

Last Week’s Statistics

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| AM Bible Study | 84 |
| AM Worship | 122 |
| PM Worship | 43 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 50 |
| Contribution | \$3,455.00 |
| 2019 Budget | \$3,900.00 |
| 2019 Average | \$4,026.83 |
| Building Fund | \$340,503.93 |

Today’s Sermons

AM: For Us
(Luke 1:46-49)

PM: Who Is a God Like You?
(Micah 1:2-3)

Vision 20:20 for 2019:
Come, Follow Me



| Order of Worship and Those Serving | | |
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| If you are unable to serve, please contact Jim Ross. | | |
| AM WORSHIP | December 22 | December 29 |
| WELCOME | John Dean | Jim Dempster |
| SONG LEADER | David Willbanks | Russ Mitchell |
| FIRST PRAYER | Bob Bobo | Larry Coe |
| LORD’S SUPPER | Ken Ross | Ken Ross |
| | Jeff Maxwell | Jeff Maxwell |
| PRESIDING | Wayne Lilly | Wayne Lilly |
| PRESIDING | John Dean | John Dean |
| | Bill Rouse | Bill Rouse |
| | Brandon Martin | Brandon Martin |
| BIBLE READING | Curtis Hawkins | Mike Sobiech |
| SERMON | Blaine Kelly | Blaine Kelly |
| CLOSING PRAYER | Jim Dempster | Tom Montgomery |
| NURSERY | Melissa Thompson | Janet Cose |
| NURSERY | Karen Lilly | LaDonna May |
| USHERS | Doug Hobbs | Doug Hobbs |
| | Tim Thompson | Tim Thompson |
| SECURITY | Bob Bobo | Larry Capshaw |
| INVITATION ELDER | Tom Montgomery | John Dean |
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| PM WORSHIP | December 22 | December 29 |
| SONG LEADER | Russ Mitchell | Jordan Holt |
| FIRST PRAYER | John Dean | Wayne Lilly |
| BIBLE READING | Jeff Maxwell | Jeff Whitaker |
| SERMON | Blaine Kelly | Blaine Kelly |
| CLOSING PRAYER | Mike Sobiech | John Dean |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rich Hawkins | Rich Hawkins |
| LORD’S SUPPER | Tom Montgomery | Tom Montgomery |
| USHER | Bob Bobo | Bob Bobo |
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| WEDNESDAY | January 1 | |
| SONG LEADER | | Tim Thompson |
| CLOSING PRAYER | | Jim Dempster |



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Weekly Newsletter - December 22, 2019

Welcome!

Are you new?

Whether you’re just visiting or looking for a church home, it is great to have you with us. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our church family, feel free to speak with any member or take a brochure located in the hall.

What to Expect

All that we ask of you is to relax. We are people just like you. Please complete a ‘Connection Card’ from the pew in front of you. This is solely for our records — you won’t get any surprise visits. Our worship order is listed on the back of this newsletter. As our guest, please don’t feel obligated to give to the offering.

Thank you for being with us!

Family Matters

Our sympathy goes out to Garnis Martin, Tammy Sparkman and their family in the passing of **Phyllis Martin** on December 13.

Wanda Dickson has been in the hospital due to pneumonia.

Randy Dean is recovering after having gall bladder surgery last week.

Jim Glenn had his first of two eye procedures on Thursday. Jim also asks prayers for his nephew’s wife **Jamie Johnson** who is battling cancer.

Wayne Lilly asks prayers for the family of **Kyle Busler** who passed away on December 13.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request to share with our church family, please include it on your Connection Card this morning. If you would like to meet with the elders or Blaine, you can indicate that as well. We trust that God hears our prayers, and we want you to know that we honor the prayer requests of all. Thanks for being here today!

Past Requests: Mike Manning, Curtis Hawkins, Jean & Allen Swearengin, Buck Roberts, Oscar Farley, Barry Lawson, David Downey, Greg Blevins, Lynn Ross, Kathryn Willbanks, Rowen Glenn, Dolores Lupo, Betty Loveless

Battling Cancer: Nina Barrett, Ken Polston, Helen Roberts, Mistie Hale, Wells Sommer, Chuck Maurer, Charles Staton, Vickie Cruse, Nancy Booth, Julie Browning, Dina Faust, Danny Herren, Jerry Ladd, Angie Dean Cureton, Vanessa McMillan, Greg Dexter, Mary Nolen Bond, Jamin Hymel, Phil Mitchell, Krista Lovejoy, Jerry Hickman, Ed Goins, Susan Jones, Wyatt Crippin, Rick Stoffer, Jean Waddell, Heather Andrews, Russ Holden, Todd Turpen, Amy Hoyle, Barb Halcomb, Emily Marshall, Jim Toombs, Pete Misuraca, Mitch Plumb, Jude Vance, Dennis Cornett, John Thomas, Brianne Langley, Tim Smith, Lori Spaulding, Karen Hamrick, Larry Smith, Carole Roloff, Jimmy Mooney, Brett Hermann, Becky Bunch, Dwayne Cole, Nancy Porter, Darlene Sentelle, Susan Crigger

Shut-In: Gracie Arnott, Rick Blair, Jean Brown, Eleanor Creech, Doyle Helton, Kathy Johnson, Keith Sparkman

Military: Cameron Dean, Devon Farley, Tristan Capshaw, Jacob Helton, Austin & Luke Whitelaw, Benjamin Wingfield

Service Times

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| Sunday Bible Classes: | 9:30 am |
| Sunday AM Worship: | 10:30 am |
| Sunday PM Worship: | 5:00 pm |
| Wednesday Bible Classes: | 7:00 pm |

Contact Us!

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Our Elders

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| John Dean | 581.4373 |
| Jim Dempster | 587.0535 |
| Tom Montgomery | 587.0743 |
| David Willbanks | 586.4747 |

Our Minister

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| Blaine Kelly | 736.1505 |
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Joy & Sadness at the Holidays

The 2015 Disney Pixar movie *Inside Out* portrayed the real emotions that live inside us as animated characters learning how to function together. Emotions are complex things, and few things remind us of their complexity like the holidays.

Every Christmas reminds me of those I have lost and how much they still mean to me. Just as Joy and Sadness learned how to coexist in *Inside Out*, I have learned that joy and sadness dwell together in my heart, especially at the holidays. That’s because joy and sorrow are both products of loving others. Proverbs 14:13 says, “Even in laughter the heart may ache, and the end of joy may be grief.”

As we enter this time of year, we all have reasons to both weep and rejoice. For some of us, however, this past year has been especially challenging, and tears may come more readily than laughs right now. That’s ok. Jesus wept too. He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He understands our grief and sorrow.

May we all be mindful of one another this holiday season, and may we grow in appreciation of love’s many expressions, even the tears. May we also remember the Lord’s words from John 16:22 - “So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.” — Blaine

Is Your Info Up-to-Date?

If any of the following information has changed for you or your family this past year, please be sure that we have it on file:

- Mailing address
- Phone numbers, especially cell phone numbers
- Email address - for receiving the newsletter and church announcements
- Birthdays

If any of these items needs to be updated, please provide that information on your Connection Card this morning. Thank you!

Winter Weather

It is also important that we have your updated contact information in case bad weather affects services or other church events. Should events be canceled or rescheduled, we will notify everyone via our Phone Tree system, Email and on Facebook. It is important that we have correct contact information to get that news to you. With our Phone Tree System, you can choose whether to receive news by call, text or both. Please also indicate your contact preferences on your Connection Card today. In case of inclement weather, please always err on the side of caution.

Family News & Notes



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Spaghetti, Oatmeal, Canned Meat, Box Meals, Canned Fruit, Jelly & Cereal. Our pantry is used often and is very low. Please check expiration dates. Thanks!

MILLER-BOYD SCHOOL is currently in need of white 8.5 x 11 printer/copier paper. If you can help provide this, you can leave it on the table in the church office. Thank you!

LATIN AMERICAN MISSIONS needs workers to come to Panama next year to help with building projects at the Bible School of the Americas and Children’s Home. The dates are April 12-18 and August 22-29. If you have interest in serving this effort or would like more info, please see Russ Mitchell or Blaine Kelly.



UPCOMING WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: We will not meet this coming Wednesday. On the night of January 1, regular Bible classes will not meet, but we will have a special time of worship at 7 PM as we kickoff the New Year.

TUESDAY PRAYER GROUP will not meet the next two weeks due to the holidays. We will resume on Tuesday, January 7.

5TH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION: The collection for Sunday, December 29 will be our final one of 2019 dedicated to replenishing the Building Fund due to projects over this past year.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE for teens takes place in Pigeon Forge the weekend of February 28 through March 1. If your teen is interested in attending or if you would like more information, please see Jeff Maxwell. The deadline for signing up is December 29.

JANUARY EVENTS: If you have events for our January calendar, please include them on your Connection Card today. Thank you!



This Week at a Glance

| Today | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 9:30am Bible Class 10:30am Worship | | No Prayer Group 54 cards sent last week | No Services | | | |
| 5:00pm Worship | | | | | | |