

January 11, 2009
Morning Worship

Announcements *Doug Watts*
Substitute *Harold Hyde*
Scripture Reading *Corbin Feauto*
Direct Singing *Jerry Paceley*
Prayer *Tim Neff*
Communion: *Billy Taylor, Tim Felder, Bob Gordon,*
Bobby Corn, Coleman Rhodes, Billy Wallingford
Intercessory Prayer *Al Jolly*
Prayer *Bill Lierman*
Sound Booth *James Prichard*

Evening Worship

Prayer *Jerry Paceley*
Communion *John Shelton, Randy Sullivan*
Direct Singing *Randy Sullivan*
Prayer *Coleman Rhodes*
Sound Booth *Mitchell Shelton*

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Elders

Louis Drennan 828-5725
 Nick Johnson 828-3757
 Al Jolly 936-855-2715
 Carl Wylie 828-1649

Pulpit Minister

Rocky Whitely 828-5391

Seniors Minister

Al Jolly 936-855-2715

Youth Minister

Joe Squiers 828-2343

Missionaries

Ben & Karen Jenkins Mexico
 Brian Shelly SIBI
 Russell Bell India
 Jorge DelBosque Alaska

Deacons

Hal DumasPhysical Plant
 Ross Mitchell..... Fellowship
 Jerry Paceley.....Equipping &
Serving
 Wyman Poe..... Missions
 John SheltonMaturing &
 Education
 Joe Squiers..... Youth & Children
 Terry Smitherman Administration
 Jerry StoverWorship
 Randy Sullivan..... Community
Outreach & Family
 Care and Share
 Doug WattsFinancial

Secretary (office)

Sharon Carrigan 828-4205

Sunday: 01-04-09

Bible Class 89
 Worship A.M 141
 Worship P.M n/a
 Membership 220
 Baptisms 2008..... 3
 Placing Membership..... 6

Contribution..... \$5,042.00
 2008 Budget..... \$4,110.00

Wednesday: 01-07-08

Bible Study..... 83

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 Forward Service Requested

Worship Opportunities

Sunday Morning: Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am **Sunday Evening:** Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening: Devotional and Classes 7:00 pm **Ladies Bible Class:** Wednesday 10:00 a. m.
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DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

The Scriptures call on all Christians to serve God and others with the gifts that He has blessed them with. Consider the following passage as an example:

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. (Romans 12:6-8 NIV)

Quoting Scripture may be well and good. However, for so many, knowing the requirement and not knowing the "how to" is frustrating. How do you discover your gifts? Here are some practical suggestions:

1. **Recognize your talents**, and then put them to use. Or,
2. **Admit your conviction to serve**, and then, so to speak, put yourself in the way of service. Or,
3. **Look for a need to be fulfilled**, and then help fill it. Or,
4. **Identify an opportunity**, and then take advantage of it.

For whatever teaching or service, get the necessary training to do the work, if needed, then "Do it!" If you like your talents, there shouldn't be any hesitation in using them. If you are uncomfortable with the kind of service, just do it. It is the only way to expand your comfort zone.

There is no day better than today to start. Excuses may be merely declarations of laziness. **ROCKY**

Special Prayer Requests:

George King (Laura King's father-in-law) is in a Houston hospital with diabetes.

James Hall and Scott Sanders were able to be with us in morning services after being in the hospital.

A special pray that God will bless **Dale Hamilton** as he was baptized Sunday evening.

Howard Kowis begins chemotherapy again.

Our Continued Prayers for:

Shut-ins:

Nan Dowdy, Renee Sullivan.



Nursing Home Residents:

Polly Johnson, Lucindy Rhodes, Charlene Bush, Nettie Hill, Loyd Williams, Nora Lee Swingler, Charlene Oates.

Cancer Patients:

Ruth Carrigan, Gene Campbell, Roger Comtois, Vivian Johnson, Bobby Schuler, Pablo Esteban Barron, Nancy Brotherton, Kathy Pierce, Diane Peters, Charlotte White, Carol Naumann, Michael Kite, Howard Kowis, Thelma Jordan.

Our Church Family:

Jordan Currie, Ray and Sue Maxwell, Marie Williams, Joe Mitchell.

Family and Friends of our Church:

Anessa Odom, Alicia Rogers, Britt Farmer, Alvis Longley, Bud Johnson, C. J. Crisp, Becky Skidmore, Harold Brown, Kim Squiers, Paul Smith, Pat Walters, Johnnie Guajardo, Terrie Nichols, Karri Neal, Maxine Cox, Sheldon Hurst, Gwen Cochran, Danny Meadors, Cathy Sparks, Michael Stalcup, Allison Davis, Joann Reed, Virginia Winburn, Jenny Smith, Kelly and Richard Miller, Millie Taggart, Kristy Woerndel Williams.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building Committee Meeting will be Sunday, January 11, at 5:00 p.m.

Louis Drennan will present the proposed budget for 2009 to the congregation on Sunday, January 18 during morning services.

The Great Book — We have received additional books for those who expressed an interest in obtaining one. Please see Sharon to pick them up.

Men's Meeting will be on Sunday, January 11, after evening services.

Elders' Meeting will be on Monday, January 12, at 1:00 p.m.

Joe Squiers needs cookies and other desserts for the Winter Retreat. Please bring them to the building on Wednesday, January 14. He also needs volunteers to drive the church van on Friday the 16th down to camp and someone to drive on Sunday the 18th.

Winter Retreat for Middle School and High School Students — will be January 17–19 at Camp Hensel. If interested in going, see Joe Squiers.

Compassionate Friends meeting moved to the 2nd Monday of the month beginning January 12. The new meeting place is the Hearne Fire Station, 301 West 2nd Street, Hearne, Texas.

If you have not already done so, please turn in to the office your **green "Gleaning for Children" can** for the Foster's Home for Children.

The next meeting of the **Ladies Bible Class** will be on Wednesday, January 14.

Teacher's Training Workshop — A workshop for our elementary teachers is planned for Friday night, January 23 and Saturday, January 24. Lahoma Cox will present fresh ideas for our teachers. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who would like to help our children experience a more involved learning situation. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Mitchell or Priscilla Drennan.

Basic Bible Class — A basic Bible Class will start this February for new Christians and others that might be interested. We will learn how to understand Scripture and how the Old Testament and the New Testament fit together. Contact the Elders or Rex Neff, if interested.

Hospice Brazos Valley Loss of a Child — is a free special series for families who have experienced the death of a child and for counseling professionals. Topics include: parents' grief, family dynamics, and a panel discussion. This is a FREE seminar on Tuesday, February 3, 10, 17, and 24, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Hospice Brazos Valley office located at 502 West 26th Street. Contact Joan Serber at 821-2266, if you need more information.

Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat will be February 11-14, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. For more information, a flyer is on the bulletin board.

**CHILDRENS' WORSHIP SERVICE
AFTER COMMUNION ON SUNDAY MORNING**

SQUIERS' SCRIBBLES

Matthew 4 v17-23

Have you ever cried while watching something on TV?

Have you ever cried while reading a card or a note that someone sent you?

Have you ever received pure joy from a gift that someone gave you?

Have you ever been so thankful towards someone and you knew there was nothing you could do to pay them back?

Have you ever cried during a prayer?

Have you ever cried while remembering Jesus' death taking the communion?

Have you ever cried while singing a song?

I am not saying that if you don't cry then you're not focusing enough on God.

Sometimes we put more of our inner feelings into movies we watch, letters we read, and worldly things than we do into our worship. Sometimes we forget what God has asked of us and place his request on the back burner.

GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO.....

Fellowship with His son

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:9. ESV)

God calls us to do our best in everything we do (Colossians 3:17,23).

God calls us to submit our will to His (John 15:14; James 4:7; 1 John 2:17).

God calls us to submit to one another in love (1 Corinthians 10:23-24; Galatians 5:13-14; Ephesians 5:21; Philippians 2:3-4) and to show His love through the justice, mercy, and faithfulness of our lives (Matthew 5; Matthew 23; see especially 5:43-48; 23:23).

God calls us to live lives of holiness (Ephesians 1:4; 1 Thessalonians. 4:7; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1:15-16).

Love you all,

Joe

January Youth Calendar:

5th Study Monday

7th cup of Jo (This will be for everyone)

12th Study Monday

14th Wednesday Night Meal

16th thru 19th Winter Retreat

21st Cup of Jo

26th Study Monday

28th Wednesday Night Meal