

HOME & HOLIDAYS

From the first of November until January 2 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 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 fire-place that has filled a room on a winter’s night with a com-fortable glow.

HOME is many things: a bookcase filled with strange and wonder-ful 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. —Selected

When you’re tempted to lose your patience with someone, think how patient God’s has been with you all the time.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE

<b>December</b>	
Dec 18—Jordyn Clark	Dec 25—No Children’s Church
<b>January</b>	
Jan 01—Volunteer Needed!	Jan 08—Linda Wartick
Jan 15—Kaylee Jenkins	Jan 22—Starla Turner

THEY NEED TO SEE GOD

This time of the year seems to bring out the best in most peo-ple. Perhaps they modify their behavior because they don’t want to be associated with a “Scrooge” type personality. Alt-hough it is wonderful to see kindness demonstrated, unfortu-nately, it is not as common as it once was and should be - the world actually needs more. What the world really needs to see is something greater. Something more profound. Something beyond the norm. Something beyond expected - they need to see God, and the only way that will happen is through those who know him.

Recently, I read a story in the news of a Texas State Trooper who stopped a vehicle for a moving violation. It was during the stop that he came to realize the family had just suffered a loss and was grieving. This left the officer with some options. He could let them go (considering their circumstances), he could let them off with a warning, or naturally he could give them a citation. Any of these would be appropriate, and the judgment of the patrolman would be supported (after all he is only doing his job). Fortunately, for this family, the officer did more. He looked beyond the expected, the anticipated, the feared, and boldly asked the family a question that completely caught them off guard. In his mind, he totally dismissed the traffic issue, looked beyond it, and saw what they really need-ed. It was then that he asked them to “pray” with him. That’s right. You read correctly, he asked them if he could pray for their circumstances, for God to relieve them of their grief. Naturally, they were shocked, but they agreed. As they drove away, I wonder what was going through their mind? Perhaps in their distress, they reasoned this as God’s way of comforting them by letting them know at this painful time, they were not alone. As for the officer, I’m sure he felt he was just doing his duty. Not only as an officer, but as a child of God who knew what that family really needed.

This is the way the world will come to know God - through the hearts of his people. As you enter this new year, look for ways to help those around you to see God, in a most wonder-ful way.

Blessings to you in the coming New Year.

Lamar Black

FAMILY NEWS

**Dorothy Crisler**—remember her and her family with prayer daily as she has been put under hospice.

**Pat Brundage**—is at home. Please continue prayers.

**Cathy McKinney**—is home from the hospital and improving. Keep her in your prayers.

**Helen Norris**—continues treatments and is doing better. Keep the prayers coming.

**Prayer List:** Marvin Kline, Beth Brownlee, Dorothy Crisler, Hen-ry Brownlee, Eliza Conwell, Helen Norris, Julie DeSoignie, Russell Day, Marilyn Bartlow, Scott Percival, Tom Kirkwood, Kylie Lock, Darlene Larson, Max (Lonnie’s great-grandson), Tim Evans, Duane & Cathy McKinney, Larry Helton

BABY SPRINKLE FOR SARAH BRADBURY

Ladies, stop by for a come and go Baby “Sprinkle” for Sa-rah Bradbury Sunday, January 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 at the home of Jordyn Clark, 602 Sylvan Lane, Wellington.

Let’s celebrate Sarah & Nathan Bradbury and their baby boy! Since they are “seasoned” parents, rather than a big baby shower, let’s give them a “sprinkling” of things they still need for baby #3. Since they have most bigger baby items already, let’s stock them up with newborn and size 1 diapers, baby bath products, books, onesies, and gift cards to Amazon, Walmart or a restaurant (to make life easier once baby arrives). If you have questions, see Kendall LeFlore or Jordyn Clark.

BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

Thank you church for your continued support of the Bless-ing Box ministry. As we approach the colder, holiday season we know there are more and more people in our community who are in need and continue to look to our church for help. We appreciate your support as we serve the Lord by reaching out to our neighbors in need! Donation boxes are set up for your convenience in the foy-er and west hallway. Dollar Tree or Dollar General continue to be wonderful places to find a lot of these options at a low price. Our current needs:

<b><u>Non-Perishable Food Items:</u></b>	<b><u>Hygiene Items:</u></b>
Boxed Meals	Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Floss
Canned Soups/Bagged Soup Mixes	Hand Warmers
Canned Beans	Hair Brushes/Combs
Cake or Muffin Mixes	Lip Balm
Ramen Noodles	Pocket Size Kleenex
Peanut Butter/Jelly	Gloves/Stocking Hats/Scarves
Salt	
<i>Only Fear the LORD and serve Him faithfully with all your heart.</i>	
<i>For consider what great things he has done for you.</i>	
—I Samuel 12:24	

Sermon Notes:

THOSE WHO SERVE				
<u>SUNDAY, 10:30 AM</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan 01, 2022</u>	<u>Jan 08</u>
<u>Opening Prayer</u>	W. Pierce	D. Pierce	A. Shields	R. Brownlee
<u>Song Leader</u>	K. Dodds	K. Dodds	R. Harris	R. Harris
<u>Communion Talk</u>				
<u>&amp; Prayer</u>	R. Harris	W. LeFlore	D. Pierce	K. Dodds
<u>Contribution Prayer</u>	L. Turney	L. Turney	T. Hudspeth	T. Hudspeth
<u>Collection &amp; Count</u>	A. Shields	A. Shields	W. Pierce	W. Pierce
<u>Ushers</u>	T. Hudspeth	T. Hudspeth	D. Clark	D. Clark
	A. Hines	A. Hines	J. Rayl	J. Rayl
<u>Closing Prayer</u>	R. Harris	R. Harris	M. Kline	M. Kline
<u>Deacon in Charge</u>	L. Lewis	L. Lewis	D. Pierce	D. Pierce
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<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>				
<b>SUNDAY—December 11</b>				
Bible Class.....			43	
A.M. Worship.....			84	
Contribution.....			\$2,579	
<b>WEDNESDAY—December 14</b>				
Auditorium—18		Teens—4		
Bible Hour—11		<b>Total—33</b>		

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## ELDERS

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICE

Wes LeFlore

