

Sunday School Report

November 27, 2011

Record (March 29, 1998)	210
Members Enrolled	319
Total Present	97
Previous Week's Attendance	93

Service Opportunities

Deacon of the Week for December 4
Bro. Terry Simpson
 Deacon of the Week for December 11
Bro. John DeBiase

Upper Room Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>NAME</u>
11-30	PM	Cindy Jones
12-4	AM	Pat Jobin
12-4	PM	Raye Jones
12-7	PM	Mary Deal

Nursery Volunteers:

Sunday, December 4

AM-Cindy Jones
 PM-Sheryl Winn

Sunday, December 11

AM—Sharon Jones
 PM—Elizabeth Irby

WE HAVE FUN!



G.R.O.W.

There will be NO GROW during the month of December!



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 December 7:

Chili, Baked Beans, Chips,
 Dessert, Ice Cream

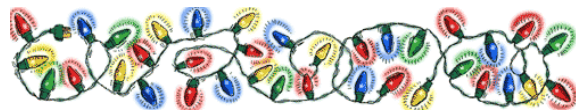


Mixed Adult

Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 3rd

6:30 p.m.



SS Callaway Lights

Senior Saints
 Trip To Callaway Gardens
 To See The Christmas Lights!
 Thursday, Dec. 8th
 Depart @ 1:30 p.m.

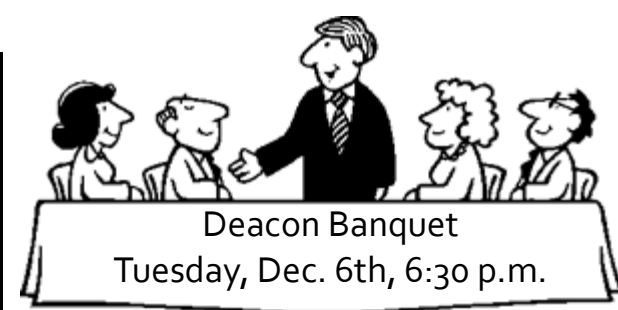


Devotions for December 5-10
"Immanuel: God With Us"

- Monday:** Matthew 1:18-23
Isaiah 7:14
- Tuesday:** John 10:30; 14:1, 28
Philippians 2:6-7
Colossians 1:19
- Wednesday:** John 1:1-14
1 John 1:1-2
- Thursday:** Luke 4:18-19; 19:10
- Friday:** Philippians 2:1-11
John 19:30
- Saturday:** 2 Corinthians 5:21

Dear Phil Bryant, Pastor
 We, WRKBC, and I can't forget your love in the Lord, and thank you.
 Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!
 I love you and SVBC,
 Young S. Chang, Pastor

Dear Sandy Valley Church,
 I want to thank you for the bounty of food that you gave. We enjoyed it very much. I feel so blessed by ya'll and so much by God! Thank you, thank you, thank you!
 Doris & Benjie



Christmas Party

- Upcoming Christmas Parties:*
- Choir—Dec. 5
 - Ladies/Men—Dec. 10
 - Youth—Dec. 10
 - C.A.P.—Dec. 10



Youth Lunch
 Fundraiser:
 Soup/Chili
 December 4th
 After AM Service

CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 30

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

Saturday, December 3

- 6:30 pm Mixed Adult Christmas Party

Sunday, December 4

- 9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service, Children's
Church, Kidmo (Grades 1-5)
12:00 pm Youth Lunch Fundraiser
4:30 pm Youth Visitation
5:30 pm Discipleship Training, Mission
Friends (ages 4-5), RA's &
GA's (grades 1-6), Team Kid.
Disciple ship Kids
5:45 pm Youth C4
6:30 pm Evening Worship, Bible Stories
(ages 4-7)

Monday, December 5

- 6:30 pm Choir Christmas Party—Golden
Corral

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PASTOR'S PAGE



Senator Mark Hatfield recounts the following history:

James Garfield was a lay preacher and principal of his denominational college. They say he was ambidextrous and could simultaneously write Greek with one hand and Latin with the other.

In 1880, he was elected president of the United States, but after only six months in office, he was shot in the back with a revolver. He never lost consciousness. At the hospital, the doctor probed the wound with his little finger to seek the bullet. He couldn't find it, so he tried a silver-tipped probe. Still he couldn't locate the bullet.

They took Garfield back to Washington, D.C. Despite the summer heat, they tried to keep him comfortable. He was growing very weak. Teams of doctors tried to locate the bullet, probing the wound over and over. In desperation they asked Alexander Graham Bell, who was working on a device called the telephone to see if he could locate the metal inside the president's body. He came, he sought, and he too failed.

The president hung on through July, through August, but in September he finally died—not from the wound but from infection. The repeated probing, which the physicians thought would help the man, eventually killed him.

So it is with people who dwell too long on their sin and refuse to release it to God.

Christmas is quickly approaching. It is a time to remember how much God loves us (John 3:16). It is also a time to remember how for-

giving our Lord is. The problem is that we do not always go to the Lord for forgiveness. Instead, like the continuous probing into President Garfield's body, we allow unforgiven sin to hinder our spiritual growth. Therefore we miss the release we need to have the joy, contentment, and peace God desires for us.

In this Christmas season, remember Immanuel, God with us. Remember that God loved YOU enough to send Jesus to die for your sins. Remember that His forgiveness is there IF you will confess your sin (1 John 1:9). Then you can be released from your guilt, hurt, and pain to be exactly who God wants you to be!

The alternative: allow the "infection" of guilt to constantly "probe" our lives until the "infection" spreads and renders us useless to God!

Yours In Christ,

Bro. Phil

Mark 10:45