

## December

- Dec 08 Youth Group Christmas Party and Cheer Basket delivery
- Dec 14 Ladies Holiday Party at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room
- Dec 15 Teachers meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 18 Teen Supper in the Basement at 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 22 Elders/Deacons meet after evening services
- Dec 25 No Ladies Bible Class
- Dec 25 No Wednesday Night Services
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Room; bring snacks & games

## January

- Jan 01 Teen Supper in the Basement at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan 05 Botkin Care & Rehab Devotional at 3:00 p.m.
- Jan 07 Winfield Rest Haven Devotional; van leaves at 6:30 p.m.

## YOUTH GROUP CHEER BASKET & CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual youth group Christmas Party and Cheer Basket delivery will be today after morning services. Lunch will be provided.

## LADIES HOLIDAY PARTY

The Annual Ladies Holiday Party will be held Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Come ready for some fun. We will begin our evening dividing into groups and venturing out on a scavenger hunt (don't worry, we're staying in the car for the hunt). We will return to the building to have an ornament exchange. A spending limit has been set for \$5.00. **Homemade ornaments are welcomed and wonderful!** Please bring a snack to share with everyone and come and enjoy fellowship and some hot chocolate!

## TEACHERS MEETING DECEMBER 15TH

There is a teachers meeting planned for Sunday, December 15 after evening services. We need anyone and everyone who wants to teach or help teach. There will be a sign up for the 2020 teaching assignments.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

**We need volunteers! Sign up across from the December**

- Dec 08 Sarah Bradbury & Jordan Clark
- Dec 15 Emily Pierce & \_\_\_\_\_
- Dec 22 \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- Dec 29 Linda Wartick & \_\_\_\_\_



## FELLOWSHIP ROOM SCHEDULE

- Dec 14—Hines/Ricke—6:30 to ?

*We are glad that you have joined us in worshiping our God.  
Please feel at home with our family.*

## FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

### Good and Bad Reasons

John the Baptist had many disciples. Some defected to Jesus, which pleased John very much, but some stayed with him. We read about John's disciples all the way into the Book of Acts.

One day, some of John's disciples had a question for Jesus, Matthew 9:14

***Then the disciples of John came to Him, asking, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"***

It's a specific question, but a surface question. There is another question. The *real* question, which is, "Why do your disciples not do all of the religious things that we were taught to do?"

The equivalent would be like one of us saying to Jesus, "Why do you have corporate worship on Tuesday and not Wednesday, like us?" or, "Why do you wear a robe when the rest of us wear slacks?" or, "Why do you sing five songs before opening prayer instead of two, like us?"

They did not like that Jesus did not keep their traditions. Let's be fair. We don't like it when people don't keep our traditions either. Before you get upset with me, first allow me to say, it's ok to not like it when your traditions are broken. Where it becomes wrong is when you not only don't like it, but you then believe that it is not right.

It's a tough pill to swallow. It's tough that other people can do religious stuff different than us and not be in the wrong. We do the things we do the way that we do them because it is what seems most right to us.

I heard a preacher say once, "We've focused so much on being the *rightest* that we've forgotten that we're supposed to be the *righteous*." But if I'm right, doesn't that mean that I'm righteous? And if I'm right and righteous, and you do something different, doesn't that mean that you're wrong and unrighteous? That's what John's disciples are asking Jesus. They are not only confused about Jesus' disciples not fasting, they're wondering if the reason why they don't fast is because Jesus is teaching them, falsely in their minds, to not fast.

Jesus gives them an astounding answer. No, it is not wrong for them to not fast, in fact, Jesus replies that for them *to* fast at this time would be wrong.

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## PRAYER LIST

**Yvonne Bennett**-dealing with cancer and treatments

**Sandy Albin**-dealing with cancer and treatments

## A LITTLE HUMOR!

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible—Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verses. Little Bobby was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd...and that's all I need to know!"

A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Son, your shoes are on the wrong feet." He looked up at her with a raised brow and said, "Don't kid me, Mom. I KNOW they're my feet."

One day a space shuttle crashed to the ground in the yard of a preschool. When he finally struggled out of the wreckage, the astronaut shouted, "I'm free, I'm free!!!" At this point, one of the children stand there shouted, "Big deal, I'm four!"

*A merry heart doeth good.* —Proverbs 17:22

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They were right to ask their question. You are right to ask when you have theological questions. It is best to ask Jesus. When you have questions, first, search the scriptures. If you cannot find a satisfactory answer, ask someone like me who takes no greater pleasure than answering such questions. Do not accept an answer to a theological question that cannot be found based on God's Word. Here is the greatest challenge: When you find an answer to your question in Scripture, don't reject it because it isn't what you wanted or expected. Don't mold the Scripture into the image you want. Allow it to mold you into the shape of Jesus. It's an illusion to think you can mold it anyway.

Some things we do because they are Biblical. Some things we do are our traditions. Sometimes they are both. Sometimes they are neither. My point is this: Know why you do what you do and if someone does something different, don't jump to the conclusion that they are wrong.

Ya'll are the greatest; did you know that? Just one man's opinion...

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**THE POWER OF THE KING: POWER TO SAVE THE WORST SINNER, PART 2**

Matthew 9:14-17  
*Then the disciples of John came to Him, asking, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results. Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."*

Personal Application:

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Notes:

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

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

USHERS  
DISMISSAL PRAYER

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

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

**ATTENDANCE**  
**SUNDAY—December 1**

BIBLE CLASS.....62  
A.M. WORSHIP.....116  
P.M. WORSHIP.....36  
CONTRIBUTION.....\$2,649

**WEDNESDAY—December 4**  
Auditorium—29    Teens—11    Bible Hour—11    Nursery—5  
**Total—56**

**COMMUNION PREP**  
December    Lynette Turney

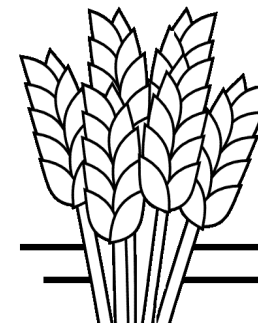
**December 8**  
Alan Shields  
Brian Turney  
Parker Dodds, Nathan Bradbury  
Ed Newberry, Joe Church  
Tom Kirkwood, David Carroll  
Tom Norris

**December 8**  
Wes LeFlore  
Nathan Bradbury, Ed Newberry  
Tom Norris

**December 11**  
Rex Harris  
Levi Turney

**COORDINATOR**  
December    Alan Shields

<p><b>ELDERS</b> Rex Harris    Marvin Kline Ed Newberry    Tom Norris</p>	<p><b>SCHEDULE OF SERVICES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Wednesday</i></p> <p>Ladies Bible Class....9:30 A.M. Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.</p>
<p><b>DEACONS</b> Kevin Dodds    Aaron Hines Leroy Lewis    Mike Neal David Pierce    Alan Shields</p>	
<p><b>MINISTER</b> Wes LeFlore</p>	



*"Reaching Inward, Outward  
Upward, Downward"*

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

December 8, 2019

Call to Worship

Song #123    "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

Song #141    "Heavenly Father We Appreciate You"

Prayer

Scripture    John 14:1-15

Song #361    "Nailed to the Cross"

Lord's Supper

Song #480    "Blessed Assurance"

Lesson

Song #478    "Nearer Still Nearer"

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.*