

Good morning and welcome to services! Thanks to all who have chosen to participate in our virtual caroling. Where there's a will, there's a way to spread some cheer this season! Are you keeping up with your 60 day New Testament reading schedule? Alison and I are brainstorming ideas to do this month since we can't gather together. We will keep you posted! Have a great week and stay healthy!

DOUG

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

Dec. 20th 2020

Door Greeters

Security Team

Communion Preparation

Jerame Gipson

"WHY DO WE COME?"

Among the several very good reasons we come together on Sunday is the opportunity to participate in the Lord's Supper. We learn from Acts 20:7 that it is one of the main reasons the original Christians met on Sundays. Furthermore, the apostle instructs us to participate in this memorial in a reverent manner, considering what it represents for Christians (1 Cor. 11:27-29). The Lord's Supper is a memorial. It is a key part of our worship to God, a reminder to commemorate Christ's love for us — it reminds us that He gladly substituted His life for ours (Phil. 2:7-8, John 10:17-18), and in this memory we should be motivated to offer better service in His kingdom. *The reason we "bother" to remember our Savior's death each week is because of our love for Him and His sacrifice.* DAN

What's The Matter With Mrs. Craig?

A Nashville newspaper carried a tongue-in-cheek story about Mrs. Lila Craig who hasn't missed attending church in 1,040 Sundays although she is in her eighties. The editor commented, "It makes one wonder, what's the matter with Mrs. Craig? Doesn't it ever rain or snow in her town on Sunday? Doesn't she ever have unexpected company? How is it that she never goes anywhere on Saturday night so that she's too tired to attend the worship service the next morning? Doesn't she ever 'beg off' to attend picnics or family reunions, or have headaches, colds, nervous spells, or tired feelings? Doesn't she ever oversleep or need time to read her Sunday newspaper? Hasn't she ever become angry at the minister or had her feelings hurt by someone and felt justified in staying home to hear a good sermon on the radio or TV? SELECTED

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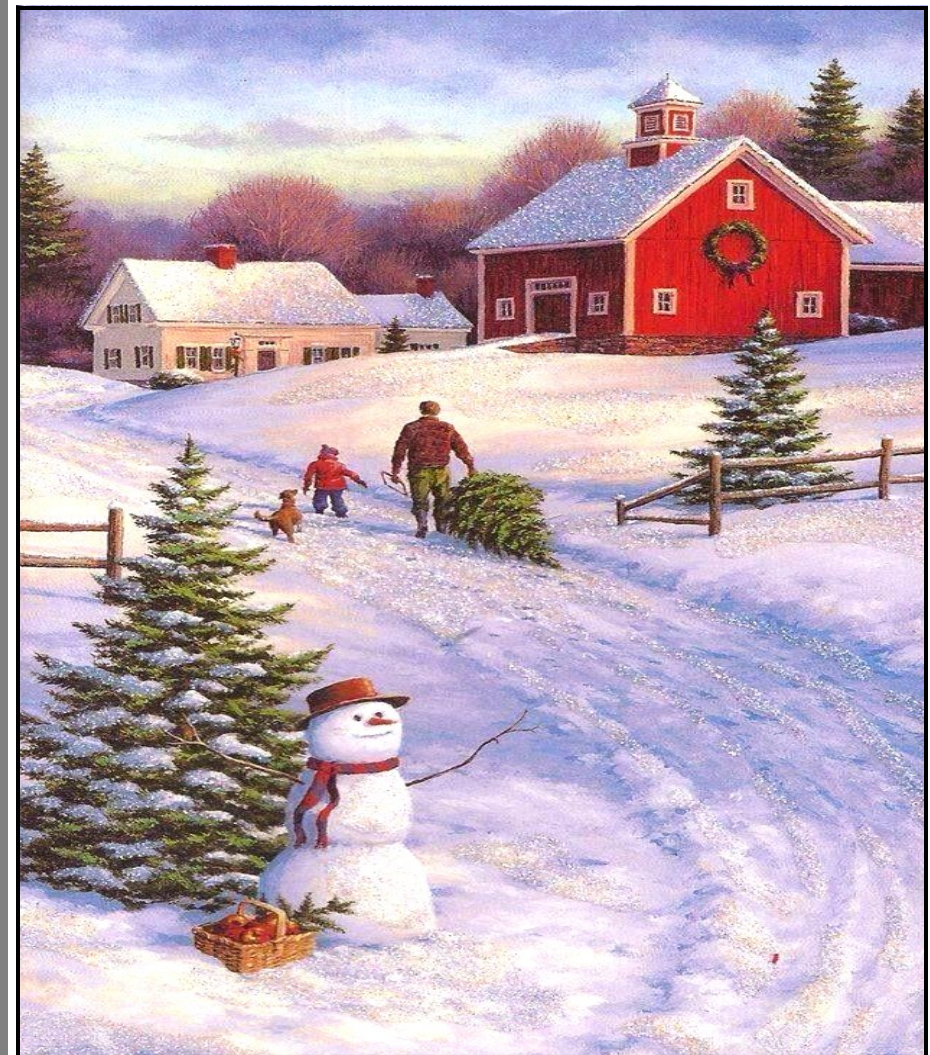
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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
2021 From the Church Staff

Welcome To Our Worship Services. If you are visiting we are glad you're here.



From Dan's desk:

We are excited about the increase in attendance at the services. Last Sunday we saw an increase over the week before and this has happened over the last three weeks. This is great. Hopefully the fears of many will abate and before long things will be back to normal. Those who have been ill are all improving. God is blessing us continually. We thank all of you for being present this morning to worship our Father in Heaven. If you have been out, we welcome you back to the fold. Thank God that you are doing better and making improvements. Children's Bible Hour started back last Sunday evening. Attendance was a little lower than usual, but it will pick up before long. The Bible Hour workers and young students will take a break on Sunday evening Dec. 27th and January 3rd. They will resume on Sunday evening January 10th. Please mark your calendar. Many will be out of town for the holidays and it is always a busy time of year. If you go out of town we hope you will stay safe and take precautions. It is hard to believe that Christmas holidays are this near. I really believe that most folks will be glad to see the dawn of the New Year 2021. I know that many people have only bad feelings about the year 2020, but many good things have happened in the year 2020. Souls have been saved, brethren restored in the faith and the gospel has been proclaimed to many who have not heard it. We give our Lord the glory. Some have gone to be with our Lord. Even for this we can rejoice that they are with our Lord and away from the heartaches of this world. Paul said, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." We all anticipate that moment when we are called of God. Hope to see you tonight. If God should call you home, where will you be tonight at 6 P.M.?
DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

BETH FREEMAN continues radiation in Dallas and taking chemo locally. RICK GILES is recovering from back surgery at home. LARRY HOOPER has returned home from the hospital. DALE SPARKS has been undergoing tests this last week in Tyler. JAN RIDGEWAY (Dan's sister) is in the hospital in Longview with Pneumonia DEBBIE WARREN'S surgery has been postponed until a later date. JAYDEN TOWNSEND-(grandson of Kathy Chambless) is recovering from surgery last Wednesday
Prayer list available in the foyer.

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

**Children's Bible Hour Tonight at
6 P.M.**

"TUNNEL VISION"

Tunnel vision is when you are so focused on something that you can't see what is happening around you. It happens all the time and nobody is immune. We become so fixated on an object ourselves or an ideology that we don't see what is really happening around us. This is a dangerous state as it may cause us to miss out on so many things but most importantly, a relationship with God. The Pharisees, Sadducees, Lawyers and Scribes were groups that were stuck in tunnel vision. They had this law thing figured out. They knew exactly what the Messiah was supposed to do and how He was supposed to act. Anything that was different to their tunnel vision of God's plan was not acceptable. Jesus called them out on it. "Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the times?" (Matt. 16:30). It still happens today. There are those who plainly see what is happening and are obedient to the Lord and His Father. They are blessed and accept God's justice. There are those who reject God's will or purpose for their lives and will not receive the justice they seek. The warning to us all is that we do not become so narrow minded that we don't see the truth before us. Do not use so broad a brush stroke or sweeping generalities that would go beyond what is written. When God says that He has a purpose for you, it is not some mystical thing that you must go in search of—it is simply obedience to His will. We must not get so focused on what we think the plan is that we neglect to ask God what He wants. Don't miss out on what God has planned for you because of spiritual tunnel vision.

Josh Blackmer

Dec. 13th, 2020

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Gary Todd has e is home now recovering.
Beth Freeman-still undergoing cancer treatment
Rick Giles- recovering from back surgery
Debbie Warren surgery postponed
Dale Sparks- had an MRI this last week in Tyler.
Larry Hooper- in hospital with colon infection & pneumonia
Cecil Stanaland-tests
Gary Missildine- heart & lung issues
Mary Jo Thomason is undergoing physical therapy
Gerald Wilcher, health issues
Emalie Tuschoff is at recovering from a fall
Ola Pearl Reeves is now a resident at Greenbrier Nursing Home
Kenneth Holland-COPD
Randy Foreman's Daughter and family have Covid-19
Jan Ridgeway (Dan's sister) has pneumonia in Longview hosp.
Randy Foreman's daughter's family and young grandson- they have Covid-19
Wilburn Delancy (Dan's Friend) is recovering from heart problems and fall.
Maurine Ellis, (Sam's Mom) has numerous health issues in Dallas
Eve Rogers (niece of Gerald Wilcher) inoperable lung cancer
Billie Sherman (Shelah Jorgensen mother-in-law) is with hospice
Hannah Glenn, Leukemia treatments in Dallas
Elizabeth Attaway (Beth Freeman's daughter-in-law) cancer
Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer
Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer

Please remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers. They need our prayers. Millie Baur, Billie Bedford, Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Ruby Merritt, James and Irma Ray, Ola Pearl Reeves, Margaret Richardson, and Marlene Thompson.

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 are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office. **THE ELDERS**