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SUNDAY

Morning Worship 9 am

> Bible Class 10 am

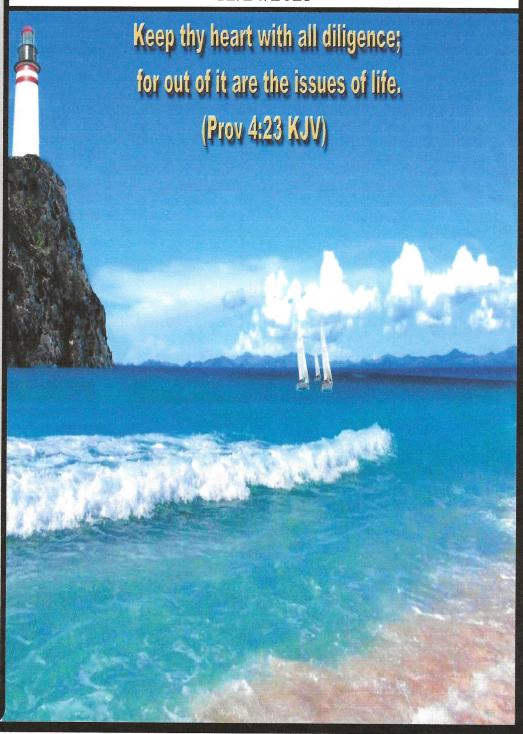
Evening Worship 5 pm

WEDNEDAY
Midweek Bible Class
7 pm

Ladies Bible Class Tuesday AM, 10:30



12/24/2023



Prayer List



Janoice Trujillo
Charles Camp's sister.
(to have open heart
surgery Jan. 18)

Lisa Reynolds Landon Scroggins **Bill Matthews** Ray Palmer Hellen & Robby Gregory Gereta Semanek Dean & Christie Olson Heather Freeman Dee Chism Frances Mahan Melissa Freeman **Doug Chenault** Don Wiliams **Bob Beavers** Liz Matthews Jerry Collins Sue Taylor Lee & Loretta Ridling Pam Watters Rosetta Chenault Pam Faulkner Haylee Cochran (Sherri's cousin) Rachel Semanek Kenny Starr Gwen Fullerton

Becky Eoff

Melanie Garrett

Jenna Daughtry

Good morning and welcome. Merry Christmas Eve! Hope you read this story and come to appreciate all the twists and turns of life. God is blessing us.

Once there were three trees on a hill. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest filled with gold, silver, and precious gems, decorated with intricate carving, and everyone would see my beauty." The second tree said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings across the waters and sail around the world." The third tree said, "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me."

One day three woodsmen came upon the trees. One came to the first tree and said, "This looks like a strong tree. I think I will sell the wood to a carpenter," and he cut it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest. At the second tree a woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree, I will sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he would soon become a mighty ship. When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree, so I'll take this one," and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenter's, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for. The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end. The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark.

The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. The woman gave birth, and the couple placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose, and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and he stood and said "Peace" and the storm stopped. The tree then knew that it had carried the King of Kings.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree realized that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill & be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

The meaning of this story is that when things don't seem to be going our way, always know that God has a plan. If we trust Him, He will bless us. Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined.MB

News & Up-coming Events

Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Fellowship after evening worship service. Please bring snacks, finger foods, & board games

In sympathy - Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Guinn family at the passing of Perry's mother, Ailene. Her funeral service was Thursday

January 7 - Men's Busoness Meeting after evening worship Service

January 16 - Ladies Night Out at 6 p.m. in the annex - Food wil be provided. Hosted by Cindi Burleson

January 19-21 - Y.O.U. Youth Rally at Robinson & Center. sign up by Dec. 31

December

					1 Carolyn Cody	2
3	4	5 Theresa Chapman David Petroff	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Melissa Freeman	13	14	15	16 *Geoffrey & Angel Bane
17	18	19	20	21 *Julian & Midge Reynolds	22 *Ron & Gereta Semanek	23 Linda McNew
24 *Curtis & Elaine Rickett 31	25 Marion Chenault	26	27 Lavonne Chism	28 Betty Joslin	Perry Guinn Brylee Hammett Lia Lawson	30

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Men to Serve

December 24

Announcements

Charles Camp

Singing

Charles Lovelace

Preaching AM & PM

Geoffrey Bane

Opening Prayer

Matt Prysock

Scripture Reading

Will Anderson

Lord's Table

David Petroff Olen Hill

Ron Semanac

Xander Price

Closing Prayer

Jamie McCoy

Security

Jeramy Lawson

PM - Singing - Randy Gordy

Opening Prayer - Arnold Edwards

Closing Prayer - Geoffrey Bane

Security - Charles Bane

Wed. PM Dec. 27

Devo - Jack Trent

Security - Charles Camp

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December 31

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Mickey Burleson

Singing

Geoffrey Bane

Preaching AM & PM

Mickey Burleson

Opening Prayer

Stephen Bonds

Scripture Reading

Drake McCoy

Lord's Table

Brent DuVall Randy Gordey Jeremy Lawson Willis Kyle

Closing Prayer

Tony Chenault

Security

Charles Camp

PM Singing - Drake McCov

Opening Prayer - Olen Hill

Closing Prayer - Charles Lovelace

Security - Jamie McCoy

Wed. Evening Devo (Jan. 3) - Ron Semanek

Security -Drake McCoy