

ACTIVITIES FOR *December*:

- ◆ December 12th: Deadline for children's coloring cards

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Cards for the Hutcheson family can be mailed to their new address:
5 Peyton Oaks Place, Gurley, AL 35748.
- Blanket donations can be dropped off in the designated bucket in the back by the stairs.
- Today is the last day for children to contribute to the coloring cards for the holiday baskets! Please take one and drop off the colored card in the basket on the back table.



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December 12th, 2021



Don't Forget to Light the Fire

In one of Jack London's short stories, he writes about a fellow who was a newcomer to the Alaska gold rush. As he outfits to go out to "stake his claim and strike it rich," a seasoned veteran gives him some advice.

"It's winter, so whenever you pause from hiking, be sure to light a fire before doing anything else...including resting."

The rookie millionaire want-a-be hikes for hours toward unclaimed land to set up his land claim. Finally, he stops. He is exhausted. So, he rests under a tree "for only a moment." He figures that a little rest before making his fire and setting up camp wouldn't hurt. He ignored the advice from the old outfitter. He drifts into a short nap.

When he awakes, he finds that his hands and feet are so numb from the cold that he cannot make his fire. His body grows cold and his first day in Alaska becomes his last.

A sad story with no happy ending. But I find in this little bit of fiction a parable for life. If you don't light a spiritual fire, you will soon grow numb and your spiritual life will fade and flicker out. How do we do we light such a fire?

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Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

Minister: Mark Jones Phone: (304) 842-6738

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There are three important steps.

Listen to God daily. This means reading the Bible every day. If your time is limited or your eyesight is faltering, then you can listen to recordings of Bible on tape or CD. "Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21b).

Be diligent in doing God's work. This means worshipping with the brethren and telling others about Christ. The opposite of this is described in Luke 8:14.

Pray often. This keeps the fire in our lives going as much as stoking a camp-fire with more wood (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Larry Fitzgerald

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CrossWORD

Count the Stars
Genesis 15

Across

3) One of two things that appeared to Abram at night.
4) What God told Abram to count.
6) "And he ___ in the Lord..."

Down

1) "You shall go to your fathers in ___."
2) Part of Abram's sacrifice.
5) "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your ___, you're exceedingly great reward."

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Our Record: December 5th

Sunday Morning Assembly

56

Sunday Bible Class

43

Sunday Evening

28

Wednesday Bible Study

23

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2,905

December Birthdays / Anniversary List:

9-Rachel West 11-Terry & Yonnie Southall (A) 13- Andrew & Rachael Seyler (A) 14-Brenda Fortney 15-Adam Epler 18-Tim Richmond 19- Tim & Rebecca Jorgensen (A) 21-Kristina Riffle 22-Noah Hart 23- Raymond & Debbie Anderson (A) 24-Millie Cate Currey / Robert & Julie Armstrong (A) 25-Ken & Brenda Fortney (A) 29-Curtis Sleeth 29-Josh Carpenter 30-Rick & Sherri Gallagher (A)

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- **Our Shut-in's:** Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Darrell Eddy, Yvonne Maxwell, and Judy Garner
- **Cindy Moore**— answers for health concerns



For Our Family & Friends:

- **Robbie Craig (Cheryl's Brother)**
- **Brandi Garner**— in the hospital
- **Kay Butnett**— Metastatic Cancer
- **Lorna Hutcheson**— discharged from the hospital. Doctors are thinking a virus was causing blood clots in her lungs.
- **John Butcher (Friend of Raymond)**- found more cancer outside his esophagus.
- **Robert Anderson (Raymond's Brother)**- recovering from back surgery and waiting to see the oncologist for cancer treatments.
- **Philip Newberry (Linda's Brother)**— in the hospital

December Card Distributor: Jessica Kerns

December Baptismal Garments: Lois Jenkins

December Greeters: 12- Karen Seyler 19- 26-

(If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin— Please email it to bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Natalie Seyler before Thursday of that week.)