

**THOSE TO SERVE**  
**February 7**

**Sunday Morning**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS R.C. Edmondson  
SONG LEADER Chris Biehl  
OPENING PRAYER Tom Grady  
COMMUNION BLESSING Daryl Ward  
LORD'S TABLE Elam Miles, Fred Kramer  
Wayne Ables, James Miller  
SCRIPTURE READER Jimmy Horton  
CLOSING PRAYER Mike McMahan

**Sunday Evening**  
SONG LEADER Fred Kramer  
OPENING PRAYER Dayton House  
CLOSING PRAYER Charles Buck

**Wednesday, February 10**  
SCRIPTURE Tyler Horton  
SONG LEADER Bo Wright  
CLOSING PRAYER Don Seward

**THOSE TO SERVE**  
**February 14**

**Sunday Morning**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS Wayne Ables  
SONG LEADER Mike McMahan  
OPENING PRAYER Elam Miles  
COMMUNION BLESSING Tom Grady  
LORD'S TABLE Jay Blackstock, Don Watson  
Garrett Schwartz, Tyler Horton  
SCRIPTURE READER Mike Mitchell  
CLOSING PRAYER Daryl Ward

**Sunday Evening**  
SONG LEADER Bo Wright  
OPENING PRAYER Fred Kramer  
CLOSING PRAYER W.D. Henry

**Wednesday, February 17**  
SCRIPTURE Colton Mitchell  
SONG LEADER Fred Kramer  
CLOSING PRAYER J.W. Melton

**MEN TO SERVE THE SHUT-INS**

February 7 Charles Buck  
February 14 Jimmy Horton

**Calendar of Events**

**TODAY**—Monthly Birthday and Anniversary Lunch in the New Annex immediately after this morning's worship.

**Wednesdays**—Nursing Home Ministry. 10:00am at Hillview. 2:00pm at GSHC.

**Sundays**—Radio Ministry at 8:30am on KXYL 96.9FM.

**February 20**—Spanish *We Care* Seminar with Marco Senoret at 10:00am in the New Annex.

**February 21**—Pie 'N' Praise

**February 28**—Prayer Service and Youth Devotional

**March 1**—Ladies Prayer & Study Group

**March 19-28**—*We Care Campaign*

**June 14-17**—Vacation Bible School "*Jungle Journey: Exploring the Nature of God*"

**October 17**—First Annual *Friends Sunday*

**October 17-20**—Gospel Meeting with Tom Smith of Parma, ID

**TYC MENTORING IS THIS WEEK**

If you're involved with mentoring, please meet at the building either Tuesday or Thursday to leave for Brownwood at 5:30 p.m.

**LADIES PRAYER & STUDY GROUP**

About 25 of our ladies met last Monday night. The next meeting will be February 1 at 7pm. It's not too late to be a part of this group. Deborah says the new books are in. See her to get your free copy. It is entitled "*Having A Mary Heart in a Martha World*".

**BULLETIN NEWS?**

Call the church office at 325-648-2443 or Deborah's cell phone at 325-451-0636. Or send an email to:

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday: Bible Classes 10:00am  
Morning Worship 10:50am  
Evening Worship 6:00pm  
Wednesday: Bible Classes 7:00pm  
Singing Night 1st Wednesday of each month

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**KINDERGARTEN IDENTITY**

One of the best things about kindergarten is the artwork.

Last week, my daughter brought home one of these sheets with the header, "I am special because ...". The kids each wrote why they are special and then drew a picture. I imagine her friend Lola just might have written something about her beauty queen trophies. Many probably wrote words about playing baseball, being a good singer, dancer or whatever else might pop into a 5-year-old's mind.

My daughter's paper says, "I am special because ... I am myself." There is a picture of a sweet little girl with pink hair, pink lips, a pink triangle for a dress, and of course, pink pumps. I am very thankful that she knows she is special just being herself!

What happens along the way that causes us to lose the carefree security of childhood? How many of us as adults would answer that we are valued "just because I'm me"? As parents, we treasure our children for the simple fact that they were born and placed into our lives through love. There is nothing they can do to make us care for them any more or any less — we just love them because they're them!

But in the "real world" of adults, things are different. We are a performance-based society. You're either in or you're out. You may be here today and gone tomorrow if your company stock prices drop, your team loses one too many games, or Simon Cowell just doesn't like the way your hair looks today.

We tend to define ourselves based on what we do — and by how successful we are or are not. Many times we meet new people and one of the first things we ask is, "What do you do?" It's natural to ask these questions. Conversing about our careers can offer opportunities to find common ground.

It is important, however, to distinguish what we do — and how successfully we do it — from who we are. We are God's children with whom He desires to have an intimate relationship. He loves us just because we are His.

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**POSITIVE I.D.**  
**“The Born-Again Identity”**

2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (NASB)

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;  
<sup>15</sup>and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

<sup>17</sup>Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

**We don’t need a good self image. We need a \_\_\_\_\_ self-image.**

**Two benefits of the saving power of the Gospel:**

**1. F \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. F \_\_\_\_\_**

**And we need to believe in BOTH of them.**

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Actually, He is crazy about us! He would have to be to give up His beloved Jesus to literally go through hell just so we can be together with Him in glory.

Taking this a step further, I wonder ... What do we tend to value about God? Do we love Him because of what He does for us or do we love Him just because of who He is? The difference is subtle, but also huge.

God does so much for us. Salvation through Jesus is an unfathomable gift. And the list goes on of the blessings God pours over us. It is easy to love God the way we might have loved Santa Claus as a kid — to see Him as a larger-than-life, but rather distant figure that we can almost reach out and touch, but never really grasp. After all, there is something inside each of us that tells us we must do something to pay for all these lavish gifts. And deep down, we know we have nothing to offer that can even come close.

Can it really be true that all He asks of us is our *hearts*?

Does He really just want us to love Him because He's Him?

As we grow into deeper relationship with our Father and let Him steal our hearts, we begin to simply rest in who He is. And that is where we find our true identity. We abide in Him as He abides in us. And we come to realize that "I am special because ... I'm with Him!"

*“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows” (Matthew 10:29-31).*

—Amy Grant

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Dayton House** will see an ENT specialist at Scott and White in Temple regarding his dizziness. Surgery might not be an option.

**Mary Geeslin** saw her cancer doctor last Thursday and will have to have further surgery for breast cancer. She will begin chemotherapy treatments after she has regained her strength. Please pray for Mary as she faces this battle.

**Madisyn Hall** is home after a bout of pneumonia. Pray for a quick recovery for this little child.

Condolences to the family of **Carolyn Montgomery**. She passed away last Wednesday and her funeral was held yesterday.

**Kennith Perry**'s cousin, 2 year-old **Michael**, suffered severe burns from boiling water on a stove and has now contracted pneumonia.

**ALSO PRAY FOR**

Sue Buck, Rayette Fulk, Les Garrett, Eric Henry, Elam Miles, Hubert Stark, Craig Sullivan, Cleo Rhoades, Ruth and Louvelle Sides, Brenda House, Johnny Truitt, Dean Ethridge, Kirby McMahan, Raymond Mitchell, Joe Krischke and Olin Zartman.

**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

Della Geeslin, Opal Havens, Hazel Warlick, Eva McCarty, Elna Berry, Flo Price, Christine Denman, Daisy Watson and Frances Watson.

**WE CARE SIGN-UPS**

Sign-up sheets are posted in the back if you'd like to house any members of the *We Care* Cadre, help out in the kitchen or go door-knocking on teams.

The campaign is now just six weeks away. Are you praying that lost souls will be brought to Jesus?

**IN ANTICIPATION OF INCREASED USEAGE**

Huge thanks to W.D. and Wanda Henry who spent all week updating our baptistery. We have new hand rails, a new paint job and new curtains. The baptistery looks GREAT!

W.D. and Wanda... thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU!

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY LUNCH TODAY**

We will eat together after morning worship services in the New Annex.

If you are visiting with us today, please come so we can get to know you better! If you're a member but forgot to bring food, come anyway! There is always more than enough for everyone.

Come enjoy a meal with your church family!

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays**

01	Marie Watson
02	Brad Reynolds
05	Earl Wayne Reynolds
06	Terry Smith
10	Jerry Fry
15	Landon Schwartz
17	Nina Hardgrave
17	Jackie Fry
22	Kristi Leverett
23	Shaun Sides
24	Colton Svoboda
25	Dora Cline
25	James Miller
27	Elaine Covington
27	Joy Whitt
28	Joe Leverett
28	Billie Ethridge

**Wedding Anniversaries**

06	Wayne & Jean Ables
17	Lewis & Frances Watson

*“And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it” (1 Corinthians 12:28).*

*“Marriage is to be held in honor among all.” (Hebrews 13:4).*