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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:45 a.m.
Worship	10:45 a.m.
Worship	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Meal	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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Guest Article...

Live Now To Secure Forever!

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow..” (Matthew 6:34).

A person’s life can be divided up into four chunks of time: The past, the present, the future, and eternity. The devil draws attention to the past and future and God draws attention to the present and eternity. Therefore, the devil wants to take our focus off of the present and eternity while God wants us to avoid investing too heavily in the past and the future. For example, when a person is thinking about becoming a Christian, the devil attacks that thinking in at least two places. First, the past: “I have done too many bad things that God could never forgive me of,” and second, the future: “Even if He could forgive me, once I was baptized, I could never live up to the high standard of the Christian life.”

God, on the other hand, reinforces truthful thinking in the above scenario by coaching a person to do NOW what will secure him or her for ETERNITY. In the process, of course, God does remedy the guilt of sin (PAST) and also gears the new convert up by prayer, worship, Scripture, fellowship, hope, etc. to be faithful in living out the Christian life (Future).

The plea to live in the present saturates Scripture (see for example Mt. 6:34; 2 Cor. 6:1-2; 2 Pet. 3:11-12). That does not mean we have no business with the past. There may be a mess to clean up. And it does not mean we have no business in the future, because we must plan (Jas. 4:13-16). It does mean that we should not waste life fantasizing but rather, live in the moment. Do what you are supposed to do today. Obey God now! Take responsibility for the present and secure your eternity! -adapted-

Please Pray For...

Tommy Alexander is now back in the local hospital and is in the skilled nursing unit. He is suffering with several health issues and he and Mollie need our prayers. **Terri Hale** will be having surgery on her back December 1st. Please cover her in prayer. **Danny Valentin**, Desiree Smith’s father, has recently been diagnosed with peripheral artery disease in his legs. **Tina Wilson** will be undergoing back surgery in Dallas and we pray she has a successful surgery. **Linda Davis**, Michael Davis’ mother, is battling breast cancer and they have asked that we pray for her. **Kevin Jocop** received a good report from his doctors and is back at school. He will have to do a follow-up in about three months. We are so thankful for prayers being answered for him and his family. **Mary Hasselman** has such a sweet spirit about her and we pray that God gives her and her family comfort at this time. Others who need our prayers are: **Louise James, J.W. Bennett, Jim Wilson, Jill Muegge, Mack Purnell, Loyd Upchurch, Kirk, Hallmark, Lillie Hallmark, Lucy Ette Ayres, Mary Huebsch, Charlene Chidester, Joseph Chidester, Larry & Bettie Goff, Nathan Couch, Kevin Jenkins, Jacob Jones, Sandra Fort, Dee McGlaughn, Ashley Bradbeary, Lloyd Harkins, Scott Dutton, Victor Jefferson, Ron Kelley, Patricia Kelley, Carroll Davis, Karen Herndon, Colton Contreas, Hubert Baker, Damion Meitzene, Michael Thomas Gray, Terry Simpson, Ethan Slinger, George Barr, Joni McCulloch, Martha Stafford, James Willis, Eva Woodley, Frank Mitchell, Donna Anderson, Lisa Thurman, Jerry & Junior Honeycut, Dr. Shannon Goodwin Chambers, Primitivo Aguirre, Franny Aguirre, Bryan Chapman, Royce & Sharon Bartee, Joyce Prentice, Leslie Ernst, Armelia Mach, Maxine Albright, George Smith, Larry Morgan, Karen Thomman, Kevin Delashaw, Isa Smith, Kim Behrens, Donna Bond, Owen Buck, & Lisa Brimcombe.**

Upcoming Events– November

16 - Wed. Meal is “Pizza & Salad”

23 - “Thanksgiving Service”

24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

30 - Wed. Meal is “Comfort Food”





Congrats!

We want to congratulate Teri & Bud Hale on the “coveted” Trunk or Treat award this year! They outdid themselves and now have the bragging rights! Way to go guys!



Festival of Lights AWTG

We are invited to join the Southern Oaks Church of Christ in Chickasha, Ok on Sunday, December 4th for their A.W.T.G. (Area-Wide Teen Gathering). It will begin at 5:00 p.m. so prepare to sing with a multitude of voices in praising God, and grow spiritually by hearing a lesson on “Caleb-How We Build Our Faith, and share a fellowship meal. Afterwards we are invited to join them at their local park for the Festival of Lights. This year each group will be doing an AMAZING RACE with some hot chocolate afterwards in the parking lot! Don’t miss this fun Holiday Event!



Christmas Party

Yes, it is that time of year! We are planning our ALL-Church Christmas Party for Saturday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m. here in the fellowship hall. We ask that everyone bring finger foods and a \$10 gift for exchange during “dirty Santa” later in the evening. Also, kids will need a gift for exchange. We will be hosting our annual “Ugly Sweater” contest so dig through those closets and find that old sweater “Aunt Jane” knitted for you a few years ago! If you haven’t attended in the past be prepared for some fun, food, and GREAT fellowship!



From the Desk of John Thomas...

In the teen class, we’ve been discussing the topic of accountability. We’re looking at the importance of taking responsibility for our actions and the things we involve ourselves in. It seems that, in today’s society, the word “accountability” has fallen from our vocabulary. It’s always someone or something else’s fault that we have messed up or made a mistake in our lives. If we fail a test, it’s the teacher’s fault for not teaching the subject well enough. It couldn’t be due to the lack of study the night before! The deadline was missed not because of procrastination on our part but because the assignment was too difficult. If we’re late to work, it’s because traffic was terrible not because we chose to get that extra twenty minutes of sleep that morning. It’s so simple to pass the blame to something or someone rather than take responsibility for our own actions. Perhaps accountability goes against the standard of our self-sufficient, individualistic, “do-this-on-my-own” society. 1 Corinthians 12:20 reminds us that there are many parts but one body. “The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” and the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”...If one part suffers, every part suffers with it.” Perhaps we feel that our pride will be hurt and our ego will be damaged if we confess a weakness or temptation to another person. James encourages us to “confess our sins to one another and pray for one another, that we may be healed” (5:16). Accountability can be a great tool for a Christian in their walk with Christ. It is up to us to humble ourselves, take responsibility for our actions, and allow those around us to help us in that walk. Make it a GREAT week!

-John-

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On The Lighter Side.....:)

All Corn, All the Time

None of my grandsons share my corny sense of humor. When the family is eating lasagna, I say, "Lean over your plate, boys. You'll get less-on-ya."

I say to the ten-year-old, "Don't yell through the screen; you'll strain your voice."

And when I took another grandson to the zoo, I asked, "Do you know why that snake's not pressed against the glass? He doesn't want to be a windshield viper."

They'll probably laugh later! Maybe!

"Life Signs"

	11/13	1 yr	5yr
AM Worship	147	160	164
PM Worship	nc	54	77
Wednesday	93	88	99
Contribution	\$4,880	\$nc	\$5,122
Hispanic Church	A.M nc		
	P.M. nc		
	Wed. nc		
	Cont. \$150		



MEMORIALS:

Building Fund

In Memory of Cecil Buck by Bettye Harris

In Memory of Cecil Buck by Floyce Buck

No Rules!

Have you seen the ads that stress, "No Rules?" I think one ad is for beans and the other is for a steak house. There may be others I have not seen yet. But think about this just a minute. What kind of world would we have if there were no rules to live by? Think of the resulting chaos. Dear ones we have just about reached that point in our world. Many have some to believe that the rules that govern others simply do not apply to them. You see them in traffic, and in stores. They are rude and hateful.

God's word speaks of those who have become "a law unto themselves." With such people others do not matter. Even to the point of taking another's life. Or forsaking the vows they make in marriage. They are more important than others for they make their own laws.

One day the great Law Giver will return and all will be judged by His Law (Rev. 20:21). In a world where men make their own rules what would your life be to those kinds of people? It produces men without conscience, for they are the only law which they answer.

-Floyd Johnson-