

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:30 P.M.

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SUNDAY

DECEMBER 10, 2023

ASSIGNMENTS AM:
WELCOME..... Chuck Lee
SONG LEADER..... Ois Kennington
OPENING PRAYER.... Ted Awtry

LORD'S SUPPER

1st PRAYER..... Eric Mullins
2nd PRAYER..... Dennis Hill
3rd PRAYER..... John Seeley
Gary Luensmann..... Terry Kraner
Paul Wilhite..... Phillip Hancock
Jace Terrell.....

CLOSING PRAYER.... David Schubert

COMPUTER..... Johnny Williams

*Those who serve please meet in the fellowship area 10 minutes before services begin.

PM

DEVO WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP HALL

FOOD COMMITTEE

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

Betty Fulks & Gerry Seeley

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"You are always welcome"

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"For Such A Time As This"

Coincidence or providence? Esther found herself in a unique situation. Only she could save her people from annihilation. The backstory is was too complicated for the space we have available here. But, to make a long story short, Esther's husband, King Xerxes, had issued an edict calling for the killing of all the Jews in the province of Persia. What the king didn't know is that his wife was a Jewess.

When Esther's cousin, Mordecai, heard about the edict, he appealed for her to approach the king to save the Jews. Esther initially balked at the idea because it posed a personal danger to her. Even the queen could not approach the king without being summoned. If the king did not stretch out his scepter it meant death to the one who approached. It had been a while since Esther had been summoned by Xerxes, and to say the least, he was a very unpredictable man. So Esther found herself in a very unenviable position. Mordecai, determined to convince Esther, makes this statement, "Who know but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

It was odd that Esther would find herself queen. Xerxes' original wife, Vashti, had refused to appear before the king and his drunken associates. Xerxes had her deposed and strip of the title queen. A search had been made for a replacement. Beautiful women from all over the empire were chosen to participate in the original "The Bachelor" episode. Out of all these women, Esther was chosen to be queen.

Some might say it was coincidence. Others would see the providence of God at work. I would tend toward the latter. But it really makes no difference. The fact is, Esther was in the right place at the right time. A unique place to have influence over the king. And it worked. The king received Esther and issued another edict that would save the Jews.

What about us? Could it be that each of us are in a unique position to serve God? Could it be that you have a unique opportunity to influence certain people around you? An opportunity that no one else may have? Whether we consider it coincidence or providence really doesn't matter. What matters is that we make the most of every opportunity to share the Gospel and serve others. Is here and now your, "For such a time as this"?

- Tim

PRAYING FOR OUR SICK

John Traylor did not receive good news recently. He will have a major surgery after the new year where his bile ducts and part of his liver will be removed. He will be at UT Southwest Hospital. Please pray for a successful outcome. Shane White has been in Mother Frances Hospital for a couple of days where they did some surgery on Monday. He will remain in the hospital and have reconstructive surgery today (Thursday). Pray for him. Billie Traylor has healed and they took the soft cast off and she can walk with a brace on her knee and walker. She will soon start rehab. Dick Maynard will have a heart cath on December 12 at Regional. His aortic valve in his heart is stiffening. Pray for him. Lola Guidry, granddaughter of our Pamela Andersen, fell at a basketball game on Monday night and received a severe concussion. She does go back to see the doctor on Friday. Pray for Kenny Ragsdale whose kidneys are failing and he will be going on dialysis. He is the husband of Renee Ragsdale (daughter of Harvey Fulks). He is in Good Shepherd in Longview. Continue prayers for Dois Byrd. Continue your prayers for Faye Alford, Bob Allen, Laura Allen, Robert & Cyndi Allen, Arthur Andersen, Bob Arnold, Loyd Banks, Mike Banks, Nelda Banks, Frank Barrett, Bess Anna Bennett, Dois Byrd, Jeanette Click, Desiree Corbello, Colby Cox, Maggie Cox, Sandy Crumbaker, Brinda Currey, James Dailey, Milton Ercanbrack, Jill Fender, Chris Fields, Robert Fisher, Anna Ford, Scarlett Gibbs, Jeanell Gilmore, Betty Grainger, Tommy Huchingson, Angie Helms, David Ingram, Jr., Erin Kennedy Janik, Diann Mueller, Nelda Maynard, Will Parks, Will Pendergrass, Nora Phillips, Colleen Prah, Von Prah, Brenda Price, Kenny Ragsdale, Locho Rodriguez, Shannon Solis, Jeffery Sweet, Patty Traxler, John Traylor, Jerry Walker, Deborah White, Melba Williams.

MINISTER APPRECIATION

Sunday evening, December 17, immediately following devos, we will honor our ministers with gift baskets in the fellowship hall. If you would like to contribute to the baskets please see Jeannie Williams or Janis Terrell.

***MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY EVENING FOLLOWING SERVICES.**

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ann Brown will be hosting her 2nd annual Ladies Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9, starting at 5:00. Bring your favorite snack and come enjoy the fellowship! See you there!



***ELDERS WILL MEET MONDAY EVENING, 6:30, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.**



On December 7th

Welton & Carolyn Walker

Were married

66 years ago.

Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Jansen Laney will graduate from Texas A&M Texarkana on December 16th with a Bachelors in Business Administration. We are so proud of Jansen and wish him the best. His parents are our Maxie & Laurie Laney and grandmother is our Cynthia Hampton.



WHITE CHRISTMAS

Our White Christmas this year will be helping our own benevolence room. There are so many items that we cannot buy from the East Texas Food Bank that are needed to run a household. Toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, baggies, foil, small bottles of cooking oil, dishwashing liquid, sugar free jam, kitchen towels etc. are all needed. Your generosity will be appreciated. There are boxes in the foyer to place your items. Thanks so much!

YOUTH NEWS

There will be a Holiday outing to the Shreveport Mudbugs hockey game, Friday, December 29. Cost is \$18 for ticket and money for supper and snacks at the game. Give Tim your \$18 by Wednesday, December 20. (If money is a problem, let Tim know.)

*Youth Winter Retreat is February 23-25 at Camp Akiva near Emory. The cost is \$50 (but don't let that keep you from going!) More information will be coming later.

VISITORS

We had the following visitors on December 3: Larry & Laura Merkle.



	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
7	Bulletin <u>Ila Kimbell</u> Happy Birthday!	8 <u>Abby Watkins</u> Happy Birthday!	9 <u>Ladies Christmas Party</u> <u>Sam Ray</u> Happy Birthday!	10 Bible Classes 9:30 Worship 10:30 Evening 5:00 <u>Marty Watkins</u> <u>Terry Lee</u> <u>Jace Terrell</u> Happy Birthday!	11 <u>Debbie Gilmore</u> Happy Birthday!	12 <u>Sue Gilliam</u> <u>Gerry Seeley</u> Happy Birthday!	13 Bible Class 6:30 <u>Tim Gibbs</u> <u>Pam Lee</u> <u>Duane Wooten</u> Happy Birthday!