

Elders

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Nick Johnson..... 828-3757
Al Jolly.....936-855-2715
Rex Neff 828-2728
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Carl Wylie 828-1649

Seniors Minister

Al Jolly.....936-855-2715

Youth Minister

Coby Whitehead..... 828-9907

Pulpit Minister

Rocky Whitely..... 828-5391

Missionaries

Russel Bell..... India
Joe Don Brymer (Sandy Creek CH)..... India
Haley Edmiston Thailand
David Hamrick WBI of Georgia
Carrie McAnally Botswana

Deacons

Hal Dumas Physical Plant
Don FeautoService
Ross Mitchell Fellowship
Troy Mitchell Outreach
Jerry Paceley..... Education
Wyman Poe Missions
John Shelton.....Youth (Sr. & Jr. High)
Will SmithTraining, Maturing & Library
Joe Squiers..... Young Families & Youth
..... (younger than Jr. High)
Terry Smitherman Administration
Jerry Stover.....Worship
Randy Sullivan Benevolence

Secretary (office)

Sharon Carrigan..... 828-4205

Worship Opportunities

SundayBible Classes for all – 9:30 a.m.
..... Worship – 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday ... Ladies’ Bible Class – 10:00 a.m.
..... Bible Classes for all – 7:00 p.m.
..... Ladies’ Bible Class – 7:00 p.m.

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“SECOND VERSE, SAME AS THE FIRST”

The early days of “Rock and Roll” included a movement known as “the British Invasion.” Who can forget Ed Sullivan introducing the Beatles on his variety “she-e-e-ew”? Dusty Springfield, Peter and Gordon, The Animals, Manfred Mann, Petula Clark, The Rolling Stones, The Troggs, and Donovan brought their music to the United States.

I know that I run the risk of placing endless lyrics in your mind as I recall one of British Invasion groups, Herman’s Hermits, as they sang, “I’m Henry the Eighth, I Am.” At the end of the first verse, Peter Noone, lead singer, says, “Second verse, same as the first.” Then the song repeats that same verse through a few more times. Catchy rhyme and snazzy guitar catapulted it to a Billboard’s number one song.

Sometimes our lives are glued to the same verse, too. No matter what good comes our way, we are stuck in rut. We are that steady Freddy or stable Mabel who in life’s wheel of fortune cannot “buy a vowel” to solve the puzzle. Famous comedian Erma Bombeck once asked, “If life is a bowl of cherries, what am I doing in the pits?”

The summer was too hot for too long. Why couldn’t this cooler weather happened sooner? The rain that fell this week was nice. Why couldn’t it have been more for a longer time? In Washington, politicians play games as usual. So why does my retirement have to tank? Why did my husband have to get sick? Why did my mother have to die? Couldn’t it have waited until after the holidays?

Maybe it was this same way for the lepers of Jesus’ day. Life was always bad. It would never get better. How true that was since leprosy was incurable. But when Jesus is around, there is always hope.

The story is told in Luke’s gospel account as Jesus was traveling between Samaria and Galilee (Luke 19:11-19). At a village, he came across ten lepers. They cried out to Jesus, “Have pity on us.” You know full well what they were asking for. Of course, they wanted to be healed.

And Jesus did. Only one, a Samaritan surprisingly enough, thanked Jesus and praised God loudly. Ten healed but only one with thanksgiving and praise.

It is easy for us to dwell on what is wrong with this picture. Let’s focus on what is right. This Thanksgiving Day, as we are celebrating with our families, let’s remember not only to give thanks for God’s blessings but also to praise Him.

What helps us to get our lives unstuck is a change in tunes. If I may remind you of another song, “Count your many blessings. Name them one by one.”

ROCKY

PRAYER LIST

Special Requests:

Morris Fulks is in St. Joseph Hospital in Room 261 for a bleeding ulcer.

Kelly Miller (Blake and Scott Smith's mother) had surgery Tuesday for a bleeding ulcer.

Barbara Mitchell is now in Christus Dubuis.

The family of **Aaron Hanna** (nephew of Marty Hanna) who passed away at age 33 after many years of battling kidney disease.

Ann Howard (daughter-in-law of Sid Howard) has lung cancer.

Thanks for this week's **rain**. Pray for more.

Missionaries:

Russel Bell, Joe Don Brymer, Haley Edmiston, David Hamrick, Carrie McAnally.

Nursing Home:

Carla Hemphill Hickman, Nettie Hill, Charlene Oates.

Military:

Thomas Shelton.

Our Church Family:

Louise Hall, Nellie Horton, Mary Louise Lierman, Betty Hairston, Kathleen Smitherman, Ben & Karen Jenkins, Vee Munson, Joe Mitchell, George Biggs, Marie Williams.

Cancer Patients:

Mark Carlisle, Kathy Pierce, Nita Niemann, Vickie Novak, Phillip Sabo, Michael Kite, September Bigelow, Aggie Budwigg, Marilyn Cooper, Louie Reagan.

Family and Friends of our Church:

Margaret McCrary, Lily Squiers, Barbara Mitchell, Thai orphans, Ag students and faculty from Abilene Christian University and their families, a little girl at Christ's Haven for Children, Wanda Fannin, Allen Poe, Ron Simpson, Gerri Spears, Margaret Muncie, Evelyn Elliott, Ed Beasley, Bruce Boller, Jessie Sabo, Bill Loftin, Tomi Quinn Houston, Glenn Jackson, Doug Hathorn, Chase Ellison, Leonard



Coble, Charlie Middlebrook, Madison Storm, Kelly Miller, Gwen Simpson Rottmund, Raymond Tidwell, Lindsey Smith, Laura Winslow, Justin Nichols, Jenny Smith.

HAPPENINGS

The **middle school students** will meet Friday, November 18, from 6-9 p.m. for service and fun.

Third, fourth and fifth grade students will meet on Saturday, November 19, at 6-8 p.m. for service and fun night.

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, November 19, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is for all the young men too.

Nursing Home Devotional will be Sunday, November 20, at 2:30 p.m.

Outreach Meeting on Sunday, November 20, at 5:00 p.m.

Our **Wednesday evening meal** in the Fellowship Hall on November 23, is dismissed as our families prepare for Thanksgiving..

Wednesday night services on November 23 will be for praise and thanks instead of classes.

We will have a **congregational singing** on Sunday evening, November 27. Bring your requests. Also, get ready to learn new songs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No **bulletin** will be published the week of Thanksgiving. May God bless you and your family richly as you give thanks to God for His multi-colored grace.



LTC is back!! LTC is for grades 3-12 and it's time to get started. **Bible Bowl** practice will be Sunday during evening services in the youth group classroom. We are studying the book of Genesis. Questions, contact Coby Whitehead or Sarah Neff.

Please plan to cook, serve, deliver meals and/or clean-up for the **Holiday Feast of**

Sharing for Saturday, December 3. Cooks are needed as early as 5 a.m. at Reynolds Elementary, servers & drivers as early as 10 a.m. at the Middle School, clean-up until 2 p.m.

You can deliver the **undecorated sheet cakes** and **unsweetened cornbread** to the Burger Bar on Friday, December 2, or to the Middle School the morning of Saturday, December 3.

November 27, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements

Al Jolly

Substitute

Troy Mitchell

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:20-22

Isaac Neff

Direct Singing

Jerry Pacey

Communion

John Shelton

Terry Smitherman

Daryl Stuard

Matthew Stuard

Buddy Hiatt

Steve Beasley

Nursery

Lori Squiers

Alysta Feauto

EVENING WORSHIP

First Prayer

Doug Watts

Direct Singing

Wyman Poe

Communion

Nick Johnson

Bobby Corn

Closing Prayer

Ross Mitchell

Sound Booth

David Hall

First Prayer

Joe Squiers

Intercessory Prayer

Louis Drennan

Closing Prayer

Don Feauto

Sound Booth

Camp Neff

November 20, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements

Al Jolly

Substitute

Troy Mitchell

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:11-19

Garrett Mitchell

Direct Singing

Randy Sullivan

Communion

John Shelton

Terry Smitherman

Daryl Stuard

Matthew Stuard

Buddy Hiatt

Steve Beasley

Nursery

Rhonda Stover

Brielle Feauto

Sunday: 11-13-11

Bible Class

85

Worship A.M.

158

Worship P.M.

65

Contribution

\$5,181.00

2011 Budget

\$5,077.00

EVENING WORSHIP

First Prayer

Wendell Hall

Direct Singing

Alexis Poe

Communion

Nick Johnson

Bobby Corn

Closing Prayer

Billy Briscoe

Sound Booth

Mitchell Shelton

First Prayer

Donnie Currie

Intercessory Prayer

Rex Neff

Closing Prayer

Coby Whitehead

Sound Booth

James Prichard

FOR THE RECORD

Membership

244

2011 Baptisms

10

Placing Membership

11

Wednesday: 11-16-11

Bible Study

104