

The church of Christ at Luverne

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Assembly Assignments for January 2010

The Lord's Supper

Andrew Moorer / Jim Johnson / Larry Wyrosdick / Isaac Sanders

Announcements

Steve Sanders

Building Duties

J. W. Furr

Greeters

Joe Noble
Frankie Sims

Nursing Home Duties

Robb Sanders
Russ Kilcrease

Lord's Supper Preparation

Glenda Sanders

Scripture Reading

Steven Frost

Privileged to Serve on January 10, 2009

Morning Prayer

Dale Sanders (opening)
Joshua McCartha (closing)

Evening Prayer

J. W. Furr (opening)
Jim Johnson (closing)

Song Leader

Ross Sanders

A/V Equipment

Russ Kilcrease

If you are unable to serve, please contact John Frost – 429-1114
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

The Messenger



**Minister
Keith Dixon**

Services

Every Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 5:00 PM

Every Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

From

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WORK

We sing a song entitled, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." In this song, the title states something that we overlook many times in our work of the church. It says that "we'll" work. Is that the way we really think? Do we think of the work of the church as everyone's work? In the second verse, the second sentence begins, "**We** are servants of God. Let **us** follow the path that **our** Master has trod." Do we really feel that way about the work of the church here at Luverne?

Nehemiah challenged the people living in Jerusalem with the dilemma of rebuilding the wall. As one studies the book of Nehemiah, he will find that each tribe and even each family had a part to play in the rebuilding of the walls around Jerusalem. It was not the work of just Nehemiah. It was not the work of just the elders of the land of Israel. It was not the work of the nobles. It was the work of all the people. Nehemiah 4:6 states, "So built **we** the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof; for the **people** had a mind to work." The person who reads this book will find that there were many problems from without. Yet the most disheartening was the problems from within. Yet the work was done. It was done in record time. Listen to how fast this work was done, "So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days." The work was done because of the "we" and the "people."

Just as in the song mentioned above, when we realize that the work is "our" work and not the work of a certain few, then the church will make big strides in growing both in number and spirit.

In the New Testament we find the same idea. The Great Commission was given to the apostles. We find the apostles doing part of what Jesus commands. In Acts 7, persecution begins against the church. The apostles must have told others of their command "to go into all the world" as this persecution begins. In chapter 8 we find, "And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles" (Acts 8:1). The apostles stayed in Jerusalem and the church that was scattered was doing the preaching and teaching about what one must do to be saved. Interesting that the apostles had the command to go, but they are staying in Jerusalem. There may be reason why this was done. Further in the chapter as one of the members of the church in Samaria was teaching and baptizing, there was a need. Instead of having to hunt for an apostle, someone must have returned to Jerusalem and told the apostles what was taking place. Peter and John were sent to Samaria for the work they were to do.

It is interesting that the work the apostles were given to do was given to the church. The church did not say, "That is the work of the apostles" they set about doing the work given. The church was so effective in doing this work the Great Commission was carried out within the life time of some of the apostles. Paul says, "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister" (Colossians 1:23).

This work is ever before the church. It is the work of every member of the church. We all must do our part in taking the Gospel to the entire world. It ought not be a work that we have to be invited to do. It ought to be a work that is ever present before our eyes. Do we see the work? Are we willing to work?

As we begin this New Year, let us resolve to be a part of the work here at Luverne. That means it is a "we" work. That means that each person who is a member of the church at



In Our Prayers

- Shelley Baker – treatment for MS
- Lynn Beasley – completed chemotherapy
- Lance Brooks – treatment for cancer
- Ruby Bush – bronchial problems
- Joe Griffin – at home with hospice care
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Tracy and Collin Holzmon – mother home; baby still in hospital
- Cecil Kelley – COPD; general health
- Chris Kyser – health problems
- Daniel Owens – ulcers
- Doug Senn – awaiting test results

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

Margaret Hall Allene Mount Edwina Rolling

- *Pray for all those who have lost loved ones.*

Sympathy is extended to the families and friends on the loss of Conrad Summerlin and Theurn Senn.

- *Pray for soldiers overseas:*

- *Pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will*

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Luverne has a part to do. It is not a work of one person or two persons. It is not a work of five persons, but it is the work of the entire congregation. Will you do the work? If someone does not do his or her work then the wall will not be built completely. There will be gaps and that is dangerous.

Can you sing the song listed above with "spirit and with truth" and with understanding (John 4:24; I Corinthians 14:15)? Let us resolve to "work till Jesus comes." This work begins with each one doing their part to spread the border of the kingdom of Christ.

Love, Keith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **bridal tea** is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, January 10, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall in honor of Kimberly Sanders Moore.

The **Area-Wide Youth Devo** is scheduled for Sunday, January 10, at the **church of Christ at Hamilton Crossroads in Brundidge**. The speaker will be Greg Hanchey.

The February Area-Wide Youth Devo will be hosted by the church in Luverne. Speaker will be Caleb Cochran.

Annual Homecoming for Davenport church of Christ is scheduled for Sunday, January 10. The guest preacher will be Caleb Cochran.

Stewardship Sunday is scheduled at **Dalraida church of Christ** for January 10. Guest speaker will be John L. Kachelman.

The **Tuesday night Bible** class begins on January 12 and will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights

December Numbers

	SS	AM	PM	Wed.	Cont.
12-2-09				94	
12-6-09	83	117	65	105	\$3,391.00
12-13-09	86	132	74	100	\$2,913.25
12-20-09	105	133	101	81	\$2,681.00
12-27-09	103	153	77	76	\$2,402.25