

**THOSE TO SERVE
December 20**

Sunday Morning
ANNOUNCEMENTS RC Edmondson
SONG LEADER Chris Biehl
OPENING PRAYER Elam Miles
COMMUNION BLESSING Daryl Ward
LORD'S TABLE James Miller, Scott Perry
Garrett Schwartz, Trey Horton
SCRIPTURE READER Danny Schwartz
CLOSING PRAYER Carl Walzel

Sunday Evening
SONG LEADER Jim Hays
COMMUNION Mike McMahan
CLOSING PRAYER Don Seward

Wednesday, December 23
SONG LEADER Bo Wright
SCRIPTURE READING Jordan Rodgers
PRAYER Paul Spruell

**THOSE TO SERVE
December 27**

Sunday Morning
ANNOUNCEMENTS Wayne Ables
SONG LEADER Mike McMahan
OPENING PRAYER Daryl Ward
COMMUNION BLESSING Tom Grady
LORD'S TABLE Charlie Leverett, Jay Blackstock
Brian Whitt, Mike Mitchell
SCRIPTURE READER Trey Horton
CLOSING PRAYER J.W. Melton

Sunday Evening (Prayer Service)
SONG LEADER Fred Kramer
THOSE TO PRAY Chris Biehl, RC Edmondson,
Elam Miles, Dayton House
CLOSING PRAYER Brian Whitt

Wednesday, December 30
SONG LEADER Allen Hardgrave
SCRIPTURE READING Colton Mitchell
PRAYER Danny Schwartz

MEN TO SERVE THE SHUT-INS
December 20 Jimmy Horton

Calendar of Events

Today—*Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship* following morning service in the New Annex.

Tonight—report from Rick Morales on the mission work in Ecuador.

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

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

January 10th—*We Care Ministries* will conduct our Sunday morning class and worship.

January Potluck will be on **January 10th** followed by an elders meeting with the local *We Care* Coordinators.

SIGN UP FOR AFTERCARE

If you did not sign up to be part of the After-Care program, please do so. Sign-up sheets are on the back bulletin board. Duties include mailing cards, making visits, baking cookies and giving encouragement.

⁵*God saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,*
⁶*whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,*
⁷*so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

Titus 3:5-7

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

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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

December 20, 2009

SHOUT FOR JOY!

If you were at last Saturday's State Championship Game in Lubbock, you witnessed the excitement and joy shown by the players after the game. Even the players who made mistakes—missed blocks and tackles, fumbled, dropped passes or threw interceptions—were just as excited and joyful as the ones who scored the touchdowns and made the big plays. Players like our own Quinton Thompson, who were brought up from the junior varsity, were just as joyful as the starters. Why? *BECAUSE THEY WERE ON THE TEAM!*

And if you're on *Christ's* team, you get to shout for joy over what *He* has done. You get to march in *His* victory parade!

But somebody says she doesn't feel like celebrating. Someone else says, "I'm nothing but a loser." Another protests, "My health is rotten!" Yet another says, "I'm about to lose my job and that means losing my house!" And some voice trembles, "My divorce will be final next week and I am so lonely."

Listen up! You're not a "loser." And despite the stress, sleepless nights or the uncertainty of the stock market, you still have reason to cheer – *if you know Jesus Christ.*

Philip Yancey writes, "Like a victorious locker room, the church is a place to exult, to give thanks, to celebrate the good news that *all* is forgiven, that God is love, that victory is certain."

I was online the other day looking at sports memorabilia. You can find collections of bats, balls, jerseys, helmets and other sports items that are too expensive for me to even touch – much less purchase. A baseball that cost only a few dollars is worth several hundred because Nolan Ryan held it in his hands and wrote his name on it. A football that might sell for \$50 is worth hundreds because Troy Aikman has held and signed it.

Most baseball cards are barely worth the paper they're printed on. But a signed Ted Williams card is worth a few hundred bucks because the legendary player once held it in his hands and signed his name on it.

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A SEASON OF FORGIVENESS

Luke 2:8-14 (New King James Version)

⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

The Good News of Forgiveness...

1. It's a gift that nobody _____.

2. It's a gift that had to be _____.

3. It's a gift that had to be placed on a _____.

4. It's a gift that anyone can _____.

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Here's the point—you're not just another housewife, school teacher or auto mechanic. You're not just a student, dental hygienist, or goat rancher.

Even if you don't make big headlines or a ton of money, you're valuable! Despite the fact that you're embarrassed about something in your past or scared of something in your future, you matter!

So stop selling yourself short! If you have been held in Christ's hands ... if you have His signature mark of the Holy Spirit upon your heart ... you are *forgiven* and you are *saved*. You have a reason for living. And you have a future that is secure.

We're not losers, brothers and sisters. We are children of the King!

"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for calamity — to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

— Jim

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Christy Walzel has had a death in her family. Please include her family in your prayers.

Tom Smith lost his father on December 11th. The funeral was last Monday in Athens, TX. Pray that God will give him comfort and strength. If you'd like to send Tom a card, his address is P.O. Box 304, Parma, ID 83660.

Craig Sullivan continues to have tests run to remedy his health problems. Pray for a diagnosis and treatment.

Todd Barkley's mother, Claudine, is in the Hamilton hospital and requests our prayers. Todd sings with the Mills Tones and was in our worship last Sunday evening. Pray for healing.

Our new sister **Brittney Cisneros** is having relationship problems. Pray that she will deal with those and lean on Christ for strength and guidance.

ALSO PRAY FOR

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

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL TONIGHT

The monthly youth devotional will be held tonight after services at the home of Justin and Mabelle Baird. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$10 in value.

The Bairds live at 110 County Road 232, just off Hwy. 84 E.

TYC MENTORING

All who are participating in the TYC mentoring program at the Ron Jackson Juvenile Prison in Brownwood are reminded to meet at the building this Tuesday at 5:30 pm. We will carpool to Brownwood as usual.

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Excerpt from Matthew 25:37-40

POT LUCK TODAY

Our monthly *Birthday and Anniversary Celebration* will be today at 12:00 noon.

Please come even if you forgot to bring food and let's enjoy the fellowship of the saints. There is always plenty.

THANK YOU!

The *Annual Over 65 Christmas Party* was last Monday and was very well attended. Thanks to Jean Ables, Lynda Reid and all the ladies who decorated and cooked.

Thanks to the Mills Tones who sang, Brother Fred who led carols and to our city manager Rob Lindsey who pulled in some favors so Santa Claus could attend.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Toni Turzinski
4 Vireta Parker
7 Charlie Smith
Chuck Todd
8 Cleo Rhoades
16 Daisy Watson
17 Sam Watson
22 LeAnn Duus
23 Charlie Leverett
25 Don Seward
28 Elna Berry
29 Hazel Hall

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 Sam & Marie Watson
22 WD & Wanda Henry
26 Dayton & Bonita House
28 Lealand & Deloris Davee
30 Kirk & Rayette Fulc
Terry & Gayle Smith