

SERVANT ROTATION	ISF	SONG LEADER	COMMUNION PREP
	12/17.....Ralph Mason/Perry Winegeart	12/24.....Perry Winegeart	December.....TBD
	12/24.....Kevin Johnson	12/31.....Cody Chrismon	January.....Hendershot
	12/31.....TBD	1/7.....Ross Hendershot	February.....TBD
	1/7.....Cody Chrismon/Ross Hendershot	1/14.....Perry Winegeart	March.....TBD
	1/14.....Randall Sweeney/Edwin Weaver	1/21.....Cody Chrismon	

TEACHER ROTATION	SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
DECEMBER-FEBRUARY	2 years-Kindergarten.....Sharron Mason 1st-3rd Grades.....Joyce Faires 4th-6th Grades.....Shelley Hendershot 7th-12th Grades.....Kevin Johnson Adult.....Henry Lind	2 years-6th Grade.....Jennie Chrismon 7th-12th Grades.....Cody Chrismon/Haley Ratliff Adults.....Zach Babb

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Christmas Anagram

Word List:

angels, animals, frankincense, Jesus, manger, nativity, newborn, shepherds, shining star, stable



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LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS	
Bible Study	28
Morning Worship	46
ISF (residents)	4
Wednesday Evening	21
Contribution	\$1,980.00
Special Contribution	\$600.00
Weekly Budget	\$2,098.00

NOTES	

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December 17, 2017

Welcome, Guests! We are glad you are here. So that we may get to know you better, please fill out a Guest Information card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in the collection plate when it passes.

Order of Worship

SONG LEADER: ROSS HENDERSHOT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- #166—He's My King
- #509—I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

OPENING PRAYER

- #701—My Jesus, I Love Thee
- #382—Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

- #470—Victory in Jesus

SERMON: RANDALL SWEENEY

- #924—Just As I Am

CLOSING PRAYER

MEETING TIMES
Sunday
 Bible Study—9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service—10:30 a.m.
Wednesday
 Meal—5:15 p.m.
 Midweek—6 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Today
 Pancakes with Santa
This Week
 19—SHS GBKB @ Somerville
Next Sunday
 Christmas Eve

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES
Birthdays
 22—Charles Pierpont

COMMITTEES
Worship & Education
 Cody Chrismon, Kevin Johnson

Facilities
 Zach Babb, Perry Winegeart

Finance & Benevolence
 Zach Babb, Ross Hendershot,
 Henry Lind

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Foundations of Friendship

Mark Twain reportedly wrote many years ago, "The man who does not read good books has little advantage over him who cannot read." If I'm off a word or two, please forgive me and understand that the mistake is utterly without malice aforethought. The thought still rings true in our electronic and data-driven age but I'd like to offer a parallel amended version: "People who do not take time to be with friends have little advantage over those who have no friends."

Now I admit a general deficiency in the making time for folks category. But I am working on it. In the past two weeks, I've had the privilege of private visits in our home with four different people. In each case, we created the gifts of unhurried conversation. Sitting on the couches in our living room, with no TV and with cell phones set aside, we sat and talked.

We swapped stories from years ago, talked about growing up, discussed music, exchanged quips and witticisms. We even discussed politics and religion. No insults, no anger, no exaggerated reactions and no name calling. At least two things happened in each of those conversations: 1) We enjoyed ourselves and each other and 2) we got to know one other better.

Much of what we pretend is "visiting" these days is in reality little more than shared entertainment or mutual diversion. I enjoy watching movies and football games at least as much as the next person and possibly more than most people. Watching those things with friends or family can create pleasant (or painful) shared memories.

But if we really want to know each other, build and strengthen relationships that transcend circumstance and situation, meaningful conversation is an essential foundation.

I'm sure that the disciples of The Carpenter enjoyed watching those miracles and listening to those mountainside sermons. They probably loved sharing and re-sharing that story about seeing Jesus strolling along off-stern across the waves. But even with the Son of God, my guess is that it was the long trods across stony paths and the hours of uninterrupted conversation that grew those relationships of faith and bound them together in a way that changed the world.

A world that could still use the good changes formed and forged by good friends.

H. Arnett
12/8/17

<https://docarnett.wordpress.com/2017/12/08/foundations-of-friendship/>

PRAYER LIST

- **Glendene Acock** (Lauren Babb's grandmother—ankle)
- **Pauline Alvarez**
- **Lauren Babb** (health)
- **John Beiler** (health)
- **Cinco Ranch Church of Christ**
- **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick's sister—homebound)
- **Jake Faires** (Air Force)
- **Paul Faires** (health)
- **Steven Faires, and Lexi**
- **Nelle Hahn** (health)
- **Cathy Jones** (Leanne Mason's mother—broken leg)
- **Shirley Kuchykna** (recovering from knee surgery)
- **Molly Lind** (Linds' daughter-in-law)
- **Clay Mason** (health)
- **Beth McElroy** (Clay and Mary Mason's daughter—health)
- **McNeill Family** (loss of a son)
- **Family and friends of Walter Moerbe** (Randy's father)
- **Norman Pennock** (Debbie Fougerat's step-father, health)
- **Ada Powell** (Sharron Mason's sister—health)
- **T.J. Reid** (Nelle Hahn's brother—health)
- **Julie Rodriguez** (Babbs' friend—health)
- **Family and friends of Wayne Thanheiser** (Shirley Kuchykna's brother)
- **Nancy Tuttle** (Peggy Walls's sister—health)
- **Catherine Winegeart** (Perry's mother—health)

PRAYER UPDATES

We extend sympathy to the **McNeill family**, Haley Ratliff's sister-in-law's family, for the loss of a son.

Glendene Acock, Lauren Babb's grandmother, fell and broke her ankle. She had surgery on Thursday and will be in rehab for at least two weeks.

If you have any announcements or prayer requests you wish to have included in the bulletin or to sign up for weekly e-mail updates, please contact Victoria Johnson: 325-518-9205, victoria@gonzaleschurchofchrist.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pancakes with Santa

Join us **TODAY** immediately following morning worship for Pancakes with Santa. There will be crafts for the kids, pictures with Santa, hot chocolate, and of course Pancakes! Following lunch, we will move to the auditorium for a devotional. Everyone is invited. We hope to see you there!

Volunteers Needed: Wednesday Night Meals

Volunteers are needed to prepare the entrée for meals on Wednesday evenings. To help, please sign up in the foyer. **If you signed up to prepare a meal, please send Victoria your menu by Wednesday the week before.**

Volunteers Needed: Communion Prep

Volunteers are needed to prepare communion in the coming months. This task takes very little time and is a great service to the congregation. Please sign up on the large bulletin board in the foyer.

Wednesday Evening Meal & Bible Study

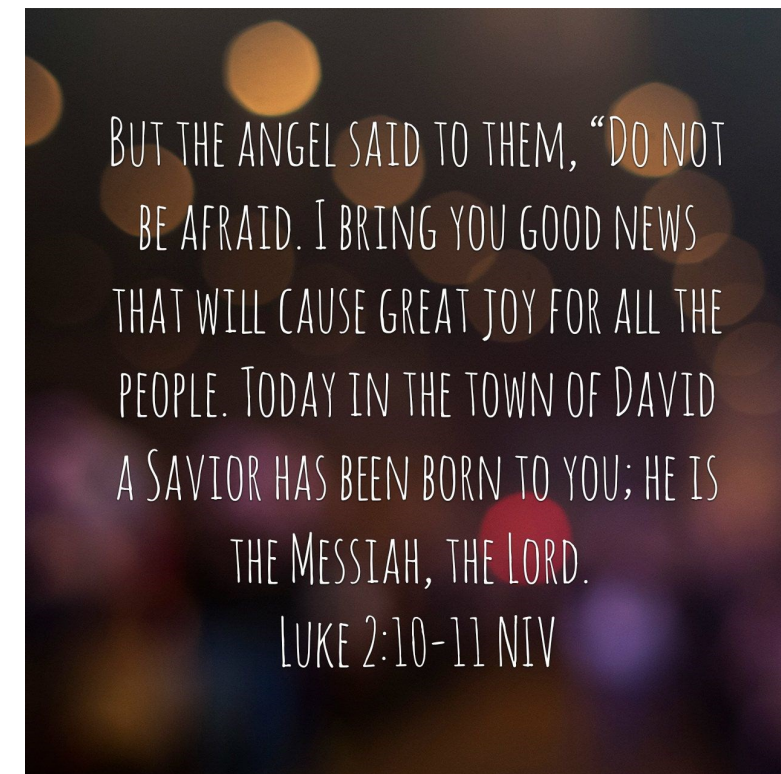
Please join us at **5:15 p.m. this Wednesday** for dinner in the annex. **This week's entrée is spaghetti.** Classes for all ages follow at 6 p.m.

Sunday Night Small Group

There is a small group that meets in the annex each Sunday evening from **6-7 p.m.** The Lord's Supper is available.

Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited to the annex each Tuesday morning at **6:20 a.m.** for a time of breakfast, prayer and fellowship.



YOUTH ZONE

TUESDAY, DEC. 19
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
SHINER JV @ SOMERVILLE, 4:30 P.M.



Jacy Chrismon—Shiner HS JV Girls Basketball