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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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Jake's Jots.....

Over the next few weeks I want to share with you some inspiring Christmas stories I have come across. It is truly wonderful to see the character of Christ come to life in the world around us. May we do our best to exemplify that character throughout the whole year, and not just for a time! "I knew I was not supposed to be quite so excited. I was far too old for that. At age eleven, the oldest and my mom's "grown up" girl, I had to keep my cool. I was in middle school after all. But every chance I got, when I was alone, I checked every present under the tree. I read every tag and felt every package, guessing at the contents within. I had examined each gift so often that I could tell which present went to which person without even looking at the tags.

It had been a tough year for my family. Whenever my mom looked over at the tree and scattered presents, she would sigh and warn us, 'There won't be as much for Christmas this year. Try not to be disappointed.' Christmas had traditionally been a time for my parents to spoil us. In years past, the presents would pile up and spill out from under the tree, taking over the living room. I had heard the phrase 'giving is better than receiving,' but thought whoever had said that must have been out of their mind. Getting presents was the whole point! It was the reason I couldn't sleep on Christmas Eve.

On Christmas Morning, we eagerly waited in the hallway until Dad told us everything was ready. We rushed into the living room and let the wrapping paper fly. We made weak attempts to wait and watch while other family members opened their presents, but as the time passed we lost our self-control.

'Here's another one for you,' said Mom as she handed me a package. I looked at it confused. Having spent so much time examining the presents before Christmas, I recognized this one. But it had not been mine. It was my mom's. A new label had been put on it, with my name written in my mother's handwriting. 'Mom, I can't...' I was stopped by my mother's eager, joyful look—a look I could not really understand. 'Let's see what it is, honey. Hurry and open it.'

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Jake Jots.....

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It was a blow dryer. Though this may seem but a simple gift, to me it was so much more. Being an eleven-year-old girl, I was stunned. In my world, where receiving outweighed giving by light years, my mom's act of selflessness was incomprehensible. It was a huge act. Tears filled my eyes and I thought in disbelief about how much my mom must love me to give up her Christmas so I could have a few more presents.

I have always remembered that Christmas fondly. It had such an impact on me. As an adult with children in my life whom I adore, I can now understand my mom's actions. I see how she was not 'giving up her Christmas' as I had thought, but was finding an even greater joy in her Christmas because giving truly is better than receiving. My mom's simple act meant the world to me."

-Jennifer Yardley Barney, Chicken Soup for the Soul –publishing, LLC 2013

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

-Jake-

Please Pray For...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Kenneth Harrison in the loss of his brother, **Hoy Harrison**. Hoy passed away last Monday and services were held for him on Wednesday at Watts Chapel in Madill. **Lonny Goff** will meet with his doctor this week to schedule surgery to remove his thyroid. **Nadine Garrison** had surgery on her eye on Tuesday. We wish her a speedy recovery. **Kenneth Harrison** will be having surgery to replace the battery in his pacemaker on December 10th in Dallas, Texas. We are glad to report that new born twins, **Emery & Avery Smith**, were able to come home from the hospital. We are thankful for answered prayers. Others to pray for are: **Lauren Albright, Mary Hasselman, Pauline Maxwell, Doyle & Betty Garrison, Charlene Chidester, Louise James, Geovanti Orta, Jill Muegge J.W. Bennett, Mack Purnell, Jim Wilson, Cory Jones, Loyd Upchurch, Martha Ayres, Lillie Hallmark, Pansy Henson, Lucy Ette Ayres, Mary Huebsch, Dixie Cooper, Joseph Chidester, Larry & Bettie Goff, Dave Peters, Don & Louise Newton, Nathan Couch, Carolyn Beadles, Kevin Jenkins, Jacob Jones, Sandra Fort, Arthur Freeman, Dee McGlaughn, Ashley Bradbeary, Lloyd Harkins, Scott Dutton, Victor Jefferson, Ron Kelley, Patricia Kelley, Carroll Davis, Karen Herndon, Colton Contreas, Hubert Baker, Damion Meitzene, Isa Smith, Michael Thomas Gray, Denise Sanders, Kim Anderson, Terry Simpson, Ethan Sliger, George Barr, Joni McCulloch, Donna Anderson, Martha Stafford, James Willis, Eva Woodley, Edwina Bristol, Jan Zacharias, Sarah Barnes, Frank Mitchell, Ty Hubert, & Lisa Brimcombe.**

Upcoming Events—December

- 2 - Wed. Night Meal is a "Chili" Cook-off
- 6 - S.O.Y.S. at PJSCC at 5:00 p.m.
- 9 - Wed. Night Meal is "Italian" food
- 13 - "Compact" Sunday , Brookside Devo,
& Christmas Caroling

"It is easier to build strong children, than to repair broken adults!"



Holiday Greetings! From Tipton Children's Home

Dear Friends,

It seems like only yesterday I was writing this letter to all of you. James says that "life is but a vapor" and the older I get the more I realize how true that is. For as long as I can remember the Tipton Children's Home has written a special letter around Christmas. This letter's response is a huge part of our budget and I cannot begin to thank all of you for your gracious response.

Over the past 91 years we have been caring for children, providing them with love, counseling, tutoring, and mentoring. Currently at Tipton Children's Home we are caring for 27 children. Many of these children come from broken or abusive homes and Tipton Children's Home provides a haven for them. We have highs and lows working with children. One of the toughest situations to deal with is when a child, through their actions, decides to no longer want to live here. It's never easy watching a child leave when we know the environment they are going back to is not healthy.

Our mission here is to "help children." This is only made possible through your generous giving. As the holiday season approaches, it is a great time to remember, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." We are well aware that it may be difficult to give during such tough times, but please be mindful that your gift will be used to help children through a lifetime. If a financial response isn't possible please remember us in your prayers. I firmly believe that if all the people who receive this letter would pray for us, all of our needs will be met. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

In Him,

Joe B. Waugh

Director, Tipton Children's Home

Baptism!



CONGRATULATIONS! To Diana Hernandez in her wonderful decision to become a child of God. Her dad, Augusto Hernandez, had the honor of baptizing her Monday afternoon (November 30th). We are so blessed to have young people like her who want to follow Jesus. Keep her in your prayers as she begins her walk as a new Christian!

Special Note!

If you have made a contribution to the Marshall County Expo Center, please see Francis Nelson as soon as possible! Thank you!

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	P.M. 19		
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A Special Thanks!



Dear Church Family,

I don't have the words to express how much it means to me to be a part of this wonderful family. Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, calls, and flowers during my hospital stay. Please continue your prayers and thoughts. I love you all!

*In Christian love,
 Charlene Chidester*



Christmas Caroling!

Come join us on our "Compact" Sunday, December 13th for a wonderful lesson, a fellowship meal at noon, a Brookside devotional at 1:30 p.m. and then some "old fashioned" caroling at the nursing home and at some of our members homes. Also, ladies we need several dozen cookies for gift baskets we will be handing out as we go! You don't want to miss this fun packed day!

Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. here in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to come and bring your favorite finger food, a \$10 gift, and wear your "ugly" sweater for the "ugliest" sweater contest later in the evening!



On The Lighter Side.....:)

A husband and wife were traveling through Louisiana on vacation. As they approached Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town's name. They continued to argue back and forth, and then decided to stop for lunch.

At the counter they proceeded to place their order when suddenly the husband asked the blonde waitress, "Before we place our order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?"

The blonde waitress leaned over the counter and said, "Burr-r-gerrr Kiii-nngg."