

Worship Service
January 15, 2012

23 *Our God, He Is Alive*
18 *Faithful Love*
296 *We Have Come Into His House*
395 *Follow Me*

Scripture Reading
Prayer

325 *Boundless Love*
269 *Thomas' Song*

******Lords Supper ******

All Christians are invited to partake in this feast of remembrance. The bread & fruit of the vine symbolize the body and blood of our Savior who died and was raised for us. In eating together we proclaim our unity with Him and with one another until He comes again.

Children Down Front
Children's Bible Hour

448 *The Greatest Commands*

Message By Larry Macomber

800 *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*
957 *This World Is Not My Home*

Announcements
Closing Prayer

Please fill out an attendance card – white for members and gold for visitors. Please place it in the contribution basket when it comes around.

Hearing Devices available in the foyers

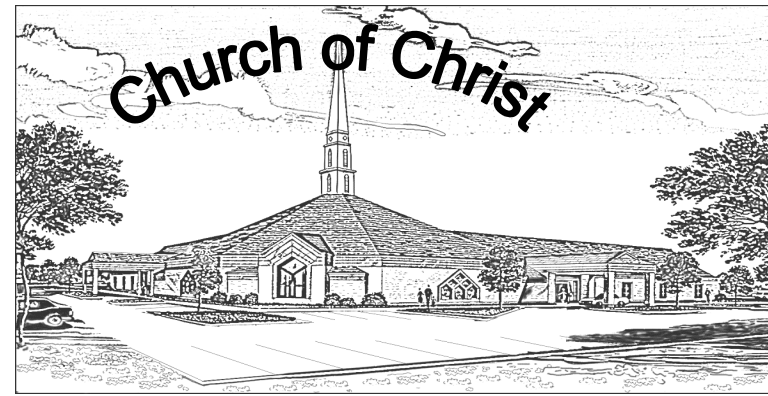
Welcome Visitors!!!!

Sermon Notes

Presented by Larry Macomber

A Test of Friendship
John 15:9-17

Our only limitation is the size of our faith!



Seek Life - Share Life - Obey One Life
Focusing Our Lives Around ONE Savior, Jesus Christ

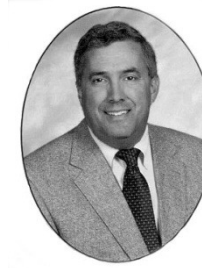
Pulpit Minister
Larry Macomber

Youth Minister
Johnathan Dobbs

Children's Ministry
Diane Beyer

Elders
Doug Anderson
David Carroll
Bob Noster
Glenn Organ
John Rawlings
Willie Rollins
John Westbrook

The True Freedom Fighter



Tomorrow the Post Office will be closed along with the banks and schools. Since 1986 our nation has set aside the 3rd Monday in January to honor the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr. It is our way of recognizing his advancement of the civil rights movement and his dream to forever end racial segregation and discrimination. His "I Have a Dream" speech that he gave in 1963 on the Washington Mall known will go down in history right next to President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address as being one of the most moving speeches of all time.

The framers of the constitution strongly believed that the God-given "unalienable right" of all men is "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Both Martin Luther King Jr. and President Abraham Lincoln devoted their lives so that all men might enjoy liberty. By no coincidence, they both were killed because of it. For just as strong as their desire for all men to enjoy the bliss of freedom, there was and always will be an opposing evil force that wants to oppress another.

While there have been many besides King or Lincoln that have crossed the world's stage fighting for the cause of freedom, there has been none greater than Jesus of Nazareth. While some may want to separate the work of King and Lincoln from that of Jesus by saying that one was the quest for physical freedom and the other was spiritual, I would propose that man's physical oppression is rooted in another's spiritual oppression. The answer to bigotry and discrimination will not be found in the passing of laws as laws can only regulate the external behavior of man. Bigotry and discrimination are evils of the heart. It is man's heart that has to be changed if we can ever hope to achieve true freedom. This is why Jesus came. He did come to set us politically free, but to free man from the real oppressor: Satan. When we allow Jesus to set our hearts free from the enslavement of sin, then and only then will we enjoy life, liberty, and happiness as our Creator intended for all men. This is what makes Jesus the one true freedom fighter!

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery (Galatians 5:1).

Larry Macomber

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Harvest House Food Ministry

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Open on Wednesdays ONLY
9:00a.m. – 12:00 noon

For the Records January 8, 2012

Bible Study.....	113
AM Worship.....	223
Wed. (1/4)	117
Love Offering Received.....	\$7611.77
Weekly Budget Needed	\$7874.39
Budget Year to Date	
(Plus+ or Minus -).....	\$1582.29-
Weekly difference.....	\$ 791.15-
Missions Offering.....	\$ 275.00

Nursery Volunteers Today

Barbara Rawlings
Sarah Bolfig

There is an attended nursery in room #4. You may stay with your child if you wish, audio feed there.

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday:
Bible Classes9:00a.m.
Worship10:00a.m.
Life Groups & Seekers.....5:00p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Classes for all ages.....7:00p.m.

Elder of the Month

David Carroll
If you have a matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the elders, please talk to the elder of the month.

Our Deacons

Deacons Responsibilities

Billy Wright – Worship/Youth/ Facilities
Sam Baker – Finance
Duane Ryman – Fellowship
James White – Missions
Larry Archer – Worship
David Phillips - Worship
Don Schmersahl – Facilities

Prayer List Updates

Rita Rawlings taking chemo in Sugarland.
Cindy Phillips on new chemo treatment.
Jimmy Crum has had several blood transfusions. He will be starting a new chemo soon.
Geordan Burt (G.W. & Tricia Burt’s son) has Chronic Kidney Disease. He is on a high dosage of Prednisone Steroids. His creatin levels have come down a little. They will know in about 4 weeks if the steroid is working.
Rachel Ashworth has a mass in her cheek. Will be having something done soon.
Pat Miller (Bob Fraley’s niece) She is in the hospital with injuries. She has slightly improved.
Blaine Newton (Kerri Schurtz’ cousin’s 18 yr. old son) began chemo treatment for Grey Area Lymphoma.
J.T. Carlton (Elaine Cox’ son-in-law) has a bacterial infection in his blood. Overall he is better. He will have day surgery on Jan. 30th. Please continue to pray for both he and Marilyn.

Wilbert Dale (Audrey Rollins’ brother) suffered a massive stroke & is still in Hermann Memorial hospital. He is in a coma.

Brent Sappington (G.W. Burt’s cousin) recovering from surgery to fix the disk pushing on his spinal cord that has been causing his falls on Thurs. Jan. 12th. It went well. He will have surgery to fix the re-herniation of the lower back in 4 weeks

LaVerne Westbrook has been moved to the Legacy.
Sam Baker is in the local hospital room #209. Pacemaker put in on Wed. May have a feeding tube inserted. Was to be moved to Nursing home for rehab possibly on Fri.
Bailey Gist (Sandy Anderson’s friend) is a 12 year old with a Pace maker. She has had her 3rd stroke.

Shut-Ins

Sheila Kunz Artie Hicks James White

Nursing Home

Legacy: Martha Jane Etie #724 Gerry Rogers #214
Marguerite Kettle #216 LaVerne Westbrook
Bay Villa: Matthew Smith

Independent Living

Copperfield Estates Betty McNeill #238

Upcoming Events

Jan. 17th Military Family Support Group
Jan. 18th Hawatthia Jones missionary to Guatemala
Jan. 22nd Ron Brown missionary to China.
Jan. 22nd Fellowship Committee Meeting & Potluck
Jan. 29th Blood Drive
Jan. 29th No Children’s Bible Hour
Jan. 29th 5th Devo & Finger Food Meal

Missions Sunday

Today we will have a collection for our Pledge slips for Missions 2012. They are on the back of the pews.

Military Family Support Group

The next meeting will be on Tues. Jan. 17th in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00p.m.

Guest Speaker

Hawatthia Jones missionary to Guatemala will be speaking Wed. night Jan. 18th in the Auditorium. Grades Junior High on up are encouraged to come hear him.

Ron Brown missionary to China will be speaking Sun. morning Jan. 22nd.

Fellowship Committee Meeting

The Fellowship Committee is having their annual meeting to plan for the year on Jan. 22nd following morning services. They will have a potluck meal. All who would like to join the committee are welcome to come.

Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive will be on Sun. Jan. 29th. It is from 12noon to 5:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment, visit www.giveblood.org & log in to Digital Donor. Enter sponsor code 1285 or call 1-888-482-5663 or contact Duane Ryman at 245-5857.

5th Sunday Devo & Fingerfood Fellowship

On Jan. 29th we will have our 5th Sunday Devo at 5:00p.m. instead of Life Groups. This will be followed by a finger foods fellowship meal. All are welcome to come.

Youth Group News

Soul Link is coming soon! February 24-26. Cost before January 25 is \$45. Sign up with Johnathan today!

Thank You Note

*Thank you NSCOC for your love and prayers! I think the new medicine is already helping and hopefully it will stop the cyst from getting any bigger. Thank you again for your support and we love you all!
Dixi & Dan Howery*

My wife, Lolly & I would like to thank publicly the many members of the congregation who assisted us during our recent confinements in the local hospital & a t home. Many brought food, sent cards, flowers & notes, came by to check on us, called on the phone & other means of expressing their concerns for our welfare & it was very much appreciated. We will never forget your outpouring expressions of love & concern for us. We have been members of other congregations during our married life, & believe me when we say that THIS is our church home. We love all of you & thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts. Bob & Laura Curtis

*Church Friends,
On behalf of the Hyde family, please accept our sincere thanks for the lovely Peace Lily you sent in memory of my mother, Virginia Hyde. It is only the prayers & support of friends like you that has brought us through this difficult time.
Ron Hyde & family*

Response

Mindy Rose George asked to be restored from inactivity, to place membership with the congregation & asked the prayers of the church. She needs prayers to be a more loving person, have more compassion where her children are concerned & toward her family. She wants to be more like Jesus

Our Prayer List

(January 15, 2012)

Church Family

Cancer Patients

Jimmy Crum Evelyn Kjergaard James Deen
Irene Castillo Cindy Phillips Rita Rawlings
Robert Anderson

Other Needs

Robert Barber Barbara Gates Sheila Kunz
Marththew Smith Cathy Lewis Bob Curtis
James White Norma Gates Lolly Curtis
Mecaila Peeples Rudy Longoria Sam Baker
Bradley Sabrsula James Williams LaVerne Westbrook

Friends & Family

Cancer Patients

Charles Kolek (Tricia Burt & Sandy Downs' uncle)
Billie Ellis (MaryAnn Macomber's aunt)
Tracy Gallo (Tina Gallo's sister)
Pamala Duet (Gary Dobb's' mother)
Leo Barnard (Tricia Burt's Prison Ministry student)
Jerry Odstrcil (G.W. & Tricia Burt's friend)
Jerry Mikulas (Trudy Wood's brother)
Alene Johnson (Karen Ryman's aunt)
Leona Murrah (Keri Schurtz' Step Mom)
Carla Cox (Duane Ryman's sister)
Tony Kaspar (Tricia Burt & Sandy Downs' cousin)
Noel Piercy (G.W. Burt's friend)
Linda Owen (Sherrie Deen's friend)
Dennis Garrison (Mark Garrison's dad)
Lugene Lewis (Ken Lewis' mother)
Kenneth May (Sherri Radford's friend)
Denise Pahmiyer (Cathy Lewis' friend)
Blaine Newton (Kerri Schurtz' cousin's 18 yr. old son)

Friends & Family

Other Needs

Leonard Janecek (Tricia Burt & Sandy Downs' brother)
Lois Timmons (Sherrie Radford's mother)
Helen Wrape (Former member)
James Rose
Gayle Oler (Jeanne Pappas' father)
Berta Williams (Sheila Kunz' mother)
Geordan Burt (G.W. & Tricia Burt's son)
Casey Middleton (Troy & Vicky Willauer's friend)
Jesse Jackson (Former Member)
Crystal Roy (Bill & Suzanne Beaver's niece)
James Cantu (G.W. & Tricia Burt's friend)
J.T. Carlton (Elaine Cox' son-in-law)
James Folmar (Bill & Suzanne Beaver's niece)
Bobby Aschenbeck (Sherrie Deen's mother)
Wilbert Dale (Audrey Rollins' brother)
Brent Sappington (G.W. Burt's cousin)
Bailey Gist (Sandy Anderson's friend)

Please update us on the people on this Prayer List