

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 15
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship
4:00 p.m. - Finance Cmt Mtg
5:30 p.m. - Lessons & Carols
Monday, December 16
Snacks for Woodfield & Springdale

Tuesday, December 17
10:00 a.m. - Flower Power
Wednesday, December 18
No Supper
5:30 p.m.- Deacon/Staff Christmas Party
NO Prayer Mtg/Bible Study or other activities.
No Choir or Orch Rehearsals

Last Weeks Record In Service

Attendance - December 8, 2019
Sunday School - 90
Worship - 114

Stewardship-December 8, 2019
Monthly Budget \$41,651.00
Monthly Receipts \$23,192.92
Weekly Receipts \$10,033.67
TWB Receipts \$ 50.00
Lottie Moon \$ 1,375.00
To Date: \$1600.00
TBC Goal: \$5000

Deacons of the Week
Jerry Carter Scott Bennett

Christmas Card Mailbox
The youth are providing the Christmas Card Mailbox again this year. Bring your cards for our members and place in the mailbox located at the office. Our youth will sort and deliver them. Suggested donation is 25¢ per card.

Greeters - Patty McMillan & Steve Bentley

Security AM - Ronnie Griffin
Security PM - Terry Bryant

Worship Care
Children’s Hall (Sunday AM)
Pam Sales Sammy Diggins
Donna Griffin Tiffany Owenby
Welcome Desk: Don Sales

Ushers - Team 2
Don Sales Chris Noegel
DeWayne Lane Hugh Thrift
Steve Hardison Tony Rutland
Rick Canipe David Tucker

Snacks for Woodfield Academy & Springdale

We will be providing Snacks for Woodfield Academy and Springdale Elementary School on Monday, December 16.
Please help us by donating snacks. You may bring your donations Sunday, December 15 and drop them off at the kitchen. Thank You!!



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Worship Notes

Today’s sermon will focus on persecution, “The Challenge of Chains” (Philippians 1:12-18). At first glance, it may seem incongruous to sing Christmas carols alongside the theme of suffering and persecution. However, these ideas go together quite well. Let’s keep in mind several things. First, the **joyful celebration of Christmas is often muted for persecuted believers** around the world where believers have to celebrate the birth of Jesus with little fanfare and in hiding. Second, it helps us to consider that the angels who “now proclaim Messiah’s birth” (**“Angels from the Realms of Glory”**) were **singing that message to those under the thumb of the Roman empire** as they experienced regular oppression and suffering. Remember that not long after the birth of Christ, Herod would slaughter little boys in an effort to stamp out the Messiah before His reign could begin (Praise God that Herod was unsuccessful!). Third, we recognize that **Christmas is often a hard time for us**, too, for other reasons. We may not face persecution, but we may face recent losses of family members, a serious illness, wayward children who are absent from the home, and other relational pain or stress.

However, even in light of the difficulties that Christmas brings, we can still sing and rejoice! We can sing, “You give and take away; my heart will choose to say, ‘Lord, Blessed be Your Name’” (**“Blessed Be Your Name”**). As we trust in Jesus, let us joyfully obey the call: “Let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord” because of the glorious truth that “with His blood mankind hath bought” (**“The First Noel”**). Christ purchased a people for Himself, and if you’re a follower of Jesus, you can rejoice in being part of the family of God! We can sing and rejoice because even during times of difficulty, “Hope is here” (**“Somewhere in Your Silent Night with Silent Night! Holy Night!”**). And, at the end of the day, we recognize the truth we’ll sing in **“Not for a Moment (After All)”**: “After all, You are constant; after all You are only good. After all You are sov’reign. Not for a moment will You forsake me.”

Finally, I wanted to say a special “Thank you!” to the TBC Choir & Orchestra! I cannot adequately express how overjoyed I was by your presentation this past Sunday evening. I have bragged on y’all all week long, and I’m so incredibly thankful for your hard work and dedication. Thanks again!

Interim Pastor - Dr. Tom Rush
Pastor of Worship & Administration - Kenny Wells
Youth Pastor - Landon Crenshaw
Children’s Ministry Director - Melba Hubbard

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The Challenge of Chains

Philippians 1:12-18



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Family Devotional Guide	
Day 1	Scripture: Philippians 1:12-14 Discussion: Paul was in the 1st generation of persecuted Christians. What lessons do you see here in these three verses? How can/does God use persecution to further the spread of the gospel? Song: "O Church, Arise" by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
Day 2	Scripture: Philippians 1:12-14 Discussion: As you consider the lessons that we can learn from Paul's persecution, consider also the blessings we now enjoy that others across the world do not have. Spend some time praying for the persecuted church the world over. Pray through these verse, asking God to: 1. advance the gospel through their persecution (v. 12); 2. help others to see that persecution and ask Him to draw attention to Himself through their suffering (v. 13); 3. help other brothers and sisters around them to draw confidence from seeing others suffering and realize that they are not alone and be encouraged by the faith of those around them (v. 14). Song: "Facing a Task Unfinished" by Ed Cash, Fionán De Barra, Frank Houghton, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty & Samuel Wesley
Day 3	Scripture: Philippians 1:15-18 Discussion: Ask yourself: Am I following Christ sincerely? Paul was faced with those who were hypocritical. While he rejoiced that at least the message of the gospel went out, he deplored the condition of some of the messengers. Pray for yourself and your pastors, asking God to help us always to be careful to "preach Christ...from good will" (v. 15). Song: "Give Us Clean Hands" by Charlie Hall
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Your gift transforms lives. Tabernacle Goal \$5000 You have the opportunity to give throughout the month of December to this special and important offering.	
Tax Tip	
	All offerings need to be in the church office or postmarked by December 31, in order to be included on 2019 offering statements. Please do not file your taxes prior to receiving your statement. Some contributions may not be eligible if tax returns are filed before you receive your church statement.
Scripture Memory	
	Growth in Christlikeness: Love 1 John 3:18 <i>18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth.</i>

Lessons and Carols	
Sunday, December 15 @ 5:30 PM Join us tonight as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus through scripture and song. ***** Bring your favorite Christmas goodie and we will have a time of fellowship together afterwards. Suggested items: finger sandwiches, cheese & crackers, cakes, cookies, chips & dip, cocktail weenees, etc. Invite someone to come with you as we enjoy celebrating Christmas together!!	
	
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	
	
Merry Christmas to our Homebound	
	Poinsettias for our Homebound are available on the table in the foyer by the church office. Please go by and pick up one and deliver to our Homebound this week. Let's not forget those who have served so faithfully over the years.

Order of Worship	
Congregational Call to Worship "Blessed Be Your Name"	
Welcome & Announcements	Dr. Tom Rush
Scriptural Call to Worship	Landon Crenshaw
Luke 1:39-56	
Pastoral Prayer	Dr. Tom Rush
Congregational Singing "Angels From The Realms of Glory" "The First Noel"	
Offertory Prayer	Jerry Carter
Choral Offertory "Somewhere in Your Silent Night" with Silent Night! Holy Night! "	
Message	Dr. Tom Rush
The Challenge of Chains Philippians 1:12-18	
Song of Response "Not For A Moment (After All)"	
Closing Prayer	Dr. Tom Rush
Homebound Ministry	
 Sara Teets 205 Yorkshire Way Macon, GA 31220 Send a card or note of encouragement this week.	