

The church of Christ at Luverne

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Assembly Assignments for December, 2009

The Lord's Supper

Robb Sanders / Zack Wilson / Joshua McCartha / Rodney McCartha

Announcements

Bob Williams

Building Duties

Dale Sanders

Greeters

Steven Frost
John Frost

Nursing Home Duties

Jace Sanders
Reed Kilcrease

Lord's Supper Preparation

Teresa Sanders

Scripture Reading

Jonathon Welch

Privileged to Serve on December 20, 2009

Morning Prayer

Andrew Moorer (opening)
Reed Kilcrease (closing)

Evening Prayer

Darrin Sanders (opening)
Jonathon Welch (closing)

Song Leader

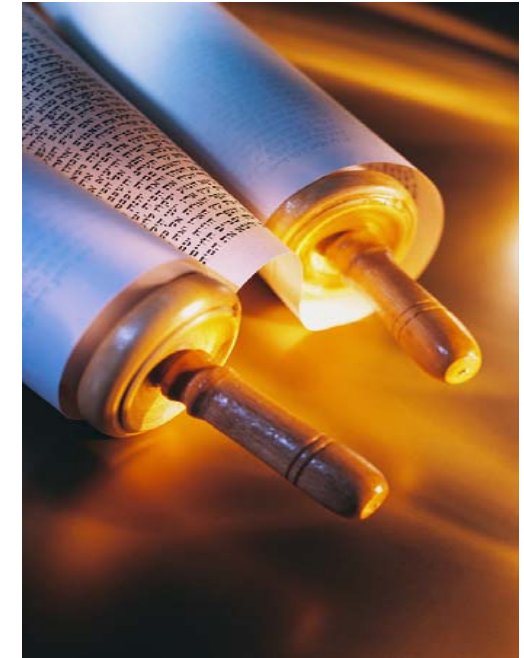
Ronald Hilburn

A/V Equipment

Isaac Sanders

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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This is our last bulletin in the year 2009. A lot has happened to each one of us during this year. Let us spend some time reflecting upon what has happened. There have been preacher changes. You had a preacher whom you loved. Then he decided to make a change. A new preacher was found and we can work together for the growth of the church and each individual.

There were things that happened in each individual's life that were important. This writer may not know all of the things that happened, but you know. They were important to you. Keep the good things in your memory and let the negative things flow from your memory banks!

Let us think though of where we were spiritually speaking at the beginning of the year and where we are at this end of the year. Are we at the same place? Have we regressed or have we progressed? It matters not what others have done. Paul says that if we compare ourselves with others we are not wise. Notice how he said it, "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" (2 Corinthians 10:12). Let us then take stock of where we are right now and where we were at the beginning of this year. As we are taking stock, let us make a note of where we are now and where we want to be at the end of the next year. We might want to call this taking inventory. Companies must do this for tax purposes; we ought to do it for eternal purposes.

Since we are not to compare ourselves with others, then with whom should we compare ourselves? Peter answers this question for us, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us leaving us an example, that we should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:21-24). Christ is our example; He is our rule, or standard by which we ought to measure ourselves. He was perfect, without sin; we will never be in that condition but we must strive to be like Him. That is our job!

Let us be like Jesus in our love for one another. Jesus had compassion on the multitudes. He had compassion on individuals. When people were hurting because of sickness (Mark 5) or death (Luke 7), Jesus had compassion upon them. We, too, can have compassion on individuals who are hurting. They may be grieving for the loss of a loved one. They may be hurting because a loved one is sick. Let us have compassion and do what we can to help them during there troublesome time.

Let us be like the Lord in having grace and mercy on one another. Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful: for then shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7). If we want to have mercy and we will want mercy, then we must extend mercy to others. If we want grace from God, we must show grace to others. Remember the Golden Rule; "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matthew 7:12)

Thank you for letting me work with you. I pray for the church that we may grow together. Let us strive to keep the devil on the run and our hearts toward God. Love, Keith



In Our Prayers

- Alan Bagents – home from the hospital
- Shelley Baker – MS
- Lynn Beasley – completed chemotherapy
- Lance Brooks – begins treatment for cancer
- Joe Griffin – general health
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Tracy and Collin Holzmon – mother home; baby still in hospital
- Cecil Kelley – COPD; general health
- Chris Kyser – health problems
- Ray Langford – back at home
- Gustavo Ramirez – benign brain tumor; Noël's nephew

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

Margaret Hall Allene Mount Edwina Rolling

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

- *Pray for soldiers overseas:*

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

Sympathy is extended to the **family of J. T. Owens** who died last week. Mr. Owens was sister Dean Kelley's brother.

Sympathy is extended to the **family of Sam Goodwin** who died last week. Mr. Goodwin was sister Mary Ann McDougald's brother-in-law.

If anyone is interested in helping the Brooks' family financially, an account has been set up for them at First Citizen's Bank. If you would like to send a card of encouragement, the address is 4044 Montgomery Highway, Luverne, AL 36049

Ages in the seventh grade through college are invited to Chrystal and Steven Frost's home on **December 19th** for a Chinese Christmas Party. A finger food meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. Gift limit: \$10.00

Everyone is encouraged to meet at the building Sunday afternoon, **December 20th**, to go to the nursing home to deliver the Christmas packages and sing.

Everyone is invited to bring your favorite finger foods and remain after worship services on Sunday evening, **December 20th**, for a time of fellowship.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the gift requests for some of the county's needy children.

Brother Keith Dixon will begin a **study of the book of James** in January. The class will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the church building on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings.

At the Post Office's request, due to mail volume during the holidays, there will be no bulletin for the next two weeks. So.....

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY



NEW YEAR!

Keith FROM and Glenda