#### **Welcome Home**

We are thrilled to have you join us for services today. We strive to be a loving and friendly family of believers and we hope that you feel welcome. Our aim this morning is to simply worship God in spirit and in truth. We extend an open invitation to join us during any of our weekly services. If you have questions or would like to schedule a Bible study, please contact one of our elders or ministers!

# **Weekly Services**

Sunday | 9 AM Bible Study | 10 AM Worship | 5 PM Worship Wednesday | 6:30 PM Midweek Bible Study



### **Order of Service**

A Common Love
Call to Worship
Because He Lives
Communion
A Wonderful Savior
Blue Skies and Rainbows
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Faithful Love
Sermon
Jesus Keep me Near the
Cross
Announcements
Dismissal Prayer

### **Special Requests**

- Marty Jackson has surgery scheduled for December 13.
- Please keep Laura's father, Tom Tomberlin, in your prayers.
- Landry Wood, Janice Dilldine, Emma Blank, Denzil Thompson, Glen Smith, Doug Vandiver, Tracey Kline, Ed Carter, Barbara Green, Rita Pitrarei, Regina Weber, Landry Wood, Jay Wright, Jerry Freeman, Susan Mullen, Bill Scarlett, Jimmy Lynn, Bonnie Fox, Mildred Kirby, Tim Bumbalough, Woody Woodruff, Adriel Stout, Margaret Medley Fincher, Bobbie Knight, Sammuel Hensley, Lydia Stanton, Emma Blank

# Sympathy Extended

#### **Elders**

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#### **Deacons**

Bradley Earnest | Jeff Harrison Jonathan Loftis | Michael Lilly Waymon Lafever

#### **Ministers**

Richard Perry | Pulpit Ministry 270.222.0242 Dylan Wood | Worship Ministry 931.787.5773 Neil Hight | Outreach Ministry 270.348.5162 Chase Fletcher - Youth + Family Involvement Ministry 931.319.4887

# Weekly Devotional Thoughts | Chase Fletcher

The Wise and Foolish Virgins

In Matthew 25:1-13, Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. One question I kept asking myself in reading this was, "Why didn't the foolish virgins just bring the oil in the first place?" It seems so simple from the outside looking in to just bring the oil. I think the problem is, though, is that we are like them in that we want to get by with just enough. We want to do the absolute minimum we can and still get to Heaven one day. How many things can I think of in my life that I know it seems "simple" enough for me to be doing in a spiritual sense, but I'm just not doing them? That makes me no different than the foolish virgins that didn't bring the oil. However, the wise ones were what I aspire to be, and that's spiritually prepared to meet Jesus one day. C.S. Lewis one said, "If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this." When we make spiritual preparation a part of our lives, it affects everything we do. There are those who will find ways to keep their light burning, and those who won't. Which one will we be?

# **Congregational Announcements**

- The **Child Advocacy Center** is <u>collecting socks and underwear for teens</u>. We will be collecting and donating these for the month of December. Please place items in the <u>box</u> in the foyer.
- As we begin construction on classrooms, we ask that **everyone** please stay out of the hallways in the old building if at all possible. Thank you.
- Heart Keepers Ministry Update: <u>All leaders of each ministry should receive an information sheet today</u>. If you did not receive one, please see Sandy Brewington. Please meet with your ministry team and then <u>return your sheet</u> to Tracy Nabors or Sandy Brewington <u>by December 14.</u>
- The annual **Gingerbread House Decorating** for girls of our church family and friends will be tonight, Sunday December 11, for 7th grade to college age.
- <u>Family Devotionals</u> will start up in <u>January</u>. Please signup by **Chase's office** if you'd like to host in one of the months next year. You can also see Chase for more information about these.
- <u>Crazy 8s signup sheet</u> is by **Chase's office**. We'd love to have everyone involved with this. Please signup and be a part of it with us.
- CYC 2023 signups are available by Chase's office.
- <u>Thank you to Sheila Lafever</u> for doing a great job over the last few years in coordinating the reservation of the church building for events. <u>Starting January 2023</u>, **Judy Delk** will take over this work. To reserve the building, please contact Judy Delk at <u>931-239-0997</u>.
- If you have **any announcements** that you would like added to the bulletin, there will be a dropbox in the back, and those announcements will be made known as soon as possible..

# **Double Springs Youth Group**

• **Double Springs Disciples** (middle school age) meets **Wednesdays at 4:30 PM.** If you'd like to know more, please see Stacy Brewington or Terry Coomer.

### **Senior Travelers**

Dates and times of new adventures will be announced as they become available.

### **Prayer List**

Martha Anderson, Wade
Jackson, Denzil Thompson,
Doris Watts, Louise
Richardson, Ella Carter, Ed
Nemore, Leon Fletcher,
James Loftis, Kea Reagon,
Jean Haney, JJ Haliburton,
Connor Staggs, Pam Carter,
Landry Wood

#### **Cancer List**

Debbie Rodgers, Lori Davenport, Steve Higginbotham, Mark Webster, Harold Poindexter, Eugene Montgomery, Areana Spurlock, Tom Hall, Linda Gentry, Francis Jones, Annie Smith, Kellie Walker, Marietta Sexton, Brett Wyatt, Holly White, Layla Ledbetter, Rosie Killian, Leslie Crouse, Charles Spurlock, Julie Sotis, Danny Martin, Traycee Howell, Glen Ramsey, Marty Jackson, Jay Wright, Rita Petraroi, Jimmy Frizzell, Brandon Sumners, Doug Vandiver

# **Nursing Homes**

<u>Charter</u>

Liz Tallent, Bobbie Wheeler

<u>Signature</u>

Eddie Ball

**Bailey Manor** 

Jewell Flatt

Cedar Hills

Jean Haney

**Bethesda** 

Mildred Kirby

# **Sunday AM Class Scripture Reading**

Matthew 3-4 Mark 1 Luke 3-5 John 1-4

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### **Birthdays**

Jean Haney - 12/11 Aaden Jackson - 12/14
Eliza Cole - 12/12 Judd Bumbalough - 12/16
Connie Maxwell - 12/13 Brad Smith - 12/17
Emma Schmid - 12/13 Debbie Thompson - 12/17
Toni Scantland - 12/13

#### For the Record

Bible Study: 140 Morning Worship: 212 Evening Worship: 101 Wednesday Evening: 133 Contribution: \$6,279