

HOME AND HOLIDAYS

From the first of November until January 2nd we are in the holiday season. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s—the big three. These are special times to be together, to give and share our blessings. They are happy times for many-but sad times for others. The happy times will generally revolve around home and family. It is a time to reflect upon what home really means to us. Someone has written these lines on “WHAT IS HOME?”

HOME is a house with love inside. It takes many things to make a home: an attic filled with yesterdays, rooms filled with today and children filled with tomorrow.
HOME is four walls glued together with the magic of the past: of tears and laughter, joy, sorrow, hopes and dreams.
HOME is a sanctuary for the troubled, a friendly port for the lonely. A beacon for the wanderer.
HOME is built with devotion and love and courtesy and courage, as well as bricks, mortar, lumber, nails and concrete.
HOME is as warm as the glow of a fireplace and as serene as a cat napping in the sun on a window sill.
HOME is a front door that has known many a happy greeting as well as a lot of sad farewells.
HOME is a nursery that has known a child’s cry in the night and parlor that has heard a lover’s sigh.
HOME is a boy’s bedroom with pennants and posters on the wall, a ball glove in the corner and the stereo turned up loud.
HOME is a happy den that has known the talk of friends and a fireplace that has filled a room on a winter’s night with a comfortable glow.
HOME is many things: a bookcase filled with strange and wonderful tales. A carpet worn with the scuff of little shoes, a lawn that has known the print of bare feet cooled by the summer sprinkler.

BUT MOST OF ALL...

HOME is a house with four walls held together by the love of and service for Christ, our Savior.
We hope that the tie that binds will be strong and secure in your family during the holiday season. —Clarence DeLoach

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE
December

Dec 19—Linda Wartick Dec 26—Darlene Cooney

January Birthday’s

Mary Ann Hennig—1st	Elise Wartick—3rd
Joshua Garver—4th	Joe Church—6th
Kayden Clark—9th	Jordyn Clark—15th
Parker Dodds—17th	Patsy Pierce—17th
Ada Francisco—26th	Eloise Francisco—26th
Martha Howell—27th	Lonnie Bennett—29th
Crystal Shields—30th	Merle Willey—30th

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK
Physical Pictures of Spiritual Realities

The Old Testament is full of the very graphic and, for the most part, tragic history of God’s people.

Something that will help you tremendously when you study the Old Testament is to understand that the physical things that you are reading are most often representations of spiritual realities.

For example, in the great story of God’s deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt, there is far more than meets the eye. The physical slavery of God’s people was a picture of the spiritual reality of all humanities slavery to sin. Moses, God’s man to lead the physical deliverance of His people from Egypt is the spiritual picture of Jesus, God’s man to lead the spiritual deliverance of His people from sin.

All of the Old Testament is full of such pictures. The Old Testament is, truly, a picture of Jesus.

This week we’re going to look at Samuel, another representation of the Christ to come, and Agag, the king of the Amalekites, who represented the ruthless and relentless nature of sin.

What happens when Christ and sin meet face to face? Sin loses. Sin is defeated. But it’s not defeated without cost and it’s not defeated without effort. It’s not defeated without paying a price.

Even though Jesus won the battle against sin, sin remains until He comes again. The most difficult endeavor of any Christian is the never-ending battle against the sin that remains until we pass from this life or until Jesus comes again. Peter warned the early church about this battle with these words:

1 Peter 2:11 - *Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.*

Peter was trying to explain that the spiritual reality of Jesus saving your soul does not mean that you won’t have to battle against sin.

In this week’s lesson, we’ll look at how to play both offense and defense against sin.

Much love to you all, my wonderful family –
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PRAYER LIST:
Dorothy Crisler, Lonnie Bennett, Helen Norris, Marya Young, Russell Day, Kendall Brundage, Duane McKinney, Larry Helton, Joe Brown, Connie Morris, Melinda Miller

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY
We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Bonnie Tirey. Bonnie passed away last week. Her funeral was Thursday. Please keep Patsy, Dave and the rest of the family in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS REMINDERS

May the Christmas presents remind you of God’s greatest gift—his only begotten son.
May the Christmas candles remind you of him who is the light of the world.
May the Christmas cheer remind you of him who said, “Be of good cheer.”
May the Christmas feast remind you of him who is the bread of life.
May the Christmas snow remind you of the cleansing power of Christ.
May the Christmas bells remind you of the glorious proclamation of his birth.
May the Christmas carols remind you of his glad tidings which we are to proclaim to all mankind.
May the Christmas season remind you in every way of Jesus Christ your King.

MEDICAL HELP!
Our church has been given several pieces of medical equipment over recent years. They are available free to anyone who needs them, or knows someone who does. We have several wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, grab bars, crutches, canes, and even a knee scooter. Please contact and elder or deacon with any questions. We would like these things to go to anyone who needs them.

Fellowship Room Schedule
December 19—Kevin Dodds
December 23—Kim (Lawless) Tinius

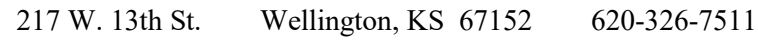
2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THEME
“Joy Story”
You’ve Got A Friend in Me
June 26th - 29th

<u>Prepare for 2022, Part 3 – Slay Like Samuel</u>	
<i>Selected Scriptures</i>	
<u>What Living Sin Does</u>	
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<u>How To Slay Sin</u>	
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<u>Notes:</u>	

THOSE WHO SERVE		
SUNDAY A.M.	19-Dec 2021	26-Dec 2021
<u>Elder in Charge</u>	T. Norris	T. Norris
<u>Opening Prayer</u>	R. Harris	B. Turney
<u>Song Leader</u>	T. Norris	T. Norris
<u>Communion Prayer</u>	N. Bradbury	K. Dodds
<u>Contribution Prayer</u>	W. Pierce	W. Pierce
<u>& Collection</u>	D. Pierce	D. Pierce
	R. Harris	R. Harris
<u>Ushers</u>	D. Carroll	D. Carroll
	M. Kline	M. Kline
<u>Closing Prayer</u>	T. Norris	T. Norris
<u>Deacon in Charge</u>	W. Pierce	W. Pierce
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICE		
<i>Sunday</i>		
Bible Classes.....9:30 a.m.		
Worship.....10:30 a.m.		
<i>Wednesday</i>		
Ladies Bible Class...9:30 a.m.		
Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.		

ELDERS Rex Harris Ed Newberry	Marvin Kline Tom Norris
DEACONS Nathan Bradbury Aaron Hines Mike Neal Wade Pierce	Kevin Dodds Leroy Lewis David Pierce Alan Shields
MINISTER Wes LeFlore	



*Wellington
Church of Christ*

December 19, 2021

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 Fellowship Room for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.