

# THOSE WHO SERVE

JANUARY 12, 2020

## **SUNDAY MORNING**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Merrick Warren

Proverbs 3:5-7

### SONG LEADER

Wes Ives

### OPENING PRAYER

Don McDonald

### COMMUNION

Brian Thomas (bread)

Mike Franklin (cup)

Fred McKamy (offering)

Weldon Morris

### PICK UP CARDS

Tony Jack Canan

Willis Jackson

### CLOSING PRAYER

David Moore

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Terry Keith

## **SUNDAY EVENING**

### SONG LEADER

Wes Ives

### OPENING PRAYER

Noble Anderson

### CLOSING PRAYER

Michael Warren

## **WEDNESDAY**

January 8<sup>th</sup>

SONG LEADER: Wesley Ives

CLOSING PRAYER: Chris Bachhofer

January 15<sup>th</sup>

SONG LEADER: Jeremy Davis

CLOSING PRAYER: Trey Gannon

## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

### SUNDAY

BIBLE CLASSES: 9:00 A.M.

MORNING ASSEMBLY: 9:50 A.M.

EVENING ASSEMBLY: 5:00 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 94

Morning Assembly 142

Evening Assembly 71

Wednesday Bible Class 53

Contribution: \$4982

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### **Remember in your prayers...**

**Cleta Akers** is in the Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of City View, Fort Worth Texas at 6701 Oakmont Blvd. Room 203A. She welcomes phone calls and texts. Her number is 817 219 9372. We have been asked to pray for **Johnny Hurley**, Faye's son. He has a mass on his right kidney. **Shut-ins:** Betty Bickle (Granbury Care Center), Laverne Cardwell (lives in Grace Home, 1106 Holiday Court in Granbury), Mary Kate Carrico (Granbury Care Center, F-hall, room 48), Beth Hobbs (with daughter in Decatur), Faye Hurley (Courtyards) Barbara Hutchinson (Mulberry Manor in Stephenville).

**Others to pray for: Cleta Akers, Loyce Barber, Marian Carr, Mary Crane, Toby Cushing, Joan Dudik, Beth Hobbs, Alex Harris, Wendy Huffman, Barbara Holland, Barbara Hutchinson, Doug Johnson, Jim Kelly, Lance Keune, Tyler Jones, Tony Lang, Melissa Medcalf, Debbie Michels, Carole Myer, Erma Reeves, Leslie Sheeley, Phil Smith, Charlotte Swenson. In the military:** Robert Bell, T.J. Foster, Ethan Wells. **If you have any prayer requests, announcements or updates, it is essential that you email them to Brad Fry at [texasfried@gmail.com](mailto:texasfried@gmail.com).**

### **News & Notes**

R&B Lunch—Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 11 am.

On Sunday, January 12, you are invited to a baby shower honoring Jared & Cheryl Ives who are expecting their first baby, Maisie LaRee Ives. The shower will be in the fellowship hall from 2:00-3:00 pm. Selections

are at Buy-Buy Baby and Amazon.com.

### **Communion Preparation**

January—Michael & Melanie Warren

February—Wes & Lisa Ives

## **The Primitive Character of the Church of Christ**

Whenever we get the opportunity, Shirley and I like to visit small, rural congregations. What we like most about these little churches are their basic, primitive way of doing church and preaching and teaching the Bible. In fact, this trait is what I love most about the Churches of Christ as a brotherhood, as I know them.

Plenty of folks want something more when it comes to church life. The “old time religion” is well, you know, just so old time. So the pressure is there to keep up with the times.

Many want a vibrant youth program so their kids will have something to do in a Christian setting. That's fine and well, but what is often lacking is parental involvement in the youth program. Too many are content to let someone else do the work instead of pitching in and being involved. At the very least, parents should see to it that their kids are there for the activities of the youth in the church and make sure that they bring them with them to the church house for worship and Bible study.

Others want an “exciting and ‘spirit-filled’ worship service”. For many “seekers” this usually entails loud instrumental music that stirs the emotions and helps people to “know that God is really there.” One of the problems with such an approach is that

you're always having to up the ante for those who are more concerned with being entertained and made to feel good. If it takes one thing to attract them in the first place, it's probably going to require more to keep them. The emphasis is on having a good time rather than worshipping God in spirit and in truth.

For some, the Lord's Supper needs to be “reimagined”. Eating a small piece of bread and drinking a small sip of the fruit of the vine is ridiculed by those “in the know”. We're told that the Lord's Supper should be a fellowship meal of common fare wherein we “celebrate the death, burial, resurrection and eventual return of Jesus.” I ask you to simply study the subject in the Bible, especially 1 Corinthians 11 and ask whether such “reimagining” is biblical or just that—imagination.

Then there's the subject of preaching. Paul warned Timothy that,

*“the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions” (2 Timothy 4:3).*

That time came, keeps coming, and will keep on coming because that's human nature—not to hear “what must I do” but to hear what I want which will make me comfortable, happy and self-satisfied.

May God bless the primitive, simple, Bible believing, Bible living and Bible preaching Church of Christ. And may he bless “seekers” to seek what she, by God's design has to offer.

Brad Fry