

**THOSE TO SERVE  
December 6**

**Sunday Morning**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS Wayne Ables  
SONG LEADER Chris Biehl  
OPENING PRAYER Mike McMahan  
COMMUNION BLESSING Tom Grady  
LORD'S TABLE Jimmy Horton, Scott Perry  
Brian Whitt, Don Watson  
SCRIPTURE READER Jay Blackstock  
CLOSING PRAYER James Spruell

**Sunday Evening**  
SONG LEADER Mike McMahan  
COMMUNION Tyler Horton  
CLOSING PRAYER W. D. Henry

**Wednesday, December 9**  
SONG LEADER Allen Hardgrave  
SCRIPTURE READING Colton Mitchell  
PRAYER James Miller

**THOSE TO SERVE  
December 13**

**Sunday Morning**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS Fred Kramer  
SONG LEADER Mike McMahan  
OPENING PRAYER Tom Grady  
COMMUNION BLESSING Jim Hays  
LORD'S TABLE Wayne Ables, Chris Biehl  
Rodney Duus, Charles Parker  
SCRIPTURE READER Mike Mitchell  
CLOSING PRAYER W.D. Henry

**Sunday Evening**  
SONG LEADER Bo Wright  
COMMUNION Danny Schwartz-  
CLOSING PRAYER Billy Mac Newton

**Wednesday, December 16**  
SONG LEADER Fred Kramer  
SCRIPTURE READING Jordan Rodgers  
PRAYER J.W. Melton

**MEN TO SERVE THE SHUT-INS**

December 6 Jimmy Horton  
December 13 Charles Buck

**Calendar of Events**

**December 13**—*Birthdays/Anniversary Fellowship* following morning service in the New Annex.

**December 13** *immediately* following potluck—Meeting of all *We Care Campaign* coordinators with the elders in the Old Annex.

**December 14**—*Over 65 Christmas Party* has been moved to Monday, 12/14 at 12:30pm in the new annex because of the State Football game.

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

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

**GOING TO STATE**

Congratulations to the Eagle football team which will be playing for the state championship this Saturday in Lubbock against Canadian. The game is set for 5pm at Jones Stadium.

Team members attending church here include Garrett Schwartz, Cagan Smith, Tyler Horton, Colton Mitchell and Quinton Thompson.

Bailey Perry is on the cheerleading squad.

The Eagles defeated Joaquin in the state semi-finals 34-0 in a game played yesterday in Ennis.

**GO EAGLES!**

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 6, 2009**

**THE REST OF THE STORY**

Don't you hate it when you go to a movie and the story doesn't end? When you're left with all those loose ends and have to decide for yourself how it's all supposed to finish? I hate that.

For hundreds of years, the Jewish people had lived with the last word of the Old Testament ringing in their ears. Go look in Malachi, the last book of our Old Testament, and notice that it ends on the word: "Curse."

You see, their story didn't have an ending. They were the people of God's great promises; made first to Abraham, preserved through the deliverance of Moses, and reiterated again to David. But the promises lay there like a dead corpse, lifeless, and barren.

These were the people of God Almighty, who humbled Pharaoh in the plagues and destroyed his army in the Exodus through the Red Sea. Their God had helped them conquer the Promised Land and destroy the mighty cities of Canaan. But where was this God now? Where were his mighty deeds to save? For hundreds of years they had been a people in bondage to one nation after another, suffering humiliation again and again.

Their God had thundered his Word at Sinai. He had spoken powerfully and shaken kingdoms through the voices of his prophets. But now, just as Amos had predicted, there was a famine in the land. Not a famine for bread, but a famine for the Word of God. For hundreds of years there was no great prophet. No more Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, or Jonah. Most of all, no sign of Elijah, who was to make his grand return in preparation for the Messiah.

God's people sat there in the barren dust of their existence, waiting for an end to their story. Hoping, praying, and dreaming of the day for God to say, "Your long wait is over. Let me tell you the rest of the story."

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**HOLIDAY HOSPITALITY: GOT ROOM FOR JESUS?**

Luke 2:1-7 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup>Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth.

<sup>2</sup>This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

<sup>3</sup>And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city.

<sup>4</sup>Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,

<sup>5</sup>in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

<sup>6</sup>While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.

<sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

*<sup>1</sup> God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; <sup>3</sup> who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.*

Hebrews 1:1-4

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When you pick up your Bible and read Luke chapters 1 and 2, remember this is more than just a quaint little tale to dust off at Christmas time when you bring the ornaments down from the attic. This is a story of people who had waited a very, very long time to hear God finish their story and change their mourning into joy and their curse into Christ.

God let Israel wait a long time for the Messiah. When he came, there were angels and babies and shepherds and all sorts of wonder and awe. Most of all, there was an end for the story. In the births of John the Baptist and Jesus, God chose to enter history and turn our barrenness into his blessing and our curse into his Christ.

Why? Because we all deserved punishment for our rebellious sins. But rather than take us to the woodshed, God chose to visit us in a manger so he could “*give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace*” (Luke 1:77-79 NIV).

—Phil Ware

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Condolences to the family of **Bertie Williams**, who passed away Tuesday at Hillview manor. Funeral services were held Thursday. Bertie was the mother to our sister **Caroline Knight**.

**Joe Krischke** is doing better and has returned to Hillview Manor.

**Carla Leverett’s dad, Billy Harris**, was in a car accident earlier this week and is doing fine. His nose surgery to remove polyps has been moved to after the first of the year.

**OTHERS TO PRAY FOR**

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

**SHUT-INS**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Bill Oden and Jim Smith of *We Care Ministries* will be here. Bill will teach the auditorium class with a lesson on *AfterCare of New Christians* and Jim will preach a sermon in the worship assembly entitled *Are You the Problem or Are You the Solution?*

Please plan to be here next Sunday!

**WE CARE MEETING**

There is a meeting of all campaign coordinators next Sunday after potluck in the Old Annex. We will have an opportunity to ask questions of evangelist Jim Smith and AfterCare Director Bill Oden.

**POT LUCK NEXT SUNDAY**

Our monthly *Birthday and Anniversary Celebration* will be next Sunday, December 13th.

Please bring your favorite covered dish and let’s enjoy the fellowship of the saints.

**OVER 65 PARTY**

The *Annual Over 65 Christmas Party* has been moved to Monday, December 14th due to the football game. If you’re 65 or older, come and enjoy great food, fellowship and fun.

It will begin at about 12:30pm.

**ENCOURAGE THE NEW BABES!**

Send a card or make a call to welcome these to the family of God!

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We will have addresses for Trevor Watson and Jerry McGee next week.

*“But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called ‘Today,’ so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”*

Hebrews 3:13