it by the way we answer them. We can be short with an answer. That answer can be the right answer but just the tone, and the spirit, of the voice can be wrong. Proverbs 15:1 states, “A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.” We may need to engage the mind and think before we open our mouths. Proverbs tells of a virtuous woman that her price is far above rubies. Yet notice how she speaks, “She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness” (Proverbs 31:26). This might be way James tell us, “Wherefore, by beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath” (James 1:19). Oh that we would follow the truths that are stated within that passage!

In one setting there was brought unto Jesus one possessed with a devil. The next verse tells that the people were discussing who Jesus was, and asked if Jesus was the son of David? The Pharisees called Jesus a devil. Jesus then explains why this would not be so. If a person would think just a little bit they would know that Satan would not cast out Satan with his own power. Jesus informs them about blasphemy. The real problem is not their mouth but their heart! Notice, what Jesus tells them, “O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things, But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment” (Matthew 12:34-36). You see, what we say draws back the curtains and shows everybody what is in our minds or the biblical heart. If you use harsh words, then what kind of heart do you have? If you use unkind words, they what kind of heart do you have? If you use vulgar words then what kind of mind do you have? What comes out of your mouth? The world, the church can see!

What we can say can offend someone. Jesus said, “At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. And whosoever

therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But who shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matthew 18:2-6). We can offend one of these children into not believing in Christ! That is something that would be dreadful to face on the Day of Judgment! Think for a moment, a person is standing before God giving an account of all that they had done in their bodies and they called your name! That person then states that you talked to them in a way that they no longer wanted to be associated with Christ or His bride, the church. What will you answer to God when it comes your turn to give an account before God for this accusation? Something you said drove someone away from the church and their salvation. You might strive to defend yourself. That is why we need to be careful NOW!

James tells us something about the tongue. “For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses’ mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold, also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren these thing ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? Either a vine, figs? So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom” (James 3:1-13).

Brethren, let us be careful of the words, the tone, and inflection that we are using in our words. We want to defend the truth in the correct way and stand for what is right with out offending with a word. Let us be careful. Love, Keith

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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