

January 25, 2009	
<u>Morning Worship</u>	
Announcements	Doug Watts
Substitute	Harold Hyde
Scripture Reading	Dale Hamilton
Direct Singing	Wyman Poe
Prayer	Harold Hyde
Communion:	Billy Taylor, Tim Felder, Bob Gordon,
	Bobby Corn, Coleman Rhodes, Billy Wallingford
Intercessory Prayer	Nick Johnson
Prayer	Billy Wallingford
Sound Booth	James Prichard
<u>Evening Worship</u>	
Prayer	Billy Taylor
Communion	John Shelton, Randy Sullivan
Direct Singing	Jerry Paceley
Prayer	Wyman Poe
Sound Booth	David Hall

<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 &
<u>Seniors Minister</u> Education
Al Jolly 936-855-2715	Joe Squiers..... Youth & Children
<u>Youth Minister</u>	Terry Smitherman Administration
Joe Squiers 828-2343	Jerry StoverWorship
<u>Missionaries</u>	Randy Sullivan..... Community
Ben & Karen Jenkins MexicoOutreach & Family
Brian Shelly SIBI Care and Share
Russell Bell India	Doug WattsFinancial
Jorge DelBosque Alaska	
<u>Secretary (office)</u>	
Sharon Carrigan 828-4205	

Sunday: 01-18-09	
Bible Class 88	Contribution..... \$4,795.00
Worship A.M 145	2008 Budget..... \$4,110.00
Worship P.M 66	
Membership 222	
Baptisms 2009..... 1	
Placing Membership..... 6	
Wednesday: 01-21-09	
Bible Study..... 93	

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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’ ” (2)

There is no question that we must have faith in God to answer our prayers. Yet there is more to prayer than faith. For example, we must not ask from impure motives (James 4:3-4). We must be obedient to the Lord (1 John 3:22) and ask according to His will (5:15).

Our problem, as I see it, is that we practice religious Americanism instead of biblical Christianity. We believe that it is our God-given right to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,” emphasis on happiness. Consequently, many of us ask, “Why God?” whenever we suffer. Many of us believe that God is against us, whenever we suffer.

Do bad things ever happen to God’s people? Shudder the thought! However, how much Bible study does it take to see that very thing?

I think of Joseph, the favorite son of Jacob. God promised that Joseph would rule over his brothers (Genesis 37:5-11). What happened to Joseph afterward? His brothers captured him and threatened to murder him. He was sold into Egyptian slavery. His master’s wife falsely accused him of rape. He was thrown into prison and forgotten for years (chapters 37, 39-41).

Even though Joseph was still alive (as if we call that “living”), his father Jacob mourned for him as dead. Jacob suffered horribly, not realizing that his other sons had deceived him.

Where was God in all of this tragedy? Joseph could have said at anytime, “I give up, God. You hate me.” But, no! Joseph’s faith in God was strong. Even in awful circumstances, God blessed him (39:2-5, 21-23). On a much later day, after he was restored to his brothers, Joseph said, “*You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives*” (50:20).

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Special Prayer Requests:

Donna Spears (Elaine Beasley's sister) is having some health problems.

Howard Kowis returned home from the hospital and is in poor health.

Bobbie Towery (daughter of B.J. Dato) is battling cancer.

Billie Bird (Lori Squiers' grandmother) had a heart attack in Henrietta.

Ben, Karen and Madai Jenkins as they return to Mexico to continue their missionary work there.

Robert Comtois (Lea Coble's uncle) has had a turn for the worse in his battle with stomach cancer. A family consultation with his doctor is scheduled for Monday. Please pray for him and his family.

Fran Todd (sister of Troy Mitchell's grandmother) is in bad health, related to her heart, in Arizona.

Diane Peters (cousin of Marty Hanna) has brain cancer. Please pray that she will be able to be approved for a new treatment that may soon become available.

Rickie Hamilton who was sick and not able to attend worship services.

Norma Bruce (Ruth Coleman and Kathleen Smitherman's sister) has been battling pneumonia.

Sheri Parson (sister of Laura King) has cancer and had surgery at the Medical Center in Houston to remove an upper and middle lobe of her lung.

Dorothy Niemann (Rosalie Cazey's sister-in-law) has cancer.

For **President Barak Obama** and our Nation that we all lift up God's name in our troubled world.

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:

Karen Nickelson, 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:

Lauren Riley, Lauryn Johnson, Robert Weaver, Cindy Valentine, 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER: Teacher's Training Workshop — A workshop for our elementary teachers is planned for **this Friday night**, January 23, from 7–9 p.m. and Saturday, January 24, 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.

Directory — There are updates on the table in back of the main auditorium. Be sure to pick up a set.

Kisha Acuff was baptized by her grandfather on January 12. Be sure to congratulate her and welcome her into our family.

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

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.

Ladies Bible Class — The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 28. We will be making a trip to The Wooden Spoon Restaurant in Calvert after class.

Basic Bible Class — A basic Bible Class will start this February for new Christians and others who 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.

A **World Bible School Teacher Training DVD** has been provided for us and may be checked out anytime. Find it in the storage room at the SE corner of the auditorium on the shelves where all our WBS materials are available. If you would like to start teaching through the use of WBS materials, see Al Jolly, Betty Neff or Annette Sullivan for more information.

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

SQUIERS' SCRIBBLES

Well, Winter Retreat is over, and already I am ready to go back! How about you? I had an amazing time, and I really enjoyed the topic, "Not of this World"! We really aren't of this world, and it was great to be able to hear so many good lessons over the topic. I was very excited to take 13 with our group, and I pray that next year we will take even more. It was an uplifting and time of Spiritual growth for our teens.

I owe thanks to so many who helped this retreat go on without a hitch. We were able to get all of our teens to camp thanks to 3 mothers. We had so many in different activities that it took several different trips to get them there and back. A special thanks goes out to Annette Sullivan, Karen Mitchell, and Jerri Hiatt for making sure they all got to camp. I also would like to thank Annette and Karen for helping out in the kitchen. We had a great kitchen staff and they jumped right in and added to the mix.

I would like to thank Jerry Paceley, for allowing the use of his trailer to transport supplies to the camp. Rocky, we also thank you for driving all the way there to speak, then turning around and going back home. It was a great lesson that was delivered and we are very thankful that you were able to participate in our weekend.

Last, but certainly not least, a BIG THANK YOU to those of you who provided us with cookies, chicken spaghetti, food for meals that we cooked, and monetary donations. We are truly blessed by the church family that we have here in Franklin. I always know that I can count on all of you to make sure we have what we need to make an event run smoothly. May God bless each of your lives richly!

~ 2 Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV) ~

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.

Thank you so much for making my work here in Franklin such a joy, and an honor to work with Christians like all of you. I hope you all have a wonderful week.

Love you all!

Joe

January Events:

26th Study Monday

28th Wednesday Night Meal

