

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM

Those serving the congregation today

December 13, 2015 December 20 2015

Bible Class	Dale	Dale
Announcements	Harold	Eddie
Song Leader	Greg	Jerry
Opening Prayer	Eddie	Ryan
Communion:		
Presiding	Ryan	Lonnie
Serving	Raimi	Pat
	Jason	Greg
	Greg D	Jason
Sermon	Dale	Dale
Closing Prayer	Bill	Harold

EVENING SERVICE 6:00 PM

Announcements	Eddie	Harold
Opening Prayer	Jason	Eddie
Lesson/Devo	Ryan	Dale
Song Leader	Jim	Greg
Communion/ Closing Prayer	Jason	Harold

December Greeters—Kathie, Wanda

RESPONSES: Each time we meet together, there is a possibility that someone would like to respond to the invitation of Jesus Christ. We would be very glad to help you if you would like to be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, (2) to repent for sin in your life and ask for prayers of the church, or (3) to ask the church to pray for some special need in your life.

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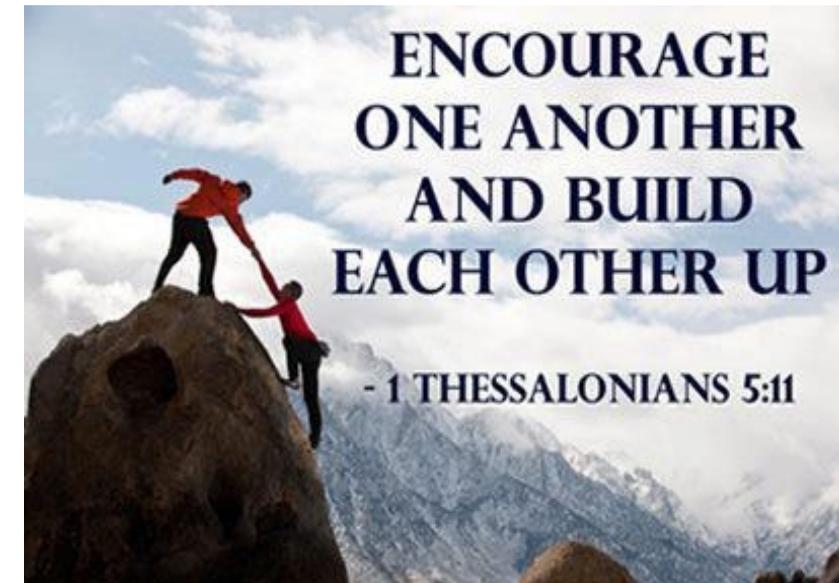
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Ministers—Every member of the congregation

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Welcome Visitors

We are honored to have you as our guest. We pray that the worship and fellowship will be a blessing to you. If we can serve you in any way or answer any questions, you may fill out a visitor card on the back of the pews and place it in the collection plate, or you may contact our Elders.

Nursery/Training Room

Provided where you may sit with your children during services

NEWS AND EVENTS

The next Ladies Fellowship will be Thursday, December 17 at 11:00 AM. There will be a salad bar ladies luncheon on Saturday Dec 19 at 12:00 PM

The next Sunday evening fellowship will be December 20 for Grandma's Best Recipes and a white elephant swap. If you have any questions, see Ryan.

Please make the following changes to your directory:
 CB & Jean Wise - Home phone 928-308-1101
 Cell 928-499-1635

December Birthdays and Anniversaries	
01 Rose, Rex & Sharon	13 Loftin, Jason (Buck)
03 Kilby, Linda	22 Owen, Kaitlyn
06 Bates, Gary	27 Owen, Todd & April
13 Ferguson, Lonnie	30 Owen, Todd

PRAISE AND PRAYER

Prayers for Jean Hess who is still recovering at Haven.
 Prayers for all those who are battling cancer.
 Prayers for those of our number who are traveling.
 Prayers for the missionaries out in the world.

Please continue to pray for those with health concerns:

Amanda, Mary Jane, Bill, Grady, Sibyl, Nancy,
 Babs, Linda, Helena, Hayley, Wayne, Charlie &
 Shirley, Gary, Ephraim, Gary Landers, Jeff Landers

Our Military men and women, and the leadership of our nation and our congregation.

A FAMILY WHO PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER.

Changes Around Us

I wrote this article several years ago but as I was archiving some old bulletins I came across it and seeing some of the guys around here with beards (maybe even a few balding heads?) I thought it might be worth repeating.

It is amazing what we take notice of and what we don't. A few years ago I grew a beard and within twenty-four hours of the time I missed my first shave I received my first insult. "Whats'a matter, can't ya afford razor blades?" From there things just went down hill. After a while you just get used to people asking, "Do you know how ugly that looks?" or making statements like, "I had a dog with hair that looked like that once; but he had the mange." Even after it became a luxuriant growth that was exactly what I wanted it to be there were people who would come by and tell me they just never did like men with beards.

I just let the comments go like water off a duck's back. It was my beard and I liked it. At first the comments came on a daily basis; finally they dwindled to about one per month. When I decided to shave it off, the "horrible brush" had been a part of my face for at least two years. That beard generated more personal slurs than anything else I had ever done and yet, when I shaved it off nobody noticed. One of the people I had worked with for the entire time and whom I saw every day did not notice for two weeks.

I have said all this for two reasons. First, as sparse as it may be I am trying to let a few hairs grow back on the top of my head. Yes, I know what it looks like. No, I did not forget to wear my hat while dusting the furniture. No, I am not using Rogaine. Yes, it does look a little thicker, thank you. If you think you have problems just count your blessings, it is my head, all you have to do is look at it; I have to wear it. The other reason is to bring to mind the idea that it is easy to watch people change without seeing the changes. As a person changes everyone sees - and perhaps even criticizes - the change but they continue to remember the original look. After a while the changes are unnoticed. If we are only talking about hair it is really no big deal. But if we are seeing a person who wants to change from his former way of life and serve Jesus we can do them a great injustice. We need to encourage, not criticize. We must let them put away the "old self" and encourage them to be a "new creature in Christ."

There is no one here who could not be criticized in some way. There is no one here who does not have a "past." (If you didn't you would not need Jesus.) There is no one here who does not need encouragement. There is no one here who could not encourage someone else if the opportunity arose.

Consider this your opportunity and arise with some encouragement for your brothers and sisters.

Love ya,
 Dale

NOTES

Family Records Last Week	
Sunday Morning Worship	79
Sunday Evening	21
Wednesday Evening	17
Contribution	\$2443
Weekly Budget	\$1500

Elders		Schedule of Services	
		Sun	Bible Study 9:30 am
Harold Kilby	567-9764		Worship 10:30 am
Eddie Rose	567-4349		Evening Service 6:00 pm
			Youth Group 6:10 pm
Jason Carr	592-0791	Wed	Bible Study 7:00 pm
Jim Vogel	451-0782	Thurs	Ladies Devotional 11:00 am
			(every other week)
		Friday	Fellowship (EOW) 6:00 pm
Dale Rhodes	274-4717	Tues	Men's Breakfast 8:00 am