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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICES

We will share a combined Worship Service on Sunday, December 1, at 11:00 a.m. Neal Surasky of Chosen People Ministries will be our guest speaker. Neal and his wife were both born and raised in a Jewish home. Having been introduced to Christianity they both accepted Jesus as Messiah and were baptized. They both have a strong desire to help spread the Gospel to Jews. Neal will have a presentation to give a deeper understanding of the Jewish root of Christianity.



December 29 will also be a combined Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Bible

School will take place at regular time and then join together for a time of worship and praise.

Joy TO THE
World
THE LORD IS
Come

ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for CACC for 2020 and for updates for this congregation. Every member is urged to be present and to be involved.



The annual Christmas Candlelight Service is Sunday, December 22. This is a special time of worship and celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior. The service begins at 6:30 p.m. Come and bring your family and friends.

"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me
will not walk in darkness, but
will have the light of life."

John 8:12

BIBLE SCHOOL

By: Pat Jones



"They have to be taught, carefully taught..."

Sadly, these lyrics from a long forgotten musical are meant to point to the need for careful instruction if you wish your children to grow up with a poor attitude against those of whom you disapprove.

The intention is wrong but the principle is true. If we, as God's children, want to know God and His way we must be carefully taught. It is a lifelong process.

Moses, in his parting words to the Hebrew children, repeated God's wish for them in Deuteronomy 5:29 "*Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me, and keep My commandments always, that it may be well with them and with their sons forever.*"

We are never too young or too old to learn about God. It is best done in the company of your brothers and sisters in Christ. Not only are you learning, you are enjoying rich fellowship and helping to grow the body of Christ.



8:45 SERVICE	SCRIPTURE	OFFERING PRAYER
DECEMBER 1	Combined Service	
DECEMBER 8	Richard Buckley	John Grady
DECEMBER 15	Eddie Harlow	Roscoe Faris
DECEMBER 22	Allen Bingler	Bill Gibson
DECEMBER 29	Combined Service	

11:00 SERVICE	COMMUNION	OFFERING
DECEMBER 1	Mike Lynn	Greg Bugg
DECEMBER 8	Scott Carter	Mike McCollister
DECEMBER 15	Mike McCollister	Mike Lynn
DECEMBER 22	Todd Archer	Todd Archer
DECEMBER 29	Boyd Knott	Billy Marsh

SERVERS:

8:45 SERVICE

Ray Bishop	Boyd Knott
Chip Bickers	Mark Parks
Bill Gibson	David Morris
Eddie Harlow	Mike Robertson

11:00 SERVICE

Bob Archer	Billy Marsh
Kevin Coleman	Brett Martin
Tommy Durrer	Josiah Walcott
Mike Lynn	



CLOSING PRAYER

8:45 SERVICE

11:00 SERVICE

DECEMBER 1	Combined	Allen Bingler
DECEMBER 8	Bill Gibson	Todd Archer
DECEMBER 15	John Lang	Mike Hill
DECEMBER 22	John Grady	Bob Archer
DECEMBER 29	Combined	Greg Bugg

SERVING COMMUNION TO SICK & SHUT-IN

Communion is taken to the sick and shut-in per the request of those at home, in a nursing home, or in the hospital. Call the office (977-1515) if you wish to receive home communion.

DECEMBER:

1	Boyd Knott
8	Scott Carter
15	Donna Marshall
22	Johnny & Becky Parks
29	Eddie & Carol Harlow



GREETERS FOR DECEMBER:

Tommy Durrer
Stephanie Bingler
Becky Parks

COMMUNION PREPARATION & BUILDING SECURITY FOR DECEMBER:

Jim Baber and Todd Archer

WASH COMMUNION CUPS FOR DECEMBER:

Marjorie Pennington

NEED A RIDE



The Van Committee provides transportation each Sunday for those who need it. If you are in need of a ride the driver's schedule is:

DECEMBER 1	John Grady/Billy Marsh	979-2494
DECEMBER 8	Mike Lynn	295-7761
DECEMBER 15	Bill Gibson	973-8184
DECEMBER 22	John Grady/Billy Marsh	979-2494
DECEMBER 29	Mike Lynn	295-7761

CHILD CARE



NURSERY WORKERS

8:45 A.M.

DECEMBER 8	Pat Durrer
DECEMBER 15	Pat Durrer
DECEMBER 22	Pat Durrer

11:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 1	Sandy Taylor / Judy Marsh
DECEMBER 8	Pat Durrer / Donna Marshall
DECEMBER 15	Pat Carter / Amy Hill
DECEMBER 22	Beth Horn / Samantha Horn
DECEMBER 29	Jackie Daniel / Pat Durrer

TODDLERS/RED BARONS TEACHER

Sherry Archer and Mitzi Hill



From **THE**
CLUTTERED
DESK

“Peace on earth, goodwill to men.” We hear that verse from Luke 2 a lot this time of year. We even sing about it. One favorite Christmas Hymn says, “Let There Be Peace on Earth, and Let It Begin With Me.” But how often does peace actually begin with me?

Golfer Brandon Matthews is one of the thousands of golfers playing on the “minor league” tours, hoping he can make his way onto the PGA Tour. At a tournament Argentina a few weeks ago, he was in a playoff in which a win would’ve earned him a spot in the (British) Open Championship next year. Doing well in the Open would’ve been a big step toward achieving his dream. I say “would’ve,” because as he swung his putter on the third playoff hole, someone in the crowd yelled loudly, and it affected his swing. The putt missed, and he lost. As you can imagine, he was frustrated over the breach of golf etiquette at such a crucial moment. He had lost the tournament and his chance to play in a PGA major.

While changing in the locker room afterward, a tournament official informed him that the man who had made the noise had Down’s Syndrome, and had gotten excited and struggled to control his emotions in the moment. Matthews immediately asked to be taken to meet him. He signed a glove for him and made sure the man didn’t think he was angry at him. He said later, “I felt so terrible that I was even upset. I just wanted to make sure that he didn’t feel bad. I didn’t want anyone to be mad at him. I wanted to make sure that he wasn’t mad at himself. I wanted to make sure that he knew that I wasn’t mad. That’s all I wanted to do. Some things are bigger than golf.”

How often do we let ourselves get worked up over much less than that? A couple who came to the restaurant after you’ve been waiting 20 minutes gets seated before you. Someone takes the last of a sale item that you obviously had your sights on first. The person in front of you in the checkout line pays with a check and writes it all down in her register—SLOWLY—before freeing up the bagging area for you (hypothetically speaking).

As much as CR has helped me with my anger and control issues, there are still little things that I let frustrate me, and I don’t always handle things the way that I would like. But how else is peace going to spread if it doesn’t start with me... and you? Peace isn’t just some nebulous

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Youth Ministry Sarah Mullen

November was a great month full of fun and weather change. At Cherry Avenue, we had our work day November 9th, thank you to all who showed up to help us do and fix some things around the church. Youth group finished their series on other religions and worldviews in November. This series was about learning what other people believe and how to talk to them or show them the love of Jesus and the Gospel. Also, the 6-12 lock-in was November 22-23. We were able to push the lock-in back to November since we had to cancel it last year. Thanksgiving is also in November, so we spent time remembering what we are thankful for and that it is all given by God. The kids in junior church have talked about what they are thankful for and remembered that they are fortunate to be able to come to church freely to learn about Jesus.

December will bring its own fun with it. This December, the kids will be learning about the birth of Jesus in a new way as well as the teenagers. You can never look at the birth, death, and resurrection stories too many times, because it seems that every time you look at them you learn something new about it. In December, there will be a Christmas Party at youth group on December 15 for 3-12 grades. We will not be having youth group on December 1 because of Thanksgiving weekend. Remember during the Christmas season, most people believe that Jesus was a real man who was just a good guy and a good teacher, but as Christians we believe that this is the time of year that we celebrate the first coming of the Son of God to save us as sinful humans. It is a wonderful time of year to thank God for his love and mercy.

(Continued From The Cluttered Desk)

cloud God will send down to change people’s behavior. It’s a movement that has to happen with individuals—and that starts with me. And it includes you.

I don’t know if Brandon Matthews will ever earn a PGA Tour card, but he has something else—something far more important that this world needs a lot more of—a care and concern for others that sows the seeds of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

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**MINISTER'S
 MOMENTS**

The Story of Christmas

As soon as Thanksgiving is over, we will jump right into the Christmas season. Indeed, I have already heard Christmas songs on the radio and in stores. Down in Florida, people have already put up their decorations. And sometimes I get a little upset that people are so eager to get to Christmas that they just seem to want to get Thanksgiving out of the way.

But in reality, Christmas does begin a lot sooner than December 25, a lot sooner. In fact, it begins centuries before, in the Garden of Eden. You've heard this. God had created a paradise for Adam and Eve to enjoy. And then the tempter entered the picture, a duplicitous serpent, and he deceived them, fast-talked them into eating the one fruit of the garden they were not to eat.

And thus, began the fall of humankind. From there it was a short journey before the world became filled with hatred, violence, greed, and corruption. Their world was just like the world we see today. Our current troubles are nothing new. It's been this way throughout history.

In his anger, God spoke to the serpent: *Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel. (Genesis 3:14-15)*

These words were a prophecy — a promise from God — that someday One would come into the world to undo the damage that the serpent had set in motion. He had skewered history, but before it was all over, God would make it right. The final phrase of this prophecy, *"he will crush your head and you will strike his heel,"* is a poetic way of saying: "Satan, you may hurt him a little, but he will ultimately *take you out.*"

Throughout Israel's history, they continued to talk about this Messiah, and prophecy about him, and look forward to his coming. The Old Testament contains hundreds of such prophecies that were ... here's a spoiler alert ... ultimately fulfilled in Jesus. Some of the prophecies of Christ were very specific, and some were more general in nature, but all of them offered hope, such as that spoken by the prophet Jeremiah... *"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a king who will do wisely and do what is just and right in the land." (Jeremiah 23:5)*

So, let's be thankful, (see what I did there) that even though people push through Thanksgiving into Christmas, that this is the season we can be than thankful that God saw us in our need and sent his Son that Satan would be defeated and for at least a month people's thoughts turn to kindness, peace, and giving.



December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 am Bible School 11:00 am Morning Worship	2 11:00 am Silver Chords Choir Practice 6:00 pm Thelma Carter Circle Christmas Dinner	3 7 am Men's Bible Study 10 am Sr. Bible Study 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery 8:00 pm Praise Band	4 	5 11:15 am ESP to Lunch; 5:30 pm Adult Choir Practice 6:30 pm CR Women's Step Study	6 Emmanuel shall come Israel shall rejoice	7 
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