

**THOSE TO SERVE**  
November 22

**Sunday Morning**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS R.C. Edmondson  
SONG LEADER Chris Biehl  
OPENING PRAYER Fred Kramer  
COMMUNION BLESSING Melvin West  
LORD'S TABLE Charlie Leverett, Mike Mitchell  
Danny Schwartz, Colton Mitchell  
SCRIPTURE READER Jimmy Horton  
CLOSING PRAYER James Miller

**Sunday Evening (Prayer Service)**  
SONG LEADER Bo Wright  
PRAYERS The Eldership  
COMMUNION Michael Dalton  
CLOSING PRAYER Aubrey Rodgers

**Wednesday, November 25**  
CONGREGATIONAL SINGING  
INVITATION Dayton House  
PRAYER W.D. Henry

**THOSE TO SERVE**  
November 29

**Sunday Morning**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS Elam Miles  
SONG LEADER Mike McMahan  
OPENING PRAYER Mike Mitchell  
COMMUNION BLESSING Daryl Ward  
LORD'S TABLE Bo Wright, Michael Wright  
James Miller, Michael Dalton  
SCRIPTURE READER R.C. Edmondson  
CLOSING PRAYER Brian Whitt

**Sunday Evening**  
SONG LEADER Fred Kramer  
COMMUNION Colton Mitchel  
CLOSING PRAYER W.D. Henry

**Wednesday, December 2**  
SONG LEADER Bo Wright  
SCRIPTURE READING Jordan Rodgers  
PRAYER Chris Biehl

**MEN TO SERVE THE SHUT-INS**

November 22 Jimmy Horton  
November 29 Charles Buck

**Calendar of Events**

**Tonight**—Monthly prayer service at 6:00 pm.

**Tonight after services** will be our monthly youth devotional at Dayton House's cabin. All are invited. Bring your Bible, a flashlight, a lawn chair *and a guest*.

**This Wednesday**—congregational singing

**December 6**—*Birthday/Anniversary fellowship* following morning service in the new annex.

**December 12**—*Over 65 Christmas Party* in the new annex.

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

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

**WEB SITE CALENDAR**

If you're ever wondering when an event is scheduled (like a youth devotional or the monthly potluck), all you have to do is go to the church web site at [www.goldcoc.org](http://www.goldcoc.org). Click on "Resources" and "Calendar".

You'll also see an archive of the church bulletins if you need information from a past bulletin.

*"I will praise the name of God with song and magnify Him with thanksgiving."*  
Psalm 69:30

If you have any information to be published in the bulletin, please submit it to Deborah Hays.

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<b>SCHEDULE OF SERVICES</b>		
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  
Charles Buck  
Charles Parker  
James Spruell

**OUR MINISTER**  
Jim Hays

**November 22, 2009**

**REMAINING THANKFUL IN THE MIDST OF STRESS**

*Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done.* ( Colossians 2:7 NLT)

Years ago, my husband and I were going through financial problems. I was distraught with worry. Then I read Paul's clear words of truth written to the Christians in Philippi: *"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* (Phil. 4:6-7 NRSV)

When I started giving thanks to God, faith filled me. I received "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding"! Can we really find reasons to thank God even during difficult times? Absolutely! There are many reasons to give thanks, even in times of despair and difficulty. Let me list a few to get you started thinking about the blessings in your life. Once you get started, I'm sure you can think of many others reasons to give thanks.

**1. Salvation**

When we come to know Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are blessed with forgiveness, everlasting life, constant communion with Jesus, divine guidance, and God's faithful provision, answers to prayer, hope for the future, and a host of other good things. When it comes to salvation, we can join Paul in saying, *"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"* (2 Corinthians 9:15 NRSV)

**2. The Beautiful Creation of God**

Sometimes when I feel down, I go for a walk and praise God for the beauties of His world. Jesus said, *"Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these"* (Luke 7:27NRSV). God's beautiful creation is such a great blessing!

**3. The Fellowship of the Saints**

Our Lord has given us our brothers and sisters in Christ for our enrichment and encouragement.

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**THANK FAST!**

Isaiah 12 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup>Then you will say on that day,

"I will give thanks to You, O LORD;  
For although You were angry with me,  
Your anger is turned away,  
And You comfort me.

<sup>2</sup>Behold, God is my salvation,

I will trust and not be afraid;  
For the LORD GOD is my strength and song,  
And He has become my salvation."

<sup>3</sup>Therefore you will joyously draw water

From the springs of salvation.

<sup>4</sup>And in that day you will say,

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name  
Make known His deeds among the peoples;  
Make them remember that His name is exalted."

<sup>5</sup>Praise the LORD in song, for He has done excellent things;

Let this be known throughout the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Like the leper...

1. We must see our \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We must \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.
3. We must \_\_\_\_\_ with Thanksgiving.

The thankful leper...

- Had a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.
- Placed a high \_\_\_\_\_ on gratitude.
- Was \_\_\_\_\_ by his gratitude.

*"Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:12-13 NRSV). The gift of Christian fellowship should never be taken for granted!*

**4. God's Wonderful Promises**

When troubles assail, I open my Bible and find a promise that gives me comfort and reminds me of God's faithfulness. *"For God is not unfair. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other Christians, as you still do"* (Hebrews 6:10 NRSV). God's promises are faithful and true. The Scriptures remind us of God's great faithfulness!

Thanksgiving does drive away anxiety! But, we don't have to go through hard times to appreciate God's blessings. If we look, we will find that His blessings are new every day. Our hearts can awaken to these when we choose to give thanks!

*Muriel Larson*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Sympathy to the **family of Anna Merle Covington** who passed away last Sunday. Her funeral was Wednesday. Please ask for God's comfort for this family.

**J.W. Melton** had surgery in Hamilton on Thursday. It went well and he is home recovering.

Earlier in the week, **Catfish Baird** and **Frank Hall** were also in the hospital but are doing better.

**Craig Sullivan** has inner ear problems which cause dizziness. He will undergo further testing for his blood pressure and heart problems.

**Opal Havens** continues in the Brownwood Hospital.

Tom Smith's father, **Ernest Smith**, is in East Texas Medical Center in Athens, Texas after suffering a severe stroke.

Please congratulate **Terry and Gayle Smith** in the birth of two new grandbabies born on the same day last Tuesday. Lila Gayle Smith (7 lb/4 oz., 20 in.) arrived in Corpus Christi at 7:15am and Samuel Wayne Wilburn (7 lb/14 oz, 19.5 in) came at 12:15pm in Abilene. Here are some pictures: Lila is on the left.



**OTHERS TO PRAY FOR**

Craig Sullivan, Oleta Willis, Cleo Rhoades, Brenda House, Johnny Truitt, Dean Ethridge, Kirby McMahan, Raymond Mitchell.

**ANGELS ARE SINGING!**

Please welcome your new sister **Brittney Cisneros** into the family of God as she made the good confession and was baptized Wednesday night.

Also, commend the Seward and Schwartz families for their encouragement and teaching to Brittney.

**"PRAYERS 'N' PRAISE"**

This new module is up and running at [www.goldcoc.org](http://www.goldcoc.org). Anytime you have new information to share with the church, simply go there and post it. Use it for prayer requests or just to share good news with your church family.

**HELP!**

Anyone interested in helping with the *Over 65 Christmas Party* should get with Jean Ables.

<sup>3</sup>*Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

<sup>4</sup>*Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise Give thanks to Him, bless His name.*

<sup>5</sup>*For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting And His faithfulness to all generations.*  
Psalm 100:3-5

**SHUT-INS**

Louvelle Sides, Della Geeslin, Opal Havens, Hazel Warlick, Bertie Williams, Eva McCarley, Elna Berry, Christine Denman, Daisy Watson, Cleo Rhoades and Hazel Hall.