



Good morning and welcome to services! It's such a busy time of year with all the Christmas festivities, but we are having a wonderful time celebrating the holidays. Our Christmas party last Tuesday evening was such a great time of fellowship. The decorations, food, singing and play were all great. Tonight we will be going to the Walk of Lights as a group. We will grab a bite to eat following evening worship, then will head to the lights. This Friday we will be hosting a parents' night out for the all parents of children up to the 4th grade. Our youth group will be providing Christmas activities for the children from 6-9pm. The next day we will head to Six Flags for Holiday in the Park. It's a busy time, but lots of fun! Have a great week!  
DOUG

"Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments."

I John 2:3 NKJV

**WELCOME VISITORS**

**A big hearty welcome to those visiting today. Allow us to meet and greet you following the worship service this morning. At the end of the service today you will be given a gift bag from our congregation. "It is a small gift, but it comes from big hearts." Thanks again for coming.**

**Only One Addiction**

People are addicted to many things, alcohol, drugs (legal & illegal), nicotine, gambling, food, pornography, etc. All of these things can ruin your life. Look what Peter says, "promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved." (2 Peter 2:19). So the goal of the Christian is not to be overcome or enslaved to any particular thing. This is a principle that not only Peter taught, but the apostle Paul said, "...I will not be mastered by anything" (I Cor. 6:12b). But the big problem is that the alcoholic will not admit that alcohol controls him. We humans have the ability to deny the obvious. We must continue to examine our own lives - that we have but one who has overcome us, only one who has enslaved us by His goodness - that is, Christ. **May the love and goodness of Christ overcome you always, and happily I will be enslaved to Him who loves me so.** **SELECTED**

**December 17, 2023**

**Door Greeters  
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**Charles and Betty Steen****

**"Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not the things say?" Luke 6:46**

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**ASSEMBLY TIMES**

Sun: 9:30 AM Class  
10:30 AM Worship  
6 :00 PM Evening  
Wed: 7:00 PM

**Edify One Another**

At the close of Paul's first letter to the church at Thessalonica. he exhorted them to "edify one another" (1 Thess. 5:11). The word "edify" comes from the Greek word oikodomeo. This word occurs thirty-nine times in the original text, and all except eight times it is translated as "build" or "built." Our Lord chose to use this word in Matthew 7:24 when He spoke of the wise man who "built his house on the rock." The idea Paul had in mind was that Christians should "build" one another up in the faith. After defining the word, Thayer comments that it is "the act of one who promotes another's growth in Christian's wisdom, piety, holiness, happiness" (Greek-English Lexicon Of The New Testament, p. 440). W. E. Vine said the word is "used metaphorically, in the sense of "edifying" promoting the spiritual growth and development of character of believers, by teaching or by example, suggesting such spiritual progress as the result of patient labor." (Expository Dictionary Of Biblical Words, p. 194). One of the highest duties that a Christian has is to encourage others. In a world filled with pessimism, violence and despair, our need for encouragement is great. It is all too easy to let the "ways of the wicked" become our ways. The happy man is the one who refuses to "stand in the path of sinners" or "sit in the seat of the scornful" (Psa. 1:1). As we run our race toward eternal glory, let us continually encourage each other and "run with endurance .(Heb. 12:1,2).

**DAN**

***Christmas fellowship  
Dinner was well attended  
Ladies Ornament  
exchange draws many.***

***From Dan's desk:***



One of our largest attendances at a Christmas Dinner took place last Tuesday evening. The food was delicious and everyone had a wonderful time. The play by the Bible Hour Children was great and everyone really enjoyed the evening. A big thank you to Lisa Lambert and the other ladies Linda Johnson, Pam Gallaway, Shelia Link, Charla Link, and Kathy Chambless who helped decorate. They did a wonderful job. We thank you for your time and energy. Thanks to Marty Nash and Dwight Franklin for setting up tables and chairs. It was truly a memorable evening. Thanks also to Clint and Jonna Satterwhite for the wonderful Christmas program presented by the young people. We are grateful for their efforts. Thanks to Brenda Bing for a wonderful meal. The ladies Ornament party and meal was well attended and we thank Sonda for her tireless effort in doing this each year for the ladies. They all say it is a lot of fun. The Body of Christ always grows closer through efforts like these. The ladies Bible class will have their year-end Christmas covered dish luncheon this Tuesday at the activity building following our bible class. Ladies are asked to please bring a covered dish and gift to exchange. Plan to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship. We hope to see you tonight at 6 P.M.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

***A PRAYER LIST IS AVAIL-  
ABLE IN THE FOYER. PLEASE  
BE SURE TO GET A COPY.***

**MARY STECH** is improving following her recent stay in the hospital with pneumonia.

**MADISON WHITE** continues to recover from brain cancer surgery in Dallas.

**J.T. GRUMBLES** will have knee surgery tomorrow in Jacksonville, Texas

**All others who have been mentioned lately are improving.**

#### **SYMPATHY**

**Our sympathy is extended to the family of DEBORAH HAGIMEIER who passed away last Wednesday. Services are will be at 1 P.M. tomorrow at Rhone Funeral Home. They were former members of the Crockett Rd. Church of Christ.**

#### **TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS LUNCHEON**

The Tuesday morning Ladies class taught by Dan will have a year end Christmas Luncheon on this Tuesday morning. All the ladies are asked to bring a covered dish and gift to exchange and plan to stay for the fun and fellowship.

#### **"LOST DUE TO FAILURE"**

What a tragedy it would be if we fall short and fail to receive the heavenly inheritance reserved for us due to our failure. It is sad that the vast majority of people of this world are entering the wide gate that leads to eternal punishment in Hell. Jesus says, "for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). For the majority who are lost there will be no second chance to get it right. It is tragic for a child of God to fall short and miss Heaven. We should be very careful for, "let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). No one who departs this life with a failing faith can expect to go to Heaven. "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God" (Hebrews 3:12). Those who turn back and walk no more with Christ need not expect eternal salvation. "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10).

Adapted

## **PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Dec. 10th 2023**

**Ann and Ken Holland both continue to have issues with COPD and eye issues.**

**Ed Compton is recovering at his home from recent surgery.**

**Mary Stech has been in the local hospital with double pneumonia. She continues to improve at home.**

**Kenneth Thomason, son of Jack and Mary Jo, remains in Irving hospital with a head injury.**

**Spencer Kieffer (friend) has lymphoma and asked for prayer.**

**Lori Tanner Richardson, cousin of Cindy Thornton, has breast cancer and asked for prayers.**

**Jeffery Wooden, son of George, is recovering from recent surgery.**

**Sue Smith, friend to several is recovering from surgery in Dallas.**

**Paul Cartwright is still undergoing tests.**

**Madison White, step daughter of Jamie White, is recovering from brain cancer surgery in Dallas.**

**J.T. Grumbles is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery tomorrow in Jacksonville.**

**Virginia Stanaland has been ill at home and awaiting surgery.**

**Buddy Townsend, brother-in-law of Dan and Audrey, is with hospice in Tyler.**

**Ann Tillman, niece of Mary Stech is having copd problems .**

**Diane Wilcher continues with health concerns.**

**Sherron Carder's daughter Shannon Carney is undergoing tests**

**Jerame Gipson's friend, Lisa Safronoff, is having health issues.**

**James, Angela and Anthony Birdow. All have health issues and need prayers.**

**Bob Monroe, former member has prostate cancer and is undergoing treatment.**

**Trent Barrett, son of Pat Barrett is recovering from an accident.**

**Angela Buddin, niece of the Cartwrights, has a brain tumor.**

**Becky Barnes' great grandson continues to have health issues.**

**Tina Teetz, daughter-in-law of Pat Baird, is still undergoing tests and treatment**

### **Remember those in nursing homes and home bound in your prayers.**

**Courtney Bell, Patsy Bush, Mary Chambless, Opalene Chapman, Mary Ann Colling, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, George Wooden,**

**Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Jessie Kraus, George Lester (has moved to nursing home in Houston) Joyce Matlock, Annie Lee Birdow, Lanova**

**Mitchell, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Martha Sims, Monty Todd, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, Charlie Young.**

**NOTE:** We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they improve. Please notify us in the church office.