

## Those To Serve

**Sunday, December 29, 2024**

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Bobby Smithee

Closing: Robert Foster

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Jim Case

Closing: Johnny Knabe

Singing Night

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

Singing: Bobby Smithee

Devotional: Randy Harris

## The Record:

### Attendance:

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

AM 50 PM 34

*[Average for the Year]*

AM [56] PM [35]

**Wednesday, December 25, 2024**

24 *[Average for the Year]* [37]

### Contribution:

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

Actual \$ 2,964.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

*[Year-to-Date]* \$ 122,208.00

*[Average]* \$ 2,396.24

*[+/- Budget]* \$ 464.00

*[YTD +/- Budget]* \$ (6,269.00)

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## Thoughts from Bill:

*A "New" Renewal for a New Year*

*Colossians 3:1-4*

If the Lord wills, we will usher in a New Year in just a few days from now. With the passing of the old year and the beginning of the new there is often a sense of renewal that takes place in our lives where we may resolve or pledge anew to do certain things in our lives. For example, we may resolve this coming year to renew our quest to seek the things above where Christ is, as Paul instructs in our text.

God's people should seek renewal in their lives. The Psalmist uses two key words in Psalms 80:18-19 dealing with renewal. The first word is "revive" in verse eighteen, and the second is "restore" in verse nineteen. Renewal can begin with a recognition of the need for us to revive or bring something back to life and, in this context, the need to call upon the Lord. Restoration also conveys the idea of renewing something and

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## Plan of Salvation

### Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

### Believe

Hebrews 11:6

### Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

### Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

### Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

## Sermons for December 29, 2024

**A.M.—A "New" Renewal for a  
New Year**

**P.M.—Devotional from**

**Johnny Knabe**

**Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4**

## Schedule of Services

**Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM**

**Sunday AM Worship: 10:00**

**Sunday PM Worship: 5:00**

**Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM**

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often making it better than its original state. If one heeds Paul's admonition to "seek the things above where Christ is," then the importance of renewal and restoration can be easily seen.

The process of renewal also involves the realization that change is sometimes necessary. Repentance begins with a realization that something is amiss. 2 Chronicles 7:14 stresses the importance of this realization to repent, a renewed quest to seek the face of God, and an awareness of our sins before Him. Sometimes, a renewal of our desire to seek those things which are above begins with a realization that at some point our focus may have shifted to other things.

Humility is another key ingredient in the process of renewal. People who lack the ability to see how they really look may be looking in the wrong "mirror" (James 1:22-25). If we want to truly live better for the Lord this coming year, it may begin by us seeing the need to by looking at our lives in God's mirror. Paul wanted Christians to know that they need to look where Christ is sitting because only He left them a perfect example to follow.

Renewal also involves obeying the directions involved in renewing or reviving something. Many instructions will sometimes contain the following admonition: "For best results: FOLLOW DIRECTIONS." God's word teaches that if we want a right relationship with Him, we must walk in His statues and keep His commandments for us to be His people and for Him to be our God (Eze. 11:20). Again, an upward direction is the best place to look for an example of obedience where Christ is seated, who was obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross (Phil. 2:8).

Renewal is sometimes a painstaking process. Like a piece of wooden furniture that has been painted over many times, the original beauty of the wood cannot be seen until much time, effort, and sometimes even a cost is paid to get down to the beauty underneath. Renewing our lives to God is always the best things to do, and again it starts by having a proper perspective in looking above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

May God help us all seek to renew and revive our love for God, Christ, the Church, the lost, and one another in twenty-five.

## *News and Notes*

**Those We Need to Remember in Prayer:** **Bill Coles** still needs our prayers. **Eunice Mize** and **Gary Goodman** are recovering from surgery. Lea Barber's mother **Nadine McNulty** is in hospice care at Woodlawn. **Glenda Mitchell** is home from the hospital. **David White** had a stent put in on Tuesday. **Robert Foster** had a stent put in on Friday. He is now home.

**Others We Need to Remember in Prayer:** Bonita Bangs, Nancy Duncan, Joann Foushee (Chris Ball's mother), Ed Hager, Melvin Hudson, Jean Hurte (brain tumors), Bryan Keller (Parkinson's disease), Pat McGough, Lavon Rogers, Noah Rogers, Jay Slayden, and Pat Smith

**Sympathy Extended:** We extend our deepest sympathy to the Hudson family following the passing of Diana Hudson on Wednesday. Funeral services will be on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Qualls Batesville Funeral Service Chapel. Burial will follow at Egner Cemetery. Visitation will be on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Fifth Sunday Potluck:** There will be a potluck today after the morning services.

**Children's Home Shopping List:** Bottled Grape Juice

## **The Tomato**

Have you ever bought a tomato in January? I have. They are okay, better than nothing. For years, I have planted a few tomato plants in spring. The tomatoes get ripe in July. They taste so much better than those greenhouse tomatoes. Have you ever thought, "Why?" It is because man cannot improve or even equal what God can do. His sunshine and rain are perfect just like everything else He does. We can see this in nature, but men keep trying to improve, change, add to, or subtract from what God did in religion. Man can never improve on what God has done in His church, His doctrine, His salvation, His sacrifice, or His love. If we are wise, we will go back to the Bible, God's will for us, and accept His perfection.

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