

## LADIES DINNER

The ladies had a great dinner Tuesday. They finished the year with a lovely meal, devotional on giving, and a gift swap. If you were not a part of this fellowship please plan to make it one for the 2014 year! It is always so fun and encouraging to be together. Thanks Judy for starting this monthly fellowship.

## 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 was installed as a deacon. Please keep John and the rest of the deacons in your prayers as they do this work.

## 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 15th-A.M. Services

Song Leading	Perry Sims
Scripture Reading	Caleb Stacks
Opening Prayer	Richard Allen
Lord's Supper	Calvin McCoy(P)
	Harry Wise, Jerry Shepherd,
	Timmy Thomas, Trey Callihan,
	Art Hein, Duke Allen

Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Tommy Stacks
Media Attendant	Dwayne McCannon
Announcements/Invitation	Ed Smithpeters

### For The Record...

#### December 8th

Bible Study	98
AM Worship	115
PM Worship	72
Contribution	\$3619.16

<b>December 11th</b>	
Bible Study	73

<b>Yearly Totals</b>	
Baptisms	12
New Members	16
WBS	537

#### December 15th-P.M. Services

Song Leading	Don Evans
Scripture Reading	Caleb Stacks
Opening Prayer	Chuck Mitchell
Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Calvin McCoy

#### December 18th-Wednesday Services

Announcements	Ed Smithpeters
Lead Singing	Don Evans
Devotional	Tommy Stacks
Closing Prayer	Caleb Stacks
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

### ELDERS

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MINISTER  
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 15, 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. Almeda Cooper fell and broke her shoulder. Birdie Smithpeters niece, Kim Hunnicutt has breast cancer. Susan Thomason's father, Gene Stephens, is sick and is need of prayer. Please send him a card if you can. His address is 13 3rd St. Chocopee, 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

## GARRY JONES-DECEMBER 22ND!

### MARK Your CALENDAR

12-15 SERVANTS FOR THE MASTER-TEAM 3  
12-18 MENS BREAKFAST-POT LUCK-9AM  
12-22 FELLOWSHIP MEAL AFTER MORNING WORSHIP

## 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 YOUTH HAVE DECIDED TO EAT BEFORE GOING TO THE NIGHT OWL. THEY WILL EAT AT 6 IN THE SAME CENTER. THE HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE HELD AT THE NIGHT OWL. THE WHITE ELEPHANT GAME WILL BE PLAYED. \$10 LIMIT ON GIFTS.

### “Build you up”

“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified” Acts 20:32. As Paul is seemingly giving his farewell speech to the elder of Ephesus, there are several topics in which Paul is instructing them. One, he is telling them that he “kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house (verse 20). Two, he taught both Jews and Greeks the same message, “...repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ (verse 21). Third, he is telling them what is befalling him verses 22-26). Fourthly, he declares that he has “not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God” (verse 27). Fifthly, in this discourse, he discloses their jobs and that problems will arise among them (verse 28-31). Sixthly, he encourages them (verse 32). Then lastly, he gives them personal information that they should have known and realized because he worked among them. It is the sixth point that this article is about. They needed encouragement from time to time and so do we.

First, he commends them to God. Paul is turning them over to God. Paul will no longer be with them to guide them along the journey to eternity. They will have to turn to God’s Word to direct their bark with the chart and compass. They are to cast all their cares upon Him; for He cares for you (2 Peter 5:7). These elders are to be looking unto Jesus at all times for their strength and help (Hebrews 12:1-2; Colossians 3:1-2).

Second, he commends them not only to God, but the Word of His Grace. The words that Paul gave to the elders would not change. So that when they read the word of God they would be able to know just what Paul was talking about and emphasizing. Yet as time separated Paul from these elders they had the written word and could study it and know what was important and what they ought to be doing to be taking care of God’s flock. We have the same written Word. We can study it and learn from God’s Word just what He would have us to do. This Word, if we spend time with it, will encourage us when the storms of life come raging about us. When the way seems dark and drear and clouds are low, so low that they are blocking our view of God, we can turn to the pages of the Bible and find the Light of the World. This Word will then direct our steps along the strait and narrow path toward God no matter how dim the way seems (Psalm 119:105; Matthew 7:13-14). We must open up the pages; we must know, so that we can meditate (Psalm 1:1) day and night upon the truths that are contained therein. This is the only way in which the

Bible will help. To have a Bible and not know what it says is like not having a Bible at all.

Thirdly, let us notice that our passage says that the “word of his grace, is able to build us up.” This help is for those who keep it close to them and dive into it daily to partake of the nutrients. If a person fails to study their Bible, it is a locked source of help. We must open up the pages of God’s Word, but just an open Bible will not help. It is the mind of God revealed to us. The Word of God tells us how to form ourselves into the image of God. “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5). The only way to know this is to study God’s Word.

The Bible, God’s Word, is also able to give us an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. If we are going to get this inheritance we must be among them that are sanctified. Those that are sanctified are those who are “in Christ.” Those who are “in Christ” are those who have died to the old man of sin (Romans 6). They have been washed in His blood (Revelation 1:5). They are living a faithful life (Revelation 2:10). Which means that they are studying and worshipping with the saints when the doors of the church building are opened: they want to meet with the saints; will meet with the saints; and doing their best to meet with the saints. The inheritance is more than words can describe. The inheritance is more than the mind can comprehend. We may know some of what it is about but we will not know of the depths until we can experience it for ourselves. Yet there are some who will miss this inheritance (Matthew 7:21-23). Let us ever work on being built up with the Word of God. Let us obtain this inheritance that is reserved for those who are sanctified. Let us be among the sanctified. Love, Keith

#### **Those serving...Next Sunday**

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Opening Prayer  
Lord’s Supper

Closing Prayer  
Announcements/Invitation

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John Hughes, Mark Pettus, Dwayne McCannon  
Chuck Mitchell  
Larry Eldridge

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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](mailto:trudyblue1@yahoo.com). Please get this info to her before Thursday evening. You can also text her with info at 706-206-8514