

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

We are glad you chose to worship with us today! There's an infant nursery up the stairs, first door on the left. Toddlers up through fifth graders will be dismissed from worship at about 10:10 a.m. for Children's Church.

TODAY

Christmas Memory Garden -- If you haven't picked up your poinsettia yet, please do so this morning. Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the altar for Christmas! And thank you to Greg and Nikki Maertin and the decorating committee who decorated the church so beautifully for the Christmas holiday. If you would like to be part of that committee, please see Greg and Nikki.

NEXT WEEK

We are hosting four families in **Family Promise** January 6 - 12. Please use the sign up sheets in the lobby to indicate where you can help or check with Pastor David.

Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday, January 6.
Small Groups will begin meeting again the week of January 13.

WAYS TO SERVE

2019 Schedules -- There are sign up sheets at the Information Center for *providing altar flowers* for each month in 2019 and for *greeting* in 2019. Thank you to all who provided flowers and served as Greeters this past year!

ATTENTION: MEN

Steak Out -- January 12, 2019 at the Dearth Center. Contact Pastor Jim about purchasing tickets. Special speaker is Dr. Gary Rosenberg, co-founder of America's Family Coaches.

ATTENTION: LADIES

Ladies Retreat -- The second annual *Ladies Alive Retreat and Luncheon* will be on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at First Baptist Church in Coldwater. Special speakers will be Robyn Dykstra and Hannah Foster and the theme is "Taking Off the Mask". Registration forms are on the Information Center or you can register online at www.ladies-alive.org.

PLEASE NOTE

Sunday Morning Snow or Ice Storms -- In case of inclement weather, listen to 16 TVB (AM) on your radio or watch for a text. Cancellations will be announced by 8:30 a.m.

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DECEMBER 30, 2018

SERVICE: 9:30 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH: 10:10 AM



MISSION STATEMENT

"WE HONOR GOD THROUGH REGULARLY ASSEMBLING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP HIM AS LORD, STUDY AND OBEY HIS WORD, AND ATTEND TO THE NEEDS OF HIS PEOPLE. WHEN WE LEAVE, WE GO OUT COMMISSIONED AS CHRIST'S REPRESENTATIVES TO A NEEDY WORLD."

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SERVING TODAY

NURSERYAnna Mae Wickey and Sherry McNees
SOUND ROOM..... Matt Siefken and Scott Carpenter
GREETERS..... Matthew and Andrew Leggett

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard
OPENING PRAYER David Minard
OPENING WORSHIP..... Praise Team
What a Glorious Night..... Chorus
A Hallelujah Christmas Chorus
O Come Let Us Adore Him/Thou Art Worthy..... Chorus
OFFERING Melissa Houtz
Hope Was Born This Night..... Chorus
MESSAGE Jim Erwin
Spirit of the Living God Hymn 247

Next week's worship service responsibilities:

Nursery.....Kendra Siefken and Kim Lytle
Greeters.....
Sound RoomKenny Bennett and Josh Falknor
Offering Prayer..... Paul Alger

ROMANS: HOW TO BE RIGHT WITH GOD

[\(Romans 8\)](#)

INTRODUCTION

Three Salient Themes

I. THE SUPERIORITY OF THE SPIRIT [\(Romans 8:1-27\)](#)

(verse 26) The Spirit helps us in our weakness

*The key to the Christian life = The Holy Spirit!

.....We serve in the new way of the Spirit [\(Romans 7:6\)](#)

II. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD [\(Romans 8:28-30\)](#)

(verse 28) In all things, God works together for good.....

*Predestined to be like God's Son!

*God knows ahead of time and plans accordingly! [\(Ephesians 1:11-14,](#)
[Philippians 1:6; 2:13\)](#)

III. "THE SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER" [\(Romans 8:31-38\)](#)

(verse 31) If God is for us, who can be against us?

Four Questions

Who can be against us? Who can criticize God's people?
Who condemns? Who can separate us from Christ's love?
A: There is no one, nor nothing that can pull us from God!
(verse 37).....We are more than conquerors through Christ!

APPLICATION

1. Do you have eternal security?
2. Do you believe in the sovereignty of God?
3. Have you learned how to live the Christian life in the power of the Spirit?



A Call to Prayer

Recent additions

Dan Taggart - brain tumors
The Family of Donald Hollister
The Family of Ron Bentley
Bob Green - in tree cutting accident
Lisa Frank's cousin, Hannah -- recovering from car accident
Russ Heckathorn -- recurrence of lung cancer
Brandon Carpenter's mother, Joann - surgery on 12/28.
Shanda Carpenter's dad, Bob Molton -- trying to save leg.
Spectrum Ministries -- ministering in Tijuana
Sharon McMeen -- esophagus issues
Sara Slone -- breast cancer
Eric Smotherman -- COPD
Arwan Mallay -- ten year old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma
Eddie Miller -- nine year old from Quincy being treated for ITP.
Jeff Craft, Sue Craft's son, soft palate cancer
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