



Wishing you & your family  
a blessed & happy holiday season!

From the staff of  
Salem Creek church of Christ

Ron Harper

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Joshua Houston

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Debbie Corum

## *How to Have a Happy Christmas*

***“One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.” Proverbs 11:24-25***

Christmas is officially here. Though it may not look or feel like it outside, we feel the joy and togetherness this time of year brings. However, even though family time and togetherness fill our hearts, it is no secret that there is one thing we look forward to more than almost anything...presents!!

We plan all year what we want for Christmas. We may ask for things we need, things we want, or anything in-between. One thing remains the same no matter what the request: we have hopes of receiving it on Christmas morning.

Yet, if we desire only to receive, we become greedy and selfish. Perhaps that is why Solomon tells us that for us to be refreshed and strengthened; we must refresh and strengthen others. We live in one of (if not the) most prosperous countries in the world. We are blessed to work good paying jobs and live in well-furnished houses. While we may never be billionaires nor live in large mansions, we still can give. As we consider the New Year approaching and the things we want out of it, we wonder how we can be blessed. Solomon says the only way to be blessed is to bless others.

Jesus should always be our example in all that we do (1 Peter 2:21). Rather than asking “What would Jesus do?” perhaps we should ask, “What did Jesus do?” Jesus rarely received anything in his ministry on Earth. Rather, Jesus gave and gave abundantly. He gave healing to the sick. He gave life to the dead. He gave his life for ours. Now he freely gives to us salvation if we will reach out and receive it through obedience to his will and on his terms.

So, what can we give? Perhaps it is in our ability to give monetarily to those who are in need. Perhaps we can give our time to the church or other good works. One thing we can all give is our life to Jesus Christ in obedience to his gospel and obedience to his commandments every day of our lives. He gave his life for me. Should I not be willing to give mine for him?

**Joshua Houston**

## PRAYER REQUEST:

Selma Boyd, Ernestine Taylor, Edna Vance, Lester & Ann Clark, Sue Reeves, Kevin Watson, Melba Young, Jeanie Young, Melinda Vance, Odell Grissom, Virgie Leonard, Paul Holland, James Randolph Jernigan, Doyle Fults, Nora Fann, Shirley Tenpenny

## SHUT INS:

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard

## NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

### **\*MEMBERS**

**ADAMS PLACE:** Nora Fann\*

**DIVERSICARE OF SMYRNA:** Jean Nickens\*

**NHC:** Lizzie Bush, Geri Melton\*, Sue Reeves\*,

**STONES RIVER MANOR:** Margaret Davidson\*, Jeweldean Hall\*, Virgie Leonard\*, Ernestine Taylor\*, Laura Wiser\*, Lillian Whitworth, Edna Vance\*

## MILITARY:

Tony Berry

### *Mark Your Calendar*

Visitation Meal:

Team 1: January 8

Team 2: January 15

Men's Breakfast @ IHOP, January 10

## NEWS & NOTES

- **New class** beginning Sunday mornings in classroom 101. (Large Classroom)  
**Subject:** God's Patterns in the Bible  
**Discussion Leader:** John Pickard
- We have received cards from Laura Wiser, Richard and Wanda Jones, Oleta Bullard and Nora Fann
- You are invited to a **NEW YEAR'S EVE** party at the home of **Mike and LaNita Bowman**, starting at 7 pm. Please bring finger foods & drinks. There will be fireworks and LaNita's **world famous** donuts!! 🍩
- A combined **Senior Saints & Youth Group game night** is planned for Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm. We will have a meal of salad, soup and desserts before games. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please list what you plan to bring and indicate if you need a ride. Come join us for an evening of food and fun. Please see Larry Benson or Joshua Houston if you have any questions.
- East Main church of Christ will have a **Young Men's Seminar** (grades 5-12) on February 4, 2017. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

**\*check out the bulletin board for activities and weekly updates.**

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday  
 Morning Worship 9:00 am  
 Bible Classes 10:15 am  
 Evening Worship 5:30 pm

Wednesday  
 Ladies Morning Bible Class (Sept-May) 10:00 am  
 Evening Bible Classes 6:30 pm

### ELDERS

B.K. Ham  
 Jim Hatfield  
 Jon Holland  
 Andy Mitchell  
 Randall Phifer  
 Keith Short

### MINISTER

Ron Harper

### ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

### DEACONS

Rick Acklin Rick Corum  
 Larry Benson Andy Melton  
 Michael Bowman Brian Melton  
 Craig Buckner Alan Pepper  
 Joe Byars Wendell Wilson

### FOR THE RECORD

*December 18, 2016*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>AM worship</b>	<b>176</b>
	<b>Bible classes</b>	<b>139</b>
	<b>PM worship</b>	<b>127</b>
	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$6,130.00</b>

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PM Bible classes</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)</b>	<b>---</b>

\*When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. ladies class will be cancelled\*

### *To Our Honored Guests...*

*We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back as often as you have opportunity!*

*We were honored by your presence!*

### GREETERS

*Please be at the door  
 30 minutes prior to service*

### December 25

Andy & Lisa Mitchell

### January 1

Bobby & Jackie Sims

