

**December**  
Dec 17 Seven @ Seven  
Dec 19 Pizza in the basement for the teens at 6:30  
Dec 20 Ladies Holiday Party 7:00 p.m.  
Dec 23 Elders/Deacons meeting after evening services  
Dec 24 Seven @ Seven  
Dec 26 No Ladies Bible Class  
Dec 31 Seven @ Seven  
Dec 31 New Years Eve Party in the Fellowship Room at 6:00 p.m.

***TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS CAME***  
‘Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house,  
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.  
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care,  
In hopes that Jesus would never come there.  
  
The children were dressing to crawl into bed,  
Not once ever kneeling or bowing their head.  
And mom in her rocker with baby on her lap,  
Was watching The Late Show while I took a nap.  
  
When out of the East there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!  
  
The light of His face made me cover my head.  
It was Jesus! Returning just like He said.  
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,  
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.  
  
In the Book of Life which He held in His hands,  
Was written the name of every saved man.  
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name.  
When He said, “It’s not here.” I hung my head in shame.  
  
The people whose names had been written with love,  
He gathered to take to His father above.  
With those who were ready, He rose without a sound.  
While all the rest were left standing around.  
  
I fell to my knee, but it was too late;  
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.  
I stood and I cried, as they rose out of sight.  
Oh, If I had been ready tonight.  
  
In the words of this poem the meaning is clear,  
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.  
There’s only on life and when comes the last call,  
We’ll find that the Bible was true after all.

**FROM THE PREACHERS DESK**  
Who are YOU?  
  
In Matthew 5:13 and 14, Jesus makes two definitive statements about who His followers are:  
  
“*You are the salt of the earth,*” and, “*You are the light of the world.*”  
  
I love definitive statements and especially when they come from Jesus.  
  
I learned years ago in a marriage class that Kendall and I were taking together at our former church, that in marriages, definitive statements are seldom a good thing because they are seldom true. For example, we learned to not make definitive statements that began like this:  
  
“*You always...*”  
“*You never...*”  
  
What’s wrong with beginning statements with the words always and never? They are *always* false and *never* true. Even that doesn’t sound true does it?  
  
So much of the messes we find ourselves in are the result of false identity. We either believe something about ourselves that isn’t true or we are chasing and identity that we were never meant to have. Sometimes people help us to believe things about ourselves that aren’t true by making definitive statements that we buy into. Many times, we create our own false identities.  
  
What’s to be done? Go to the Word. Listen to what Jesus says. Listen to who He says that you ARE.  
  
Jesus is always right and never wrong. That is one of the only sentences I can compose using “always” and “never” that will ever be true!  
  
Want to know who you are? Jesus says that YOU ARE salt and light. As we explore what that means in the next couple of sermons, I encourage everyone to embrace your true identity in Christ Jesus.  
  
You are always on my heart and mind. I love and appreciate you very much!  
  
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**PRAYER LIST**  
Wade Colwell, Jace Deffenbaugh, Dorothy Crisler, Sandy Albin, Lindy Bolser and her son, Janette Guinn, Ralph Dry, Kylie Lock, Beth Brownlee, Ron Shields, Richard Wartick, Dalton Brownlee, David Brundage, Matt Norris, Eliza Conwell, Larry Helton, Patsy Pierce, Allen Stone, Deedra Bostick, Crystal Anderson. *Shut-In's*: Bertha Brown, Gene Deffenbaugh, Dorothy Lauterbach, Maxine Cole.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Thank you to the youth group for the cheer basket of goodies you delivered to me. They are really appreciated. Thank you for thinking of me. Martha Howell.

**SEASON’S GREETINGS!**  
God’s blessings to you! Wishing you heartfelt joys, happy memories, and heavenly blessings for a wonderful Christmas and new year. From all of us at Winfield Rest Haven

**SNOW REMOVAL**  
We’re putting together a list of anyone that would be interested in helping with snow removal for services on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you are interested in helping and wouldn’t mind being put on a call list, a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the office. Please sign your name and leave a phone number where you can be reached. You don’t have to wait to be called!!! You can show up a couple of hours before services with your snow shovel and join the fun! Thanks! David Pierce

**ATTENTION LADIES: LADIES HOLIDAY PARTY**  
Our annual Ladies Holiday Party date has changed. It is now scheduled for Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. We are going to be doing an ornament exchange instead of the painting. Please bring a favorite snack and come for fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, see Jennifer Hines or Vickie Ricke.

**NEW YEARS EVE PARTY**  
There will be a New Years Eve Party December 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Please bring games and snacks to share. Let’s ring in the new year together!

**Koine Greek Word of the Week:**  
In today’s text, the phrase “*has become tasteless*” comes from the Greek word *moraino* and it means, “to become a fool.” If a Christian loses saltiness, Jesus is saying that person has become a fool.



What Kind of Salt?

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; <sup>15</sup> nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Salt has two primary functions:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

When Jesus told the crowd they were the salt of the earth, what they heard was:

- You are \_\_\_\_\_.
- You have great \_\_\_\_\_.

Knowledge makes \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ edifies.

To be salt of the earth, there must be \_\_\_\_\_.

What’s in store for 2019? Come back next week to find out!

THOSE WHO SERVE

**SUNDAY, 10:30 AM**  
SCRIPTURE READING  
PRAYER  
COMMUNION

USHERS  
CLIPBOARDS  
DISMISSAL PRAYER

**SUNDAY, 6:00 PM**  
PRAYER  
COMMUNION  
DISMISSAL PRAYER

**WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM**  
LEAD SINGING  
DISMISSAL PRAYER

**ATTENDANCE**

**SUNDAY—December 9**

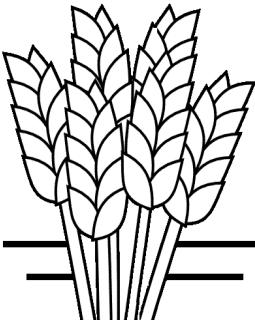
BIBLE CLASS.....	66
A.M. WORSHIP.....	105
P.M. WORSHIP.....	40
CONTRIBUTION.....	\$2,345

**WEDNESDAY—December 12**  
Auditorium—36    Teens—6    Bible Hour—11    Nursery—  
**Total—53**

**COMMUNION PREP**  
December    Lynette Turney

**COORDINATOR**  
December    Alan Shields

<b>ELDERS</b>		<b>SCHEDULE OF SERVICES</b>	
Rex Harris	Marvin Kline	<i>Sunday</i>	
Ed Newberry	Tom Norris	Bible Classes.....9:30 A.M.	
		Worship.....10:30 A.M.	
		Children’s Worship.10:30 A.M.	
		Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.	
		Children’s Class.....6:00 P.M.	
<b>DEACONS</b>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
Kevin Dodds	Aaron Hines	Ladies Bible Class....9:30 A.M.	
Leroy Lewis	Mike Neal	Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.	
David Pierce	Alan Shields		
<b>MINISTER</b>			
Wes LeFlore			



“Reaching Inward, Outward  
Upward, Downward”

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Song #242    “Sing Hallelujah to the Lord”

Song #770    “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Prayer

Scripture    I Peter 2:9-25

Song #366    “By Christ Redeemed”

Lord’s Supper

Song #671    “Purer in Heart, O God”

Song #609    “I’m Not Ashamed to Own My Lord”

Lesson

Song #948    “I Am Resolved”

Closing Prayer

Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children’s Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.