

## Remember Our Sick

Theresa Motley – Dealing with fatigue after the procedure. Found a blood clot in left leg and has been put on blood thinners.

Elizabeth Smith – Large cyst on ovaries. Had surgery last Friday at West Creek Hospital in Fayetteville.

Michael Tindall – Having problems with infection in both feet.

### Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Legacy Heights:

Bonnie Vinson – Room #34

Juanita Whitted – Room #62

Norma Tate Jones – Room #44

### Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, Sandra Boatright, Joyce Briscoe, Patty Briscoe, Nina Cain, Sheryl Cathers, Donna Chambers, Jamie Churchill, Rachel Curtis, Johnny Estes, Yolanda Greenway, Leota Hickey, Francis Kennedy, Rose Lee, Letson family, Daniel Loper, Jan Loveless, Micki McGee, Becky Miller, Kaeli Miller, Kim Miller, Julie Moss, Jannie Myers, Glen/Paulette Oakes, John Presley, Melinda Robbins, Tanya Smith, Matt Stepanovich, Joan Vance, Jon Vance, Justin Vaughn, Kem Walker, Sandra Walker, Joyce Walters, Janis Williams, Robert Wimbush, Earl Whitted, and Patsy Wisbrock.

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Expectant Mothers: Kaci Rood – It’s a Boy  
Jessica Walters

Military: Pray for our service men and women  
Eric Richardson

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

#### Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

#### Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

#### Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

#### Men’s Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

#### Wednesday Bible Classes

6:30 P.M.

#### Minister: Micah Williams

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Sid Womack

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Chris Loper

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Brent Hottinger

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Michael Robbins

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#### Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt

Donny Forehand

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

Justin Vaughn

Blake Walters

Brett Walters

### *December 23rd, 2018*

#### Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Brett Walters

Charles Davis

Communion

Podium: Earl Stamps

Serve: Chris Besterfeldt

Chris Loper

Chris Moss

Corey Hottinger

Scripture Reading

Shawn Price

Shut-Ins

Chris Loper

#### Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Dan Cloud

Donny Forehand

### *December 30th, 2018*

#### Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Gary Williams

Marion Helton

Communion

Podium: Earl Stamps

Serve: Dan Cloud

Donny Forehand

Justin Vaughn

Kevin Nordin

Scripture Reading

Rick Hollis

Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger

#### Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Merrell Shoptaw

Randall Walters

# Life Lines



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## *“On Tiptoes with Angels”*

...Christmas, like the coming of Jesus, is about waiting – waiting for: school to be out for the holidays, presents to be wrapped, stockings to be hung, food to be prepared, family to arrive, the day to come, traditions to be fulfilled, presents to be opened and fun to be had.

As a young boy, I was terrible at waiting. And that was especially true around Christmas. Despite the opportunity to mark up the Sears catalog indicating the gifts I hoped to receive, I didn't like to wait. Once, I didn't wait!

That awful Christmas, I got up in the middle of the night and snuck into the den where the tree was lighted. Under the colored lights, I took my sharp pocket knife and cut through the tape on one of my presents. I couldn't wait! I “had” to peek and see what the gift was. This present was the largest, most odd-shaped gift under the tree. I had no idea what it was. So, I opened it!

Once I did, I was immediately wracked with guilt. Instantly, disappointment flooded my greedy little heart because it wasn't that something I had asked to receive. Then, to my distress, I suddenly realized that I had to find some clear tape in the middle of our dark house, not wake my parents, and seal back the wrapping paper on the gift I had opened. I also decided NOT to open any more presents. My furtive exploits had only led to profound disappointment. When Christmas Eve finally came and we opened our presents, I got to relive my whole debacle because I had to fake surprise at my gift and lie about how glad I was to get it.

Waiting was the primary backdrop for the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God. God's people had waited centuries for the promised Messiah. A thousand years passed between the reign of King David and the coming of the Son of David, Christ our Lord. Hundreds of years of subjugation and suffering haunted God's people of Israel while people prayed for the Messiah to come.

Even the hosts of heaven waited! Quoting from Scripture, "*Even angels long to look into these things,*" (1 Peter 1:12), my beloved professor, Dr. Neil Lightfoot, used to say: "Angels stood on tiptoes longing to look over the horizon of history to see when the long-awaited Messiah was going to come!" If the angels stood on tiptoe, then a host of seekers longed for the coming of the Messiah to Israel. When we open the first two chapters of both Matthew and Luke, we see real people, precious people, joining the angels on tiptoe, waiting! A favorite of mine of these people in waiting is Simeon, a devout man who had waited a long time for the first Christmas to come:

*At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So, when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, - Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!- (Luke 2:25-32)*

In our instant everything world that is always connected and always on, waiting is harder now than when I was a child. But, dear sister and brother, we are in the time of waiting. We wait between Jesus' first coming and his final coming. We live between the already and the not yet, longing for our heavenly country and our eternal home with Jesus in a new heaven and a new earth. We wait between the loss of those we love and our reunion at Jesus' feet where every tear will be dried and death, sorrow and separation are no more.

So, this season of short waiting is good if we will open our heart to the anticipation of our Lord's coming again to us...fresh...new...and precious. While most of us realize Jesus likely wasn't born this time of year and that Christmas day is not his real birthday, it can be his re-birth in our hearts if we will join Simeon, and the others like him, who joined the angels on tiptoe; waiting for Jesus.

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## Upcoming Events:

*The office will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>.*

There will be a Teachers Meeting Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> after morning service. Lunch (sandwiches) will be provided.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

**Luke 2:6-7**

Jesus entered our world in the most normal of ways for a child: the time came, his mother gave birth, he was wrapped in soft cloth, and placed in a crib. Only this was the Son of God who was born. His crib was a corncrib where animals ate, not a baby's crib. His room was a stable because there was no room for him. It wasn't just normal; it was common, even below average conditions for his birth. Can you imagine? The Holy God who created everything enters our world as a baby to share our way of life as one of us. Why? He loves us and wants us to come home to him. Incredible! Incredible love. Incredible God!

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### Cleaning Church Building

December 29<sup>th</sup>  
Charlene Clark & Mary McAlister

January 5<sup>th</sup>  
Brent & Kelli Hottinger

Children's Church  
Every Sunday  
11:15 – 12:00 noon  
Ages 4 through 8  
Bible Stories and Activities  
Ages 1 through 3  
Nursery Class  
If Needed

In Search of the Lord's Way  
The Search Program can now be accessed any time on their website

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[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

Phil Sanders weekly lesson can be heard and seen each Sunday on LR KASN TV 38 @ 7:30 am  
DirecTV 307 @ 6:00 am  
Dish 42 @ 7:30 am  
GBN @ 7:00 pm

### December Birthdays

- 01 Rhonda Horton
- Libby Widner
- 02 Leigh Ann Forehand
- 06 Presley Williams
- 10 Paige Davis
- 13 Rhonda Lambert
- 14 Preston Nordin
- 21 Jamie Churchill
- Doreen Shinn
- 22 Alaynna Rains
- Mark Wimbush
- 23 Jamie Statler
- 24 Cara Williams
- 25 Amanda Besterfeldt
- 26 Addie Stamps
- Sonia Williams
- 27 Jeanne Mahan
- Jessica Walters
- Talvin Leavell
- 28 Kinsleigh Collins
- 31 Sierra Murphy

### RUSS BUSS

Items needed:

Peanut Butter/Cheese  
Crackers  
&  
Pop Tarts

