SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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WEDNESDAY

Bible Study

6:30P.M.

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"Thoughts On Christmas"

(From an old friend)

When I was a small child, my grandparents often said that they would be glad when Christmas was over. I could not understand that then. I cannot understand it now.

I love the Christmas season. I love the spirit of generosity that seems to overtake us more at Christmas than at other times. I love all the talk about peace and the extra effort that we seem to exert to promote peace. I love every reference to good will among us. I love the sights and sounds of the Christmas season.

It is interesting that we are in universal agreement that generosity, peace and good will are the essence of the spirit of Christ. As Christians, we are especially sensitive to this great truth. We also know that the spirit of Christ is not seasonal. It is designed for every day and for all seasons.

The world hears about the spirit of Christ. But it is up to us as Christians to show the world what that spirit is by demonstrating it in our lives for all to see. The Bible says, "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Romans 8:9).

The spirit of Christ is truly the spirit of giving. God so loved the world that He gave His Son (John 3:16). The Son loved and gave His life as a ransom for all (Matthew 20:28). And what is the best gift? It is perfectly fine to hand a person a gift wrapped in pretty paper. There is a joy in giving and receiving such gifts. But these are small tokens. The greatest gift of all is the gift of self as we reach out in love and warmth to give of our very selves in caring concern for others.

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of good will. This spirit is not selective. It is not designed for a special few who happen to be easy to love. The love of God embraces the world—so must ours. Such love is best characterized by our constant attempts to affect in a good way our fellow human beings. It may express itself by a bag of groceries, a simple word of encouragement or some time spent helping another person bear the burdens of the day.

And peace—yes, that too. "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

It is the privilege of all Christians to preserve what is the very best of Christmas season and share it at all seasons.

- Norman Miller

PRAYING FOR OUR SICK

Diann Mueller is hospitalized in ICU at Regional Hospital with Sepsis. Please pray for her. Dick Maynard will see his surgeon on December 28 to set up his surgery. It will be after the new year begins. He is having 5 bypasses and a new heart valve. John Traylor was dismissed from UT Southwest and is at his home in Lone Star. He will have surgery after the first of the year. Shane White is home and recovering from recent surgery for cancers on his face. He will have more skin grafts on December 26 and January 17. Martin Peterson and his wife Cindy, continue to recover at home. Please pray for them. Please pray for Lola Guidry, granddaughter of our Pam Andersen, as she heals from a concussion. Continue prayers for Kenny Ragsdale who had bypass surgery recently and is on dialysis. Jeanette Click, sister-in-law of our Betty Boyd, is doing well after recent surgery and will soon start rehab. 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 Prahl, Von Prahl, Brenda Price, Kenny Ragsdale, Locho Rodriguez, Shannon Solis, Jeffery Sweet, Patty Traxler, John Traylor, Jerry Walker, Deborah White, Melba Williams.

DECEMBER

December 24—No Evening Service

December 31—Devo worship and snacks/
games

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

There is a note from <u>John & Betty Traylor</u> on the bulletin board in foyer. Please take a moment to read.

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY

Our <u>Coy Hinton</u> passed from this life on Wednesday morning in Pittsburg. He was a longtime member and will be missed. Services are pending at this time. Please pray for his daughters, <u>Norma Hancock</u> & <u>Cindy Peterson</u>. Please pray for all the family.

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.

*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.

NURSING FACILITIES

We have a few members who are in nursing homes in this area. Please remember them with cards, visits and prayers especially during this holiday season. They are: Betty Grainger is in Arabella in Longview, Jerry Walker is in Southern Wind Manor in Pittsburg, Nelda Maynard is in Parkview on Hollybrook in Longview and Frank Barrett & Milton Ercanbrack are in Windsor Place in Daingerfield.



TESSAH LHEA NIBLETT WAS BORN ON THURSDAY

DECEMBER 14 IN MT. PLEASANT. SHE WEIGHED 7LBS & 15 OUNCES AND WAS 20 INCHES LONG.

PROUD PARENTS ARE

AUSTIN & LEAH NIBLETT

AND PROUD SIBLINGS ARE

BECKHAM, CHARLIE MAE,

ADELYN JO AND COLSON.

CONGRATULATIONS!

VISITORS

We had the following visitors on December 17: <u>Dennis Grant; Keith & Jamie Russell</u>, Gilmer; <u>Aubrey & Michael Watkins</u>, Omaha; <u>Danny & Amy Wilhite</u>, W. Monroe, LA; <u>Bridgett Williams</u>, Pittsburg.

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*	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
December	21 Bulletin Betty Grainger Happy Birthday!	22	23	Bible Classes 9:30 Worship 10:30 Evening 5:00	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Jackie Terrell Toni Wallace Happy Birthday!	26 Frank Barrett Happy Birthday!	27 Bible Class 6:30 Tony Helms Billie Traylor Happy Birthday!

Happy Holidays from the church office.

Tim, Mark & Janis

