

Come Grow With Us!

Sunday Assemblies

Bible Class at 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Assembly

Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m.

ELDERS

Charles Bogle	473-7354
J. C. Gaw	473-0552
Jimmy Griffith	473-5198
Steve McGregor	474-8100
Marion Pistole	668-4563
William Ramsey	635-2305
Nestor Stewart	473-2521
Steve Stubblefield	635-2410

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Tyson Brock	668-5309
Ray Cantrell	815-2020
Neal Cox	668-5894
John Douglass	473-3828
Kevin Dunlap	686-8900
Tim Fariss	668-4438
Waymon Hobbs	668-3809
Brent Keeton	668-4846
Mike Mansfield	815-9298
Matt Rains	474-7865
Frank Reynolds	473-4887
Kevin Rhoton	668-3934
Ronnie Rogers	939-3797
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Jeff Vance	668-7202
Michael White	668-7811
Ken Woods	474-8555

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Matthew Balentine	743-0318
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Tom Watson	(615) 604-1602
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Tim Talk

Everyone who was singing “Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow” are now singing “Let it go, let it go, let it go!” Last Friday we experienced a sudden winter storm that dumped ice, snow, ice, freezing rain and more snow all over the state. It was so pretty falling, and it fell quickly. I made the mistake of getting out in the worst of it and got caught in the snarl of traffic. It took more than an hour to go about 2 miles! Our kids threw snowballs, built a snowman and played on the sled, enjoying one of the biggest snows of their lives. Everyone quickly realized the hazards associated with ice, as cars all over the county found it difficult, if not impossible, to navigate the slick roads. What was fun and beautiful for some was treacherous and ugly for others. Mention snow around town now and you may get grumbling and complaining, whereas just a few days ago the promise of snow brought smiles to faces.

We could easily exhaust our space here discussing the psychological reasons (or even spiritual ones) that something would excite us in theory but disappoint us in reality (think temptation). However, I want to take a look at what the Bible has to say about snow.

First, most of the uses of snow are comparisons. Several passages speak of leprosy causing a person’s skin to appear “as white as snow.” There are also numerous references to robes or garments being “white as snow.” God is spoken of to Job as the source of snow. Benaiah, one of David’s mighty men, killed a lion in a pit—impressive enough—and did it on a snowy day!

Perhaps with the problems caused by snow this week would line up with the snow reference in Proverbs 31. The virtuous woman there has worked and prepared for her family so that when the snow comes, she does not fear for her family (verse 21).

The verse that I want to think about with you today, however, is Psalm 51.7: “Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” These words of David were written from a penitent heart following his confrontation with Nathan. He was forced to admit his affair with Bathsheba and his murder conspiracy to cover that affair. He talks about the blackness of his sin, and the detrimental effects of that sin on every area of his life. The thing he desired most from God was a clean heart, one that had been washed pure from sin. As you look at the blinding whiteness of the snow around you this week, let it remind you of the cleansing that God provided you by the blood of Jesus. When you see the dirty snow piled on the side of the road, be reminded of what sin will do again to the purified life. Praise God for the snow...and for the purity he provides to our sin-stained hearts. Until we meet again...*TWP*

Matt's Matters

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



CYC is right around the corner. We have a group of about 60 teens as well as a great group of adults that are planning on going. The cost of the trip is going to be **\$40 a person**. You will be responsible for any spending money that you might want to bring. Check the stage Sunday for permission forms. There will be a meeting in the coming weeks with more information.



Mark your calendars now for this years spring retreat "Shout to the Lord." All week-end will be centered around the different phrases of this very

powerful song. The dates of the Retreat are March 19th-21st at Short Mt. Bible Camp. The cost is going to be **\$35 per person**. Sign up sheets are on my door.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Bible Bowl Sunday afternoon at Bybee Branch.

Next week we will not be having any of our normal weekly events. Tim and I will be attending the lectureships at FHU all week.

We will also be rescheduling the Family Game Nigh that we missed due to all the great snow we had last week. I will let you know Sunday when that will be.

Home

Landon Cantrell

Lori Gretzinger

Belle Rankhorn

Grace Jacobs

Charlene Palmer- sister-in-law of Janice Mayfield

Prayer List

Lucas McGregor, Julia Centracchio, Nestor Stewart, Lowell and Pat Morris, Nancy Holder, Andy Dunn, Pearl Vickers (NHC), Cecil Prater, Edith Sharp (NHC), Henry & Mildred Herndon (NHC), Mary Crocker (NHC), Bill Prater (NHC), Floyd & Patsy Hardcastle, Ed Molloy, Joy Bragg, Johnnie Walker, Floella McDole, Sandra Wimberly, Grace Jacobs, Janice Barrett, Estelle Gann, Georgia Henry, Dennis Keener, Mary Betty Christian, J.C. Gaw, Kristie Myers, Sue Whitmore, Warren Loftis, Mary Woodlee, Sara Rein, Pat Spry, Tooter Bell, Carl & Rajean Douglass, Charles Wilcher, Dorothy Jo Adams, Carol Sue Taylor (NHC), Ferrell & Ruth Young, Everett West, Audrey Carothers, Lauren Patterson, John Black, Don Patton, Grant Craven, Edwin Whitlock, Tina Palombo, Frances Garrison, J.C. Slatton, Andrew Morris, Theo Burks, Tommy Rogers, Myrtle Rigsby, Shannon Shelton, Betty Millraney, Myra Lytle, H.C. & Lucille Hudson, Lisa Moss, Joe Boyd, Brenda Moore, Leah Smartt, Lisa Lance, Shirley Nunley, Ann Swanson, Earline Hoover, Peggy Hollis, Charles Vinson, J.C. Clemons, Billy Cartwright, Bernard Wood, Kenneth Collier (NHC), Frances Prater (Riverview), Hilda Martin, Jane Flatt, Carol Cantrell, Jim Herrin, Homer Perry, Rose Morgan, Emma Woodlee, Vickie Scott, Shirley Douglass., Charlene Palmer.

Sympathy

...to the family of Dorothy Pitts, sister of Kathy Boyd and Frances Walker. Services were Wednesday in Woodfin Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

...to the family of Curtis Morris, brother of Lowell Morris and uncle of Kreta Slatton. Services were Thursday in Woodbury.

February Bible Hour Teachers

Cradle Roll I.....Shelley/Emma Rhoton
Cradle Roll II..... Monti/Wesley Hillis
2 Year Olds.....Jozada Smith
3 & 4 Year Olds.....Steve/Jill Stubblefield
5 & 6 Year Olds.....Jennifer Cook/Brenda Hale
2nd/3rd Grade Girls.....Dessa Reed/Janice Mayfield
2nd/3rd Grade Boys.....Ronnie/Cindy Rogers

Golden Wedding Anniversary for Lindell & Gloria Doty on February 13th. If anyone wishes to send them well wishes, they may do so at 521 E. Main St., Palestine, AR 72372.



Haiti has been crippled by one of the worst natural disasters the Caribbean has ever seen. The capital city of Port-au-Prince has been largely destroyed by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck January 12, collapsing hospitals and sending crowded towns tumbling down steep hillsides. Survivors need clean water, emergency shelter, and medical care to keep the death toll from escalating. The church family at Central is trying in many ways to take part in the relief that is so desperately needed.

Last Sunday the elders issued a wonderful challenge. We will be having a special contribution this coming Sunday, February 7th, to aid in this effort. Any amount of money that exceeds our weekly budgeted contribution (see back sheet for amount) will go to help aid the **Son Light Orphanage**. The elders hope that you will be mindful of this effort and give above your normal weekly contribution to help this work.

We are also involved in a shoe drive called **Soles for Souls**. We are trying to help Freed-Hardeman University collect 10,000 pair of shoes. If you have any shoes that you can give to this effort please bring them by the office or to worship this coming Sunday. They will be delivered to FHU on the 8th.

Haiti is the most impoverished nation in the Western Hemisphere. Their people need our help like never before. Please pray for these people and the missionaries that are trying to save lives as well as share the love of Jesus Christ.

In the Area

February 4—Quilters meet please bring a covered dish

February 5

- Area Wide Singing at Bethel Church of Christ beginning at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be available.

February 9

- Elders will meet at 7:00.

Around Central

Youth Service—Due to all the snow we were unable to meet last Sunday night. Several of our young men had planned on leading us in worship and were unable to. Because of all the hard work that they have already put in to there lessons all of these young men will lead at this weeks evening worship.

Couple's Retreat

The retreat is at Lakeside Resort in Smithville on Feb. 12-13. The cost is \$70 per couple. There is a sign up sheet on stage for anyone wanting to go. There are only 12 slots left.

Attention: Jail Ministry graders are needed. All current graders, please return all Bible Correspondence files that are inactive. Call Boyd Spry at 668-1298 for more information.

Sunshine Sisters Outing—will be having a potluck lunch on Sunday February 7th after morning services. Be looking for more information in your mailboxes.

Valentine Day Sweetheart Banquet

The annual sweetheart banquet will be held on Friday, February 19. This is for anyone age 50 and over. There will be a signup sheet on stage and transportation will be provided for anyone needing it.

Back Home: It's wonderful to be home where we are among Christian friends & a wonderful community made up of caring and loving people. Jo, myself and family express our humble and sincere thanks to all . Whether it was by card, phone, visit or just asking the family of my condition.

My health is improving as is my interest in Christ and the work here at Central. I hope to be able to accomplish more than ever before.

God Bless, Nestor

This Week's Pantry Item

Canned Fruit



PRIVILEGED TO SERVE February 07, 2010

If unable to serve, please call

All men, including substitutes, please come to the library no later than 10:20 a.m.

Sunday - 10:30 A.M.

Opening Scripture Kevin Dunlap
Invocation Phillip Clemons
Welcome Charles Bogle
Song Leader Jeff McKinley
Prayer Jimmy Knowles
Scripture Bruce Carr
Preside at Lord's Supper Ken Smith
Assist with Lord's Supper
 Lonnie Rains Kevin Prater
 Tom McColloch Brentt Crouch
 Jay Wood Hayden Wood
 Alex Walker Jon Southard
 Andy Southard Shawn Beaty
 Dylan Keith Slayden Rogers
 Jeremy Southard Larry Smith
 Hunter Beaty Kevin Dunlap
 Tyson Brock Phil Smith

Lukewarm and Loving it
 Matthew Balentine

Benediction Adam Wood
Doors Jack Locke, Richard Black
 Thomas Reed
Ushers Jack Newby, Kenneth Campbell
Substitute Billy Jones, Jimmy Walker,
 Richard Pedigo, Steve Cantrell

Attendance Cards

Christian Loudermilk Michael Talerico
 Carter Mansfield Zachery Keel
Van Drivers Jamie Simerly 815-2254

Nursery

(if you cannot serve, please find a replacement)

Bible School Trina Fariss
 Lisa Garrison
A.M. Worship Courtney Chisam
 Hayle Clemons
P.M. Worship Chelsea Cope
Midweek Worship Alana Ewing

Greet

LF Kevin Rhoton
RF Kevin Dunlap
LR Tim Fariss
RR Trysten Sherwood

Delivering the Lord's Supper

Meet in the back foyer at 9:25

Nursing Homes

Sam Anderson Heath Anderson

Hospital

Phil Smith Brandon McGinness

Homes #1

Marvin Kell Mark Keith

Homes #2

David Hutton Brandon Jones

Men to Count in the Library—February

Jimmy Walker 473-8700
Ronnie Rogers 939-3797
 Joe Braxton Ronnie Elrod
 Slayden Rogers Gary Brewer
 Andrew Crouch Joe Adams
 Alex Walker Ronnie Elrod

Sunday Evening— 6:00 P.M.

Invocation Lucas McGregor
Welcome Christian Gonzales
Song Leader Tim Bryant
Prayer Gray Parish
Scripture Spencer Pryor/Alex Walker

Sermon

Ben Matheny
Slayden Rogers

Benediction Matthew Balentine
Communion Andrew Crouch/Casey Tomberlin

Sound/PA Keith Chisam/Bob Centracchio
Baptism Garment Cleaning Donna Rich
Restock Cards Sherrey Grandey
Prepare Trays Jeff Vance/Ray Cantrell
Communion Bread Janice Mayfield

Wednesday—February 10 7:00 P:M

Invocation Lucas McGregor
Song Leader Tyson Brock
Scripture Brock Fariss
Speaker Dale Randolph
Benediction Sam Pryor

Men to Open & Close Building

Week of February 7 John Douglass
 Week of February 14 Kevin Dunlap

Scripture Studies

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With Mack Lyon

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AM Worship 344
PM Worship
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 Kristie Rogers 08
 Lilly Cantrell 09
 Byron Cox
 Josephine Turner 10
 Kenneth Campbell 11
 Herschel Wells 12
 Linda McGregor 13

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