

Sunday School Report

January 1, 2012

Record (March 29, 1998)	210
Members Enrolled	319
Total Present	79
Previous Week's Attendance	

Service Opportunities

Deacon of the Week for January 8
Bro. Harold Hambrick
Deacon of the Week for January 15
Bro. Gary Howard

Upper Room Schedule:

DATE	TIME	NAME
1-4	PM	Kathy Bryant
1-8	AM	Harold Hambrick
1-8	PM	John Chambers
1-11	PM	Milton Culpepper

Nursery Volunteers:

Sunday, January 8

AM-Margie Grimsley
PM-Michelle Williams

Sunday, January 15

AM—Faye Jenrette
PM—Cathie Little

WE HAVE FUN!



G.R.O.W.

G.R.O.W. Outreach
Team "R" Meets
Monday, January 9
At 6:30 p.m.



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER



Reservations required!

Sign up on the reservation sheet in the foyer or call the church office. Meals are served from 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Prices are \$4 per adult and \$2 per child (6th grade and under).

Menu for January 11:

Baked Chicken, Creamed Corn, Peas, Bread, Dessert, Ice Cream



Deacon's Meeting: January 8: 4:30 p.m.



S.O.S. Meeting
January 9:
6:30 p.m.



Devotions for January 9-14
"God And Throw Away People"

Monday:	Luke 15:1-7
Tuesday:	Luke 15:8-10
Wednesday:	Luke 15:11-32
Thursday:	Luke 18:9-14
Friday:	Matthew 23:1-36
Saturday:	Luke 6:37-43

Church Conference
January 11
6:30 p.m.



Library News

Adult Reading Contest begins January 15th and will last 3 months. Registration slips are now available in the library.



S.N.O.T.
January 15th after
p.m. service.



Office Closed Monday,
January 16,
In Observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day

CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 4

- 5:30 pm Family Night Supper
6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer, Youth
LOL, Team Kid
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

Sunday, January 8

- 9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service, Children's
Church, Kidmo (Grades 1-5)
4:30 pm Youth Visitation; Deacon's
Meeting
5:30 pm Discipleship Training, Youth
C4, Mission Friends (ages 4-
5), RA's & GA's (grades 1-6),
Team Kid, Discipleship Kids
6:30 pm Evening Worship, Bible Stories
(ages 4-7)

Monday, January 9

- 6:30 pm G.R.O.W. Team "R"
SOS Meeting

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Return Service Requested



Many of you are familiar with leaven. It is a substance, typically yeast, that is added to dough to make it ferment and rise. In the Bible, leaven is often used in a negative way by Jesus to illustrate the dangerous influence of the Pharisees and Saducees (see Matt. 16:5-12).

Do you remember what Paul called them in his letter to the Philippians? "We are a colony of heaven," he said. The Philippian Christians would understand that figure, for their city of Philippi was a Roman colony. When Rome wanted to Romanize a new province, it took Roman people and planted them as a colony in the midst of it. There, as a powerful minority, they stood for Roman law, Roman justice, Roman faith, and Roman custom—leaven in the lump of the province, until the whole province was leavened. Rome understood the art of government. When, therefore, Paul said to that little group of Philippian Christians, "We are a colony of heaven," they understood. They were a minority thrown out, as pioneers, in the midst of an unchristian world to represent the ideals, faiths, and way of living of a nobler realm until the earth should be the Lord's and the fullness thereof.

We have seen 2011 come and go. We are now looking ahead to 2012. We are to be this "powerful minority," this "colony of Heaven," in the midst of an unchristian

world. We are to represent the moral and ethical values as a powerful minority living among those who despise us, our values, and our beliefs.

Rather than being as the leaven of the Jewish religious leaders, we are to let our lights shine before men that they will see our good works and glorify God Who is in Heaven. Let's do it!

Yours In Christ,

Bro. Phil

Mark 10:45

