

**THOSE WHO SERVE**  
DECEMBER 25, 2016  
**SUNDAY MORNING**  
SCRIPTURE READING

Johnny Bachhofer

Proverbs 16:1-5

SONG LEADER

Wes Ives

OPENING PRAYER

Noble Anderson

COMMUNION

Warner Endsley

Dakota Endsley

Bob Diehl

Chris Bachhofer

PICK UP CARDS

Luke Warren

Merrick Warren

CLOSING PRAYER

Asa Keith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Terry Keith

**SUNDAY EVENING**  
SCRIPTURE READING

Hayden Williams

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

SONG LEADER

Daniel Warren

OPENING PRAYER

Jeremy Davis

CLOSING PRAYER

Nathaniel Boisjolie

**WEDNESDAY**

December 21<sup>st</sup>

SONG LEADER: Randy Duren

CLOSING PRAYER: Trey Gannon

December 28<sup>th</sup>

SONG LEADER: Wes Ives

CLOSING PRAYER: Jeff Blitch

**SCHEDULE OF  
SERVICES**

SUNDAY

BIBLE CLASSES: 9:00 A.M.

MORNING ASSEMBLY: 9:50 A.M.

EVENING ASSEMBLY: 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE CLASSES: 7:00 P.M.

**MISSIONS**

Jesùs Amaya

Torreón, Mexico

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Sunset International

Ukraine

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Foster's Home for Children

Stephenville, Texas

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Cherokee Home for Children

Cherokee, Texas

**LAST WEEK'S RECORD**

Sunday Bible Class 78

Morning Assembly 118

Evening Assembly 60

Wednesday Bible Class 72

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### **Needing Our Prayers...**

**Cleta Akers** will have surgery at Harris Downtown January 6<sup>th</sup>. **Sandra Burns**, Robin Anderson's mother, had a petscan and it was all clear. **Buck Chisolm** had a procedure on his gall bladder Tuesday in Weatherford. He is home doing much better. **Randy Duren** had outpatient surgery last Monday. Everything went well. Please keep **Gyle Wells** in your prayers. This is Kyle's father. He will eventually have surgery to replace his aortic valve. He is currently having tests.

### **Remember those dealing with cancer, chemo and/or radiation:**

**Roberta Chisolm** (lymphoma), **Sandra Burns** (Robin Anderson's mother), **Mickey Davis** (Kathy Smith's sister), **Bobbie Easterwood** (Autumn Anderson's grandmother), **Barbara Holland** (Cheryl Newberry's mother), **Debbie Michels** (Ronnie Bell's sister), **Peggy Spraggins**, **Dwayne Edwards**. Remember expectant mothers: **Ashley Gill**, **Mallory Thomas**.

**If you have any prayer requests, announcements or updates, please give them to Brad Fry in writing or email at [texasfried@gmail.com](mailto:texasfried@gmail.com).**

### **News & Notes...**

The Church of Christ in Lipan needs men to do fill in preaching. The next open date they have is January 8<sup>th</sup>. See Glenn Newberry if you would like to help with this.

### **Communion Preparation**

December—Norman & Jan White  
January—Glenn Newberry

## **Poinsettias**

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Don't you love to see all the beautiful Poinsettias this time of the year? The Poinsettia has become known as the "Christmas flower." It was discovered in Mexico in 1828 by Dr. Joel Robert Poinsett. Joel Poinsett as born on March 2nd, 1779 in Charleston, South Carolina. As a very well educated young person he was fluent in French, Spanish, Italian & German. He had also studied medicine, law and military science. After traveling 8 years in Europe he served the United States as Secretary of War under Pres. Martin Van Buren and was the first ambassador to Mexico. He also spearheaded the Smithsonian Inst., he expanded the operations of West Point and was a

U.S. Congressman.

While in Mexico he sent the Poinsettias to Robert Buist, a botanist in Philadelphia, who sent specimens to the botanical gardens in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The people in Mexico & Central America call the poinsettia "Flor de La Noche Buena" which means "Flower of the Holy Night" because it reaches full bloom at Christmas time. The Swedish have called it "julstjarea," "Christmas Star." The British call it "Mexican flameleaf" and in America it is called "Christmas Poinsettia." Considering all Joel Poinsett accomplished he is best remembered for the flower he learned to love that he found in Mexico that bears his name.

As beautiful as this flower is, it is still made of the dust of the earth, just as we are.

Wouldn't it be nice if others could depend on each one of us to also bloom at least once a year? Remember, Jesus wants us to not only be "the salt of the earth" but "the light of the world."

Ray Crook