

To know HIM and to make HIM known



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Service Times

Sunday:

Coffee & Fellowship..... 9:45 am
Adult Bible Class..... 10:00 am
Worship Service 11:00 am

LifeGroups

Hannigan..... 5:30 pm
Denham..... 5:30 pm
Reynolds..... 6:00 pm
Morris..... 5:00 pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study..... 6:00 pm

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December 3, 2019

A Thanksgiving Thought

There's a story that I thought I might share with you this week. I don't know much about this story. I don't know where it originated or whether it is true. However, I believe the message to be especially worth focusing on this time of year.

A man was on a short-term mission trip at a leper colony on the island of Tobago. One of his duties was to lead singing during the worship times. One Sunday, there was time for one more song, so he asked if anyone had a request. A woman who had been facing away from the pulpit turned around.

The missionary later reported, "It was the most hideous face I had ever seen. The woman's nose and ears were entirely gone. The disease had destroyed her lips as well. She lifted a fingerless hand in the air and asked, 'Can we sing 'Count Your Many Blessings'?"

Overcome with emotion, the missionary left the service. He was followed by another team member who said, "I guess you'll never be able to sing that song again." "Yes I will," he replied, "but I'll never sing it the same way."

As you spend this holiday season counting your blessings, remember that our blessedness is not based upon what we do or don't have in this world. We are blessed simply in being God's creation and by being saved by His grace.

"Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!"
(Psalm 100:3-4)

Love you all!
Stephen

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

MORNING ASSEMBLY

December 8, 2019

Front Greeter: Debbie Derenburger
Usher: Herb Kinder
Worship Leaders: Carson Henley

Scripture Reading/Prayer: Steve Samples
Communion Preside: Richard Walker
Serve East: Matt Barber

Serve West: Lucas Barber
 Paul Cantrell
 Doug Hartley

Contribution Tally: T & D McNeely
Sound Booth: Jamison Wilkerson
PowerPoint: Pete Williams

WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 4 **December 11**

Usher: Bill Reynolds Richard Wagner
Prayer: Bob Midkiff Nick Johnson
Sound Booth: Tom McNeely Paul Estep

Communion Preparation & Garments:
 Grace Wagner

*If you cannot serve as scheduled,
 please contact Tom McNeely at 304-346-5212.*

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

Attendance	
Bible Class	
Worship.....	90
Wednesday.....	
Collection Plate	
Online	\$1,143.00
Total	\$3,303.00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- **George and Annette Breckenridge** on the death of George's brother.
- **Lanny Markland** problems in prison

Joe Riley, Janice Richardson, Charlie and Jeanie Weaver, Steve Fox, Charlie and Dora Mynes

NOTE FROM ELWOOD BROWN

We have good feelings to ALL of the folks that attended the party, namely my and Ruth's families, our church folks, our telephone pioneers group, and our many friends that we have!

Thanks again!

WELCOME, JESUS!

Welcome all wonders in one sight,
 Eternity shut in a span,
 Summer in winter, day in night,
 Heaven in earth, and God in man,
 Great little one,
 whose all-embracing birth
 Lifts earth to heaven,
 stoops heaven to earth.



—Richard Crashaw (1612-1649)

TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 14

Location TBA



Join us for our Teen Christmas Party Saturday, December 14 at 5:00 p.m.

We will have food, games, and a white elephant gift exchange (\$20 limit)

Parents and teens are encouraged to come!

For additional information see Jacob.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 9** Ladies Book Club, 7:00 pm
Linda Johnson's home
- December 14** Teens Christmas Party
- December 26** Young at Heart Breakfast, 10 am
- January 7** Prayer Meeting, 6:00 pm

THE PROMISE OF THE FUTURE

A nursing home resident who longed for fresh Georgia peaches discovered a pit overlooked in his serving of canned fruit. In an old coffee can, he planted the stone, which sprouted! The man gave the small tree to friends to plant. Years later, the peaches were so abundant the neighbors had to give some away.

Lila Docken Bauman recounts this story for the *Christian Century*, saying the man who took that gamble "did not live to see [it] grow into the tree that ultimately produced this harvest. But when he looked at that pit years ago he saw the promise of fresh fruit. ... 'Who despises the day of small things?' asks the prophet Zechariah. It's in those small things that the promise of the future rests."



Just so, some 2,000 years ago, in a small baby born in a tiny town — both seemingly inconsequential — rested "the promise of the future" — the salvation of the whole world.

BIBLE QUIZ

Some parts of the Christmas story, as commonly told, aren't actually recounted in Scripture. Which of the following details is recorded in the Bible?

- A. Mary rode a donkey to Bethlehem, and Joseph walked alongside her.
- B. Angels announced that a Savior, the Messiah (or Christ), had been born.
- C. There were three wise men.
- D. Shepherds and wise men (or Magi) worshiped Baby Jesus together.
- E. None of the above.

See Matthew 1:18–2:12 and Luke 2:1-20, esp. v. 11.)

LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

- **Chuck and Shirley Denham**
5:30-6:30 pm Sunday at the building.
Serving communion.
- **Tom and Brenda Hannigan**
5:30-7:30 pm in their home.
- **Chris and Renee Morris**
5:00-7:00 pm, See Chris or Renee for location.
- **Bill and Darlena Reynolds**
6:00-8:00 pm Sunday at various locations

*Join a LifeGroup! They are open to everyone;
 feel free to try them all!*



Alaina Morris	12/04
Bill Reynolds	12/06
Michelle Boggs	12/07
Serenity Stephenson	12/09
Brenda Hannigan	12/10
Eulah Miller	12/13
Linda Johnson	12/24
Danene Hartley	12/28



Dewey & Amy Kuhns	12/02
Tom & Donna McNeely	12/12
Bill & Darlena Reynolds	12/19
Frank & Elaine Javins	12/27
Ehren & Wendy Johnson	12/28

Did we miss a special day? Contact office@kccofo.org