

# IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

## SUNDAY AM & PM

February 19, 2012

Announcements: Kenneth Broyles  
 Songleader: Jim Oakes  
 Scripture: Ray Shafer - Cody Shockley  
 Prayer: Walt Holman - Jeff Turner  
 Speaker: Derrick Coble  
 Dismiss: Samuel Wilson - Scott Griffith

## WEDNESDAY - 7:00

February 22, 2012

Songleader: Bo Young  
 Scripture: Drew Taggart  
 Prayer: Jim Owen  
 Speaker: Derrick Coble  
 Dismiss: Russell Dinkins

## BUS DRIVER

Kenneth Broyles

If you cannot serve, please contact  
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## NHC SERVICE

February 19, 2012

Group 3 - Alton Lowery

Songleader: Danny Phillips  
 Scripture: Gary Dodson  
 Prayers: Scott Griffith - Mike Prater  
 Speaker: Cody Shockley  
 Communion: Don Pearson - Quentin Tindle

**Group Members:** Alton & Lou V. Lowery, Don & Rita Pearson, Danny & Teresa Phillips, Steve & Emily Smith, Floyd & Sara Reynolds, Cydney Shockley, Bruce Simpson, Betty Geer, Lenard Broyles, Daniel & Sarah Shockley, Tony & Tonya Tindle, Bettye Norris, Gary & Kathy Dodson, Ellen Payne, Frances Johns, Mike & Kay Prater, Scott & Farrah Griffith, Rhonda Girdley, Mary Hutson, Tony Turner, Cody Shockley.

## February Duty Roster

**Preside at Lord's Table** - Scott Griffith

**Serve** - Jeff Turner - Cody Shockley  
 Bobby Hutson - Quentin Tindle

**Prepare Communion** - Martha Sue Broyles

**Wash Baptismal** - Reba Barr

**Serve in Nursery** - AM: Jeannie Shafer  
 PM: Sherrie McCulley

**Usher** - Tony Tindle - Drew Taggart

**Secure Building** - Ray Shafer

**Attendance Cards** - Haden Coble  
 Drake Williamson

**Sound System** - Gary Dodson

**Clean up** - Group 2 Walt Holman

## 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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## A WONDERFUL JOURNEY

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Many years ago I entered the wonderful temple of God's revelation. I entered the portico of Genesis and walked down through the Old Testament Art Gallery where the pictures of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, and Daniel hung on the wall.

I entered the music room or the Psalms where the Spirit swept the keyboard of nature, and brought forth the dirge-like wail of the weeping prophet Jeremiah; to the grand, impassioned strains of Isaiah until it seemed that every reed and harp in God's organ of nature responded to the tuneful touch of David, the sweet singer of Israel.

I entered the chapel of Ecclesiastes where the voice of the Preacher was heard, and passed into the Conservatory of Sharon where the Lily of the Valley's sweet scented spices filled and perfumed of life. I entered the business room of the Proverbs and passed into the observatory room of the Prophets where I saw many telescopes of various sizes, some pointed to far off events, but all concentrated upon the Bright Morning Star which was soon to rise over the moonlit hills of Judea for our salvation.

I entered the audience room of the King of Kings and caught a vision from the standpoint of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; entered the forming of the church; passed into the correspondence room where sat Paul, Peter, James, Jude and John, penning their epistles.

I stepped into the throne room of Revelation, where all towered into glittering peaks.

I got a vision of the King seated upon His throne in all His glory, and I cried:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name  
 Let angels prostrate fall.  
 Bring forth the royal diadem,  
 And crown him Lord of all."

# Preacher



## More Interesting Facts About the Bible

It is not generally known that Noah Webster, author of the famous “Webster Dictionary” and the “Blue-back Speller,” made a translation of the Bible, which was published in 1833.

The King James Version of the Bible was first published in 1611.

The Revised Version of the whole Bible was issued in 1885.

The American Standard edition was published in 1901.

The Bible was divided into chapters by Cardinal Hugo in 1250.

The New Testament was divided into verses by Sir Robert Stephens in 1551.

The whole Bible, divided into chapters and verses, first appeared in 1560 in what is known as the “Geneva Bible.” It was so called because it was prepared by the Reformers in Geneva. It is also called the “Breeches Bible,” because Genesis 3:7 is translated: “They sewed fig leaves together and made themselves breeches.”

The Bible is the most translated book in the world. It has been translated into more different languages and dialects than any other book that has been written.

It is the only book that reveals the origin, mission, and destiny of man.

It is a the best book in the world.

### Sunday's Sermons

AM: Exhortations to Timothy (2 Tim. 4: 1-5)

PM: Fellowship Is (Philippians 2:1-4)

# Study



## Does God Tempt Us?

(Genesis 22:1)

*Derrick Coble*

On the occasion of Abraham offering his son Isaac to God, the text states that “God did **tempt** Abraham” (Gen. 22:1). This statement seems contrary to the very nature of God. This is especially true since James wrote, “*Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man*” (James 1:13). The difference is found in the meaning of the word, “tempt.” Concerning Abraham, the ASV states that “God did prove Abraham” while the ESV states, that “God tested Abraham.” Both of these translations retain the proper rendering of the Hebrew term. This is the same term used to describe God’s treatment of Israel in the wilderness: “*Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end*” (Deu. 8:16). God did not and does not tempt man to sin. He simply tested the faith of Abraham and proved him to be one who truly trusted in the living God (Heb. 11:17-19).

1. What word does Hebrews 11:17 use in reference to this situation?
2. According to Paul, who does tempt us to sin? (1 The. 3:5)

# Prayer



## Our Sick

☞ **Geneva Gilliam** saw her heart doctor this week for an echocardiogram. All results came back good. She will go back to her heart doctor in a month, and is scheduled to go to Vanderbilt on the 23rd for a checkup on her throat.

☞ **Becky Young** was admitted to CRMC with heart problems. She is scheduled to have an arteriogram.

## 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 311), Evelyn Nelson (room 111).

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

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

## Continue to Remember

**Friends and Family:** Joyce Bond (Bruce’s sister), Donnie Carter, Reba Gentry.

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

## Barnabas List

\*Josh Peterson, \*Hassie Cleveland, \*\*Rylee Riggle, \*Todd Riggle, Carmon Hamby, Darryl Collins, Harvey Clouse, Robert and Brenda Selby, Ray Anderson, Sid Smith. (*Information sheets are available in the foyer - \*Indicates new name added. \*\*Indicates information updated.*)

# News



## Upcoming Events

- ▶ **February 19** - Youth Singing at Eastland.
- ▶ **February 20** - F.O.M. monthly meeting 6:30
- ▶ **March 4** - Bible Bowl at Central
- ▶ **March 11** - Fellowship Meal
- ▶ **March 18** - Youth Singing at Lansden
- ▶ **March 19** - F.O.M. monthly meeting. 6:30 pm.
- ▶ **March 27** - Teachers Appreciation Banquet.

## Other Information:

▶ **Shower:** We would like to announce that we are planning a wedding shower for Lily Woodside and Drew Taggart on March 11 following the Fellowship Meal. The couple is registered at Kohl’s and Wal-Mart. Everyone is invited.

▶ **Potter Children’s Home Coin Banks:** We are continuing to collect coins for our Potter’s coin banks. Teachers, please encourage your students to bring any loose change or dollars from week to week so our banks are overflowing!

▶ **Looking ahead:** We need to be looking ahead, and mark our calendars for the Spring Gospel meeting. It is right around the corner, April 1-5 with Steve Higginbotham. We will soon have flyers ready for distribution. Let’s be sure to get out there and spread the word, inviting all for great gospel preaching and fellowship.

## Food Drive

**SPAGHETTIOS  
GREEN BEANS/PEAS**

