

THOSE TO SERVE

January 24

Sunday Morning

ANNOUNCEMENTS Wayne Ables
 SONG LEADER Chris Biehl
 OPENING PRAYER Tom Grady
 COMMUNION BLESSING Melvin West
 LORD'S TABLE Charlie Leverett, Fred Kramer
 Scott Perry, Brian Whitt
 SCRIPTURE READER Tyler Horton
 CLOSING PRAYER W.D. Henry

Sunday Evening

SONG LEADER Bo Wright
 PRAYER SERVICE Elam Miles, Daryl Ward,
 Tom Grady, Dayton House
 CLOSING PRAYER James Miller

Wednesday, January 27

SONG LEADER Mike McMahan
 SCRIPTURE READING Colton Mitchell
 PRAYER J.W. Melton

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January 31

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 SONG LEADER Mike McMahan
 OPENING PRAYER Daryl Ward
 COMMUNION BLESSING W.D. Henry
 LORD'S TABLE Brian Whitt, Bo Wright
 Colton Mitchell, Tyler Horton
 SCRIPTURE READER Melvin West
 CLOSING PRAYER Mike Mitchell

Sunday Evening

SONG LEADER Fred Kramer
 OPENING PRAYER Michael Dalton
 CLOSING PRAYER Dayton House

Wednesday, February 3

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

MEN TO SERVE THE SHUT-INS

January 31 Jimmy Horton
 February 7 Charles Buck

Calendar of Events

Tonight, January 24th—Evening Prayer Service followed by a youth devotional at Jon & Layla Bryan's place, 121 CR 406.

January 26 & 28—TYC Mentoring in Brownwood.

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

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

February 1—**Ladies Prayer and Study Group**, 7pm at the preacher's house.

February 7—Monthly Birthday and Anniversary Celebration

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 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

LADIES PRAYER AND STUDY GROUP

A new study begins on Monday, February 1st at 7pm. We'll be studying from God's Word and a companion piece called *Having A Mary Heart in a Martha World*.

The book is free. The goal of the group is to have a greater knowledge of the Word and a deeper spirituality through intense prayer.

Please come and bring a friend.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the back bulletin board.

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

OUR ELDERS

Elam Miles
 Daryl Ward
 Mike McMahan
 Tom Grady

OUR DEACONS

Wayne Ables Fred Kramer
 Charles Buck Jimmy Horton
 Charles Parker Chris Biehl
 James Spruell

OUR MINISTER

Jim Hays

January 24, 2010

WELL WITH OUR SOULS

In November of 1873, Horatio Spafford received a telegram from his wife. The news it contained would bring him to his knees: "SAVED ALONE. WHAT SHALL I DO?"

Spafford's wife and four children had been aboard a ship bound for Europe when it was struck by a British iron sailing ship, the *Lockhern*. The *Lockhern* was able to rescue Anna Spafford, but the four children were lost in the waves.

Spafford had lost a fortune when his business burned in the great Chicago fire of 1871, but now this tragedy would be the biggest test of his faith.

As he made his way across the Atlantic to join his wife, Spafford was shown the location where his children had been lost. Reflecting on that moment, he wrote to his wife's half-sister, "Last Thursday, we passed over the spot where the ship went down, the waters three miles deep. But I do not think of our dear ones there. No, they are now safe—folded in the arms of the Lamb."

During the crossing, Spafford sat and wrote the words to one of the best-loved songs of all times. The first verse reads:

*When peace like a river attendeth my way
 When sorrows like sea billows roll
 Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
 "It is well with my soul."*

It's an amazing story. I wonder if we would react the same way. When faced with grief and loss, the reaction of most people is to fall back on self-pity. What enabled Spafford to respond as he did?

The answer is ... *Faith*.

Spafford believed that death was not the end for his children. He believed that the grave was only a stopping point—not a destination. To him, his children lay, not beneath the cold waters, but folded safe in the arms of Jesus.

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MISSION: POSSIBLE
“Whose Talent?”

Exodus 3:1-9 (NASB)

¹Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

²The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.

³So Moses said, "I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up."

⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

⁵Then He said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

⁶He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob " Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.

⁸"So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

⁹"Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them.

Four Excuses For Not Serving God:

1. We are _____ .

2. We have no _____ .

3. We are _____ .

4. We are _____ .

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Without God, such hope is not possible. Without God, death is the end. But God has overcome death, through the history-changing resurrection of his son. Paul writes: *"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).

As we think on the life and the death of our beautiful sister Winnie Lou Stark, let's stop and ask ourselves, "What did I learn from her?" I hope we learned that the Jesus Way is the best way to live. I hope we learned that 67-year marriages are still possible. I hope we learned that serving as Jesus served provides the greatest rewards.

As we watched Winnie Lou cross over to Canaan's Land, I pray that we saw her *faith* ... her *hope* ... and her *love*.

Do you have this hope? Do you share this faith? The love of God gives us peace in the most trying of times and shines light on the pathway of hope ... even in our darkest hour.

"We who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. ¹⁹We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever" (Hebrews 6:18-20).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sister **Ruth Sides** is in Hamilton General Hospital with pneumonia. She is taking breathing treatments every four hours and is a little better as of Saturday afternoon. She is in room 107B.

Rayette Fulk's cancer has returned and she has resumed chemotherapy along with an experimental treatment as part of a study.

Les Garrett had his incision come open on Wednesday and had to have stitches to close it back up. He is in a lot of pain, but walking around the house and filling his deer feeders.

Sue Buck and Frank Hall continue to recuperate at home from recent surgeries.

Craig Sullivan is about the same as he continues to undergo tests.

ALSO PRAY FOR

Oleta Willis, Cleo Rhoades, Brenda House, Johnny Truitt, Dean Ethridge, Kirby McMahan, Raymond Mitchell and Hubert Stark.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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

Anna Spruell has asked us to pray for the family of **Madeliene Phelps**. This little 7 year-old girl is suffering from an inoperable brain tumor. She is currently undergoing radiation treatments, but the chances of surviving the year are only about 10 percent. The family is distraught and needs prayers.

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL TONIGHT

This month's Youth Devotional will be at Jon & Layla Bryan's place tonight after services. The address is 121 County Road 406.

If you'd like to bring something, see Layla or Chris Biehl.

TYC MENTORING THIS TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

Those involved in the mentoring program at the Ron Jackson State Juvenile Corrections Center will be going to Brownwood this week.

One group goes on Tuesdays and the other on Thursdays.

If you are interested in being a part of this rewarding ministry mentoring teenage girls, please see Aubrey Rogers or Bonita House.

Mentors will meet at the building to carpool at 5:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The monthly birthday and anniversary celebration is two weeks from today, February 7th, after morning worship services in the New Annex.

Come enjoy a meal with your church family!

"...they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people."

(Acts 2:46b-47a)