

IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

SUNDAY AM & PM

January 1, 2012

Announcements: Walt Holman
 Songleader: Sam Moore
 Scripture: Scott Griffith - Jim Oakes
 Prayer: Bill Burns - Samuel Wilson
 Speaker: Derrick Coble
 Dismiss: Gary Dodson - Don Pearson

WEDNESDAY - 7:00

January 4, 2012

Songleader: Bobby Hutson
 Scripture: Jarrett Young
 Prayer: Ray Shafer
 Speaker: Derrick Coble
 Dismiss: Cody Shockley

BUS DRIVER

Chris Young

If you cannot serve, please contact
 Bill Burns at 738-9737



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NHC SERVICE

January 1, 2012

Group 1 - Kenneth Broyles

Songleader: Bobby Hutson
 Scripture: Jim Owen
 Prayers: Kenneth Broyles - Samuel Wilson
 Speaker: Jim Owen
 Communion: Bill Burns - Keith McCulley

Group Members: : Kenneth & Martha Sue Broyles, Jim Owen, Robert & Sherrie McCulley, Betty Broyles, Bill & Polly Burns, Porter Turner, Geneva Gilliam, Jessica Goodwin, Charlie & Ruby Myers, Sam & Alberta Gardner, Gary & Vivian Sparkman, Joy Cook, John & Maggie Morgan, Fannie Harris, Harvey Roberts, Marie Seibers, Keith & Karissa McCulley, Bobby & Jonelda Hutson, Roy Sewell, Dee Harris, Sam Wilson.

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Serve - Dee Harris - Russell Dinkins

Danny Phillips - Chris Young

Prepare Communion - Pat Guess

Wash Baptismal - Carol Baker

Serve in Nursery - AM: Joy Cook

PM: Rhonda Girdley

Usher - Jim Owen - Keith McCulley

Secure Building - Bill Burns

Attendance Cards - Ty Johnson

Dylan Goodwin

Sound System - Michael Harris

Clean up - Group 1 Kenneth Broyles

MISSIONS

House to House Heart to Heart
 Upper Cumberland Christian Home
 Gospel Broadcasting Network
 White County Jail Outreach
 Jonathan Burns - MSOP

Stepping Stones Preschool
 Bob Prater - Germany
 Jim Waldron - India
 Johnny Robertson-Virginia
 Jonathan Hagar - MSOP

THE WEST SPARTA MESSENGER

"As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters" ~Proverbs 25:13

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You Are Always
 Welcome to
 Worship With Us!

Sunday Assemblies

Bible Class - 9:00

Morning Worship - 10:00

Evening Worship - 6:00

Wednesday Assemblies

Ladies' Bible Class - 9:00

Evening Bible Study - 7:00

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 - 3:00

Elders

Kenneth Broyles 738-5869

Walt Holman 738-8798

Don Pearson 738-5472

Jeff Turner 738-8678

Preacher

Derrick Coble 837-2298

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DON'T DROP THE BALL WHEN THE BALL DROPS

Derrick Coble

Every year, on New Year's Eve up to 1 million people gather in New York City at Times Square and an estimated 1 billion watch on television to see the "ball drop." The ball is made of Waterford Crystal with electric lights and is 12 feet in diameter with a weight of 11,875 pounds. It descends 77 feet in one minute to rest at the bottom of a pole at midnight. Thus, the New Year is heralded in by this tradition that has lasted over a century.

Along with this tradition, many of us like to make resolutions. However, far too often are those resolutions quickly broken. We "drop the ball" so as to speak in not keeping the plans, attitudes, and actions that we intended for ourselves in the coming year. So, in this next year, let us all be resolved that we will keep our good resolutions whatever they may be. If you haven't made any yet, here are some suggestions from C. Swindoll:

Resolved, That I will do whatsoever I think to be most to the glory of God, and my own good, profit, and pleasure, in the whole of my duration; without any consideration of the time, whether now, or never so many myriads of ages hence.

Resolved, to do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general.

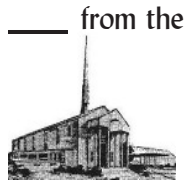
Resolved, never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.

Resolved, to live with all my might, while I do live.

Resolved, never to do any thing, which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

Resolved, Never to speak evil of any one, so that it shall tend to his dishonour, more or less, upon no account except for some real good.

Resolved, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.



from the

Elders

He Still Loves Us

One of my favorite songs states, “the sun is slowly sinking down, but the moon is rising; and, this ole world is still spinning round; and, I still love you.” (*Close your eyes* by James Taylor) These lyrics serve as an intro to this last article of the year. Truly, the sun is slowly sinking down on 2011, but, if the Lord wills, there is a new moon rising to usher in 2012.

And, as Christians, we know that God is in firm control as evidenced by His creation. His world is still spinning round, “producing seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night” (Gen 8:22).

What a confidence He provides: “But forget not this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, but according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness” (2 Peter 3:8). And, He still loves Us! For the elders ~ Jeff Turner

New Year’s Greetings

A little more happiness spread through the day, A little more cheer to light up the way; A little more thought for the child at our side, A little more credit for others who have tried. A little more kindness in word and in deed, A little more boosting that others may need; A little more love for the folks that we know. A little more effort so friendships may grow. Just a little of these-as we plod along here-will make it a wonderful, wonderful year!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Elizabeth Hutson	1
John Warren Kirby	3
Lindsey Phillips	4
Jarrett Young	6
Kenneth Broyles	12
Jonathan Burns	19
Steve Girdley	22
Charlie Myers	28
Rita Pearson	28
Connie Harris	31
M/M Ray Anderson	1
M/M Stephen Goodwin	19

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Sunday’s Sermons

AM: New Opportunities (2 Cor. 2:12-15)
PM: Report on India Missions (Rom. 10:13-15)

time in



Prayer

Our Sick

☛No additional information has been provided.

Nursing Home and Shut-in

NHC: Ernestine Holman (room 307), Dianne Gamble (room 101), Janice Owen (room 312), Ralph Barr (room 206), and Joyce Bond (room 317).

LifeCare Center: Virgie Lewis (room 310), Marie Seibers (room 305).

Shut In: Robert Eller, Doris Daulton, Dale Lowery, Mary Elizabeth Hutson, Ellen Payne.

Continue to Remember

Friends and Family: Clifton Boyd (Vivian’s father), Joyce Bond (Bruce’s sister), Charles Roberts (Harvey’s brother), Steve Hutchings, Donnie Carter.

▶ **Clifton Boyd** is still in CRMC and is in serious but stable condition. He is suffering with unknown lung and breathing problems.

Other: Military: Joshua Dinkins, Zachary Dinkins
Preaching School: Jonathan & Kelley Burns

Barnabas List

Billie Rogers, Linda Fletcher. (*Information sheets are available in the foyer - *Indicates new name added*)

Food Drive

**INSTANT POTATOES
TUNA/CANNED MEAT**



congregational



News

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **January 1** - Jim Waldron will be preaching the PM service, and reporting on the India Missions.
- ▶ **January 8** - Bible Bowl at Morrison.
- ▶ **January 12** - Men’s Business Meeting.
- ▶ **January 16** - Fishers of Men Meeting at 6:30
- ▶ **January 22** - 54th Anniversary Sunday with noon meal and 1:30 service.
- ▶ **January 29** - Young Men’s Standing Stone service.

Other Information:

▶ **Response:** We had an outstanding day on Sunday, December 25. Our hearts rejoiced with **Steve Vinson** who was baptized into Christ at the morning service. Also, we were touched by the tender hearts of **Lindsey Phillips** and **Cody Shockley** who both realized they needed to be more dedicated to Christ by putting Him first in their lives. The power of the Gospel is certainly working here! Let us encourage all of them.

▶ **Ladies Bible Class:** Class will resume on January 4, 2012, with a continuation of “Successful Christian Living in Today’s World.” studying 1st and 2nd Peter.

▶ **Pantry:** The pantry is currently running low. Any additional donations would be greatly appreciated.

▶ **Donations:** We will be participating in the annual donation to Potter Children’s Home. Items requested are as follows: **unscented aundry detergent, pancake syrup and taco seasoning.** We need these items by February 1st.