

January 18, 2009	
<u>Morning Worship</u>	
Announcements	Doug Watts
Substitute	Harold Hyde
Scripture Reading	Alexis Poe
Direct Singing	Louis Drennan
Prayer	Bob Stewart
Communion:	Billy Taylor, Tim Felder, Bob Gordon,
	Bobby Corn, Coleman Rhodes, Billy Wallingford
Intercessory Prayer	Nick Johnson
Prayer	Wyman Poe
Sound Booth	Terry Smitherman
<u>Evening Worship</u>	
Prayer	Rex Neff
Communion	John Shelton, Randy Sullivan
Direct Singing	Jerry Stover
Prayer	Ross Mitchell
Sound Booth	Ben Sullivan

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
Louis Drennan 828-5725	Hal DumasPhysical Plant
Nick Johnson 828-3757	Ross Mitchell..... Fellowship
Al Jolly 936-855-2715	Jerry Paceley.....Equipping &
Carl Wylie 828-1649Serving
<u>Pulpit Minister</u>	Wyman Poe..... Missions
Rocky Whitely 828-5391	John SheltonMaturing &
 Education
<u>Seniors Minister</u>	Joe Squiers..... Youth & Children
Al Jolly 936-855-2715	Terry Smitherman Administration
	Jerry StoverWorship
<u>Youth Minister</u>	Randy Sullivan..... Community
Joe Squiers 828-2343Outreach & Family
 Care and Share
<u>Missionaries</u>	Doug WattsFinancial
Ben & Karen Jenkins Mexico	
Brian Shelly SIBI	
Russell Bell India	
Jorge DelBosque Alaska	
	<u>Secretary (office)</u>
	Sharon Carrigan 828-4205

Sunday: 01-11-09	
Bible Class 112	Contribution..... \$5,114.00
Worship A.M 176	2008 Budget..... \$4,110.00
Worship P.M n/a	
Membership 221	
Baptisms 2008..... 3	
Placing Membership..... 6	
	Wednesday: 01-14-09
	Bible Study..... 74

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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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“WHEN GOD SAYS ‘NO’ ” (1)

How do you respond to a well-meaning loved one or friend who looks at your malady and says, “You brought this on yourself because you do not have the faith to let God take it away”?

I do not know about you. Those words crush my spirit. It does not matter whether they are talking about some life-threatening illness, an ugly divorce or a drug problem in the family.

Some people, having visions of divine grandeur, act as if they are issuing decrees from God. They quote such passages as Proverbs 18:21, “*The tongue has the power of life and death*” (NIV), and Mark 11:-24, “*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*”

With the first passage, it was said in my case, “Do not say that you have leukemia, because life and death are in the power of the tongue.” According to some one close to me, I cursed myself with that dreaded disease. But, they do not realize that I can no more curse myself with leukemia than I can a broken arm!

The wise man of Proverbs was promoting the power of a good attitude as reflected by the spoken word. If you speak what is in your heart, your life and its outcome will reflect that, whether good or bad. For example, Solomon warned, “*Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life*” (Proverbs 4:23; see Matthew 12:33-35; 15:18-19).

Mark 11:-24 and similar passages are used to promote a “blank check” theology, primarily for health and wealth. I tell God what I want. God gives to me as I have said. If I want a million dollars, I ask God to give me the winning lottery ticket. If I have cancer, I call upon Him to heal me right now.

Please forgive me. I thought that God is Lord, and I am His servant. I did not know that He serves at my beckoning.

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Special Prayer Requests:

Marty Harris' son is in the hospital with brain cancer and pneumonia.
Robert Weaver (a Christian friend of Jerry and Lea Coble who lives in Tennessee) is in the late stage in his fight with pancreatic cancer. Please pray for Robert and for Betty, his wife, during this time of trial.
Howard Kowis as he takes experimental treatment for cancer.
Cindy Valentine (daughter of Jo and Harold Hyde) is still in need of our prayers.
Karen Nickelson has cancer and she is taking daily radiation treatments in Temple. Please pray for the Nickelson family during this time.
Vivian Johnson as she goes through another round of chemo treatments.
Pablo Barron (Karen Jenkins' father) who goes for a check up this next week. We pray he gets a good report regarding his cancer.
Lauren Riley (a friend of Rocky and Sally Whitely) 2 years old, being treated for pneumonia at Scott & White in Temple.
Lauryn Johnson for problems from reinjury to her broken nose.

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.



Nursery is available during morning services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord's supper devotional will be given by Doug Watts on Sunday, January 18.

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.

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

Golden Believers will meet on Tuesday, January 20, at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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 21.

Teacher's Training Workshop — A workshop for our elementary teachers is planned for Friday night, January 23, from 7–9 p.m. and Saturday, January 24, beginning at 9 a.m. 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. The afternoon session is also for those wanting to make crafts for the Bible classes but who may not be interested in teaching. 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, Bryan. 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

Would You Be Missed?

by Mike Riley

After completing many years as a journalist, Arthur Brisbane was offered six months of paid vacation time by William Randolph Hearst, the publisher of the *San Francisco Examiner*. Brisbane refused to accept the kind offer because of two reasons. He said, "If I quit writing my newspaper column for six months, it might affect the circulation of the newspaper. The second reason is that it might *not* affect the circulation of the newspaper."

Mr. Brisbane's answer was profound. In view of his answer, let's ask ourselves, "If I dropped out of sight for six months and did absolutely nothing for the Lord, would I be missed?" Would the Lord's work suffer or would there be no difference whatsoever? As members of the Lord's church, we each have a responsibility in doing the Lord's work and building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16; cf. 1 Corinthians 14:26; 2 Corinthians 12:19; Ephesians 4:12). We cannot hire someone else to fulfill our responsibility to the Lord (Galatians 6:4-5; cf. Romans 2:6; 1 Corinthians 3:8). We are individually accountable to God for what we do with the time He has blessed us with. Let us hear the inspired writer, Paul, as he wrote to the Ephesian brethren, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16 – ESV).

Brethren, let us resolve from this day forward, that we will become more involved in the Lord's work, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24 – NIV). God has so richly blessed us with time, talent, vision, and financial means. Let's be willing to put these gifts to work for the Lord and His cause, "while it is yet day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

Love you all,

Joe

January Youth Calendar:

16th thru 19th Winter Retreat

21st Cup of Jo

26th Study Monday

28th Wednesday Night Meal