



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Anne Chamberlain-health concerns
 Lamont Cunningham-health concerns
 Family of John Adair

Continued Prayers for Members

Donna Cottle	Norma McNew
Kelsey Hall	Glen & Jean Ward
Janet Skauge	Gene McKenzie
Sue Porter	Helen Dickson
George O'Kelley	Mildred Davis
Geneva Teel	Mary Joe Leslie
Ruth Ann White	Robert Seay
Gavin Rodden	Gary Kibler
Glenna Siebenhausen	Clifton Julian
Zelda Fisher	Peggy Fox

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Ricia Montgomery	Nadia
Walker Rainey	Mike Haas
Mary Helen Sloan	Tucker Levi Hamilton
Rob Cooper	Chance Thornton
Johnny Davis (Sue Davis' son)	James Wrinkle
Bill Cole (Judy Anderson's father)	Bob Peck
Whitney Bramitt (Danny Shepherd's daughter)	
Ruby Latson (Janice Currens' aunt)	
Jewell Stovall (Helen Rowe's sister)	
Mary Sue Walker (Helen Rowe's sister)	
Wayne Billups (Hayley Jobe's father)	
Kenneth Durand (Eileen Faulkenberry's uncle)	
Grace Swindell (Grandmother of Caitie, Scott, Sam and Anna Wells)	

If you have someone you would like to add or remove from the prayer list, please let the church office know (903-886-3220).



Remembering those serving in our military.

Our Troops and their families
 Chris Hall-Kelsey Hall's brother
 1st Lt. Daniel Robnett-Wanda Robnett's grandson
 Jason Smith-Cheryl Hall's nephew
 PVZ Ben Curran
 SPC Jason Schmidlen
 Nathan Grove
 David Wheat-Edna O'Quinn's nephew
 Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
 Maj. Richard Bailey
 Lt. Col. Peter Bailey
 Lt. Col. Keith Williams
 Rusty Webb-son of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
 Dwayne Hooe-neighbor of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
 Brian Richards- nephew of Judy Rudoff
 Derik Johnson
 Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor
 Terry & Robert Starkey-brothers of Wanda Beane
 Lt. Dan Barton
 Kris Yoder-son-in-law of John & Rebecca Sneed
 Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe-cousins of Ladonna & Chris Patterson
 Garrett Johnson



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ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Sundays in December
 8:30 a.m. - Noon



Order your gifts either on Sundays or through the church office throughout the week

Here's how it works: Select a "gift" in honor of a loved one from the market. With your donation, you will be given a gift card that you may present to the honored person describing the donation that has been given in his/her name. In this way, you will...GIVE THE GIFT THAT GIVES TWICE!

GIFT IDEAS

Juarez		Heifer International	
Complete home for a family	\$2,800	Water Buffalo	\$250
Cinderblock to help build a home	\$25	Sheep	\$120
Annual School tuition for a child	\$135	Flock of Chicks	\$20
		Trio of Rabbits	\$60
Commerce Communities in Schools		Commerce Lil' Angels	
Standardized Dress Shirt	\$10	Sponsor a Child	\$50
Standardized Dress Pants	\$12	Health Kit	\$12
Coat	\$25		
Belt	\$5		
School Supplies	\$25		

*Many more gifts in all price ranges will be available at the Market including:
 Olivewood gift items,
 Columbia Mission support,
 UMCOR disaster relief, and more!*

Find a special gift for everyone on your Christmas list!
 Parents ~ Grandparents ~ Teachers ~ Coaches ~ Secretaries ~ Bosses

ONE SERVICE - December 27

Sunday, December 27th we will have
 ONE Worship Service
 beginning at 10:50am.
 Come as you are and bring the family!



Candlelight Service

December 24, 2009

Christmas Eve Worship
 Service at 7:00pm



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Dear Church Family,

Making Room for Jesus! So, why does that sound like just more work? All the things I can think to do to make room for Jesus sound like adding one more thing to my "To Do" list... read more scripture, an Advent Bible Study, pray more, share an Advent candle lighting ritual with the girls every night... All good things... all important things... but...



So, how do we make room for Jesus without adding to our list? And how do we make room without taking away from or letting go of the important things that really do need attention (our families, our jobs, our chores, our Christmas decorations, even if it's a quiet, mindless hour in front of the TV or with the newspaper or a good book!)?

Barbara Brown Taylor is on to something in her book *An Altar in the World* when she talks about the practice of paying attention. We find God, indeed we *make room for God* in our lives, when we pay attention to the moment—the present moment.

She notes that most of our encounters with God happen while we're busy doing something else (isn't that the way it usually works?!). So, we could just ignore and stay about our task talking ourselves out of living in the House of God (which is all around us!) OR she says to herself, "I can set a little altar, in the world or in my heart. I can stop what I am doing long enough to see where I am, who I am there with, and how awesome the place is!"

I think she's right when she says we make unnatural distinctions between the sacred and the secular, the church and the world. God does not recognize the distinctions we make: "Earth is so thick with divine possibility that it is a wonder we can walk anywhere without cracking our shins on altars!"

Perhaps making room for Jesus is as much about stopping and paying attention to the moment, the present moment, and giving thanks to a God of abundant love. Let's make some room for Jesus this season!

I look forward to seeing you in worship when we'll celebrate the gift of God's boundless love in Jesus through holy communion each week in Advent.

See you Sunday!

Lisa

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Worship

December 6 2009

*Rev. Lisa Greenwood
Wolcott
will preach on
Luke 3:1-5*

*Please join us
during this
Advent season*

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Share the Love of Christ on Christmas!



This Christmas Day you are invited to share a plate of your Christmas dinner with a person in Commerce. The plates are delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients. However, the regular meal delivery does not happen on Christmas Day.

Therefore, you are invited to take a few minutes around noon on Christmas Day to wrap up a plate of food and deliver it to this homebound person. This brief visit provides powerful nourishment for both the bodies and the souls of everyone involved.

Sign up for this opportunity to serve on Sundays in December or by calling Melinda Reid 903-366-6493.

Texas A&M University-
Commerce Choral Division
presents the First Annual
Candlelight Holiday Concert
December 4 @ 7:30pm
in the Sanctuary



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**The next service is
Sunday, Dec.13
Dinner @ 6:30pm
Worship @ 7:00pm**

In memory of...

Jesse Hawthorne

By: Mary Casey
Lena Faulkner
Dough Rollins SS Class
Jeanne Latson
Pete Robinson
Alta Fay Peden
Mary Beth Tuck
Fred & Anna Blohm
Clifton & Glenna Julian



Billie Spencer

By: Laura Scott
Fred & Anna Blohm
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Lewis & Fay Jackson
Johnnie Robertson
Jeanne Latson
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Frances Jean Folmar

By: Lena Faulkner
Mary C. Casey

Billy Roland

By: Bill & Adele McCarron

In honor of...

Dough Rollins Sunday School Class Members

By: Patsy Roland

Reading the Bible Daily



As you seek to grow closer to God through daily prayer and Bible study, you may have your own favorite daily readings. If not, you will find Scriptures for each day listed below. We hope you'll read daily and ask yourself: "How will I be different today because of what I just read?" Some other questions you might ask are: What does this text say about who God is?"

"What does this text say about who I am/who we are as human beings?" "What does this text say about our relationship with God?" You may want to reflect on paper with a journal or note pad. We hope this will become a part of your daily prayer time.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Dec 6	Luke 3:1-6
Monday, Dec 7	Isaiah 12:2-6
Tuesday, Dec 8	Isaiah 12:2-6
Wednesday, Dec 9	Philippians 4:4-7
Thursday, Dec 10	Philippians 4:4-7
Friday, Dec 11	Zephaniah 3:14-20
Saturday, Dec 12	Luke 3:7-18
Sunday, Dec 13	Luke 3:7-18
Monday, Dec 14	Micah 5:2-5a
Tuesday, Dec 15	Luke 1:39-45
Wednesday, Dec 16	Luke 1:46-48
Thursday, Dec 17	Luke 1:49-55
Friday, Dec 18	Psalms 80:1-7
Saturday, Dec 19	Hebrews 10:5-10