

Thanks for being here this morning. Thanks to those of you who have been attending Bible classes on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. We have been having a great time together. I know you all are getting excited about Christmas this year. I know that I am!! Christmas has always been my favorite holiday. This Wednesday evening we will have our Youth Group Christmas Devotional and Fellowship. We will meet in the Activity Building at 6:15 p.m. for a meal and fun time. Please bring a wrapped gift for exchange game (\$5 limit). If you have any questions or can't make it, please see Me or Keri. See you all tonight.



## "CHARACTER BUILDING"

Each of us is to be involved in that building process by applying the principles of Scripture to our thoughts and conduct, conforming to the will of God in all things -- even "bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5). This process is described in Romans 12:1-2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect will of God." The renewed mind one is to have, is "the mind of Christ" (Phil. 2:5) which is revealed in the New Testament Scriptures (Heb. 1:1-2). When one allows the gospel to mold and renew his mind, a transformation occurs. He begins to take on the qualities of character that it sets forth that children of God should have. Every Christian must build such a character (2 Pet. 3:18

## **DOOR GREETERS**

Sunday Dec. 23, 2018 Robert & Lois Duzan

## **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Sunday Dec. 23, 2018 Marty Nash

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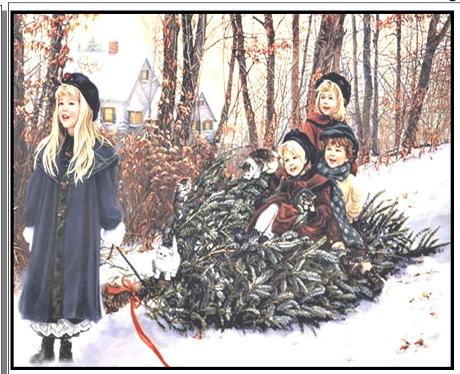
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## ASSEMBLY TIMES

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



Merry Christmas From The Church Staff

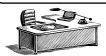
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# Four Respond To Invitation One Baptized into Christ Events forthcoming





## From Dan's desk:

Last Sunday was a great day. Four responded to the call of Christ. Two responded on Sunday morning. **JIM PONDS and JESSICA WRIGHT** both came acknowledging sin and asking for the prayers of the church. We commend them and rejoice over their repentant attitude and a desire to live closer to the Lord. On Sunday evening, ELIZABETH ROSE responded to the invitation to be baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. We are happy about her decision and welcome her into the fellowship of God's family here. Also responding was DENISE CARROLL who came asking for the prayers of the church here. God is a loving and Eternal God and we love and appreciate the forgiveness and love that is so often demonstrated to His people. The trip to Natchitoches, LA. had to be cancelled because of weather concerns. We will try again next year, weather permitting. We regret that we didn't get to go this year, but there will be another time. We have several that have been ill with upper respiratory issues. This was reflected in the number in attendance last Sunday. Thanks to all of you who are here this morning. If you are visiting with us, we hope you will come again. Over the last several days we have had a large number of visitors attending our services. We always appreciate those who come and worship with us. The ladies annual Christmas party and fellowship was well attended last Tuesday in the activity building. Thanks to those who helped in any way to serve and provide the meal for those in attendance. We will look forward to seeing each of you tonight at the assembly at 6 P.M. Continue to pray for all that are ill and those who are less fortunate. DAN

## PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

<u>BECKY BARNES</u> had a surgical procedure to remove a skin cancer on Wednesday.

SONJA ROSE saw a specialist in Dallas about her neck on Thursday.

JIM DAVIS continues to recover from the procedure on his neck.

ROSE MARIE FOREMAN, mother of Sherron Carder, was taken back to the hospital on Tuesday with an

Prayer List is 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 again for coming.

## **RESPONSES**

## **BAPTISM**

infection.

Elizabeth Rose 839 ACR 386 Palestine, TX 75801 903-731-3895

## **PRAYER & REDEDICATION**

Jim Ponds Jessica Wright Denise Carroll

#### CARD SIGNING

We will meet at the home of Pam Gallaway tomorrow night at 6 PM to sign cards for the ill and shut-in's. Please bring your favorite finger food and join us. We will take the bus, if you would like to ride. Please be at the church by 5:30 PM.

### **COCOA & CAROLING**

Everyone is invited to meet at Legacy (Cartmell Home) this Tuesday, December 18th, to sing Christmas Carols to the residents. We will meet at 5:15 there and afterwards we will go to the home of Doug & Alison Rader for hot chocolate and cookies.

## **What It Means To Forgive**

Forgiveness is more than just speaking the words. It must be sincere and from the heart. It must be patterned after the forgiveness God has granted to us. It must be accompanied by actions which befit true forgiveness. Forgiveness involves a kind attitude -- abandoning all animosity and hatred. All bitterness, anger, wrath, clamor and evil speaking should be put away (Eph. 4:31). We can hold no grudges. One must deny the impulse to get even and seek to do the forgiven one good. Forgiveness involves forgetting (Heb. 8:12), but what does it mean to forget? It is impossible for a person to completely obliterate the wrong from his mind. Rather it means to not hold the person accountable for it anymore. When forgiveness is granted that should end the matter. It should never again be dredged up or held against the one who has been forgiven. Forgiveness should be given by the "golden rule" (Matt. 7:12). One should always be willing to forgive -- even at repeated offenses. Matthew 18:21-22 has the apostle Peter asking, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven "