

LADIES DINNER

The ladies will resume their Tuesday night dinners in 2014! The first one will be on January 21st. Please plan to make this fellowship part of your new year. Bring a finger food. It will start at 7pm.

MENS BREAKFAST

The men of the congregation meet on Wednesday mornings at the Pot Luck Cafe in Monroe. This is a good time to fellowship with each other. Please plan to be a part of this meal for 2014. They meet at 9am.

GET BUSY

2014 is approaching very rapidly. Please make it a priority to be involved this coming year with the work here at Monroe. There are MANY things that need to be done. If you are able and willing to help please see one of the deacons.

BUDGET

This year we did not meet our budget. This means that the elders have a huge task of trying to decide how to balance it. Please pray for them in this area. Also pray for your giving. God loves a cheerful giver!

PLEASE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER!

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Those serving...

December 22nd-A.M. Services

Song Leading	Don Evans
Scripture Reading	Trey Callihan
Opening Prayer	Tommy Stacks
Lord's Supper	Richard Allen(P)

	DJ Allen, John Hughes,
	Mark Pettus, Dwayne McCannon,
	Art Hein, Duke Allen

Delivering Sermon	Garry Jones
Closing Prayer	Chuck Mitchell
Media Attendant	Dwayne McCannon
Announcements/Invitation	Larry Eldridge

For The Record...

December 15th

Bible Study	105
AM Worship	127
PM Worship	68
Contribution	\$3017.00

December 18th	
Bible Study	55

Yearly Totals	
Baptisms	12
New Members	16
WBS	537+

December 22nd-P.M. Services

Song Leading	Don Evans
Scripture Reading	Jonathan Evans
Opening Prayer	Frank Long
Delivering Sermon	Chuck Mitchell
Closing Prayer	Trey Callihan

December 25th-Wednesday Services

Announcements	Larry Eldridge
Lead Singing	Chuck Mitchell
Devotional	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Harry Wise
Media Attendant	DJ Allen

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"...worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:24

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Assembly Times:

Sunday
Bible Study-9:30 am
Worship-10:30 am
PM Worship-6:00 pm
Wednesday
Bible Study-7:00 pm

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MINISTER
KEITH DIXON

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL
RALPH ANGUISH

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	John 8:24
Repent	Acts 17:30
Confess	Romans 10:9-10
Baptized	Acts 22:16
Live Faithfully	Matthew 7:21

If there are any health updates, changes, or events you would like to post in the bulletin please email them to:

trudyblue1@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 22, 2013

VISITORS WELCOME!

You are truly our honored guests! We hope that you find our Bible Study and Worship Service beneficial to you. We seek only to worship God in the same manner as done by Christians when the church began in Acts 2. Please stay after services so that we may get to know you. For your convenience, there is a nursery in the foyer for babies up to 18 months old and a toddlers room next to the auditorium.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jackie Brayton is in remission. Continue to pray for The Brayton family.
Karon Sims had sinus surgery on Thursday. Please pray for a fast recovery.
Rita Mitchell was admitted to Eastside hospital. Test are being ran.
Birdie Smithpeters niece, Kim Hunnicutt has breast cancer.
Susan Thomason's father, Gene Stephens, is sick and in need of prayer. Please send him a card if you can. His address is 13 3rd St. Chicopee, Gainesville, GA 30504
Teresa Renews father, Robert, had a stroke and is need of prayer.
Larry Eldridges sister, Donna White is having health problems.

EXTENDED LIST...Donna Parker, Ned Andrews, Amanda Parker, Anniece Jenkins, Lonnie Jones, Dana Jones, Debbie Casselle, Cliff and Sharon Bowden, Jewel Taylor, Teena Redmond.

MILITARY...Barron Crane, Matt Callihan, Jacob Shepherd, Nicholas Stacks, Shilo Crane, Tim Dixon, Josh Blackburn, Matt Shepherd, Ronald Bly

STAY FOR LUNCH...IT'S ON US!!

MARK Your CALENDAR

12-22 FELLOWSHIP MEAL AFTER MORNING WORSHIP
01-05 SERVANTS FOR THE MASTER-TEAM 1
01-08 MENS BREAKFAST-POT LUCK-9AM

COME WORK WITH US!

PANTRY ITEMS FOR DECEMBER...

DRY SOUP MIX, CANNED VEGGIES, ALUMINUM FOIL
OUR PANTRY IS VERY LOW-ANY ITEMS WILL BE APPRECIATED

SPECIAL GUEST WITH US TODAY!

We are excited that Garry Jones is with us today. Garry was a minister here for many years. He did a wonderful job. Now, he does mission work in India. He has been very successful in spreading the gospel there. He will be talking today about the work there that is going on and the future of that mission also. We will also be having a fellowship meal afterwards. Please plan to stay and join us for this fellowship.

YOUTH NEWS

PSALMS 139:14 I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE. WONDERFUL ARE YOUR WORKS; MY SOUL KNOWS IT VERY WELL.

PLANS FOR 2014 WILL BE POSTED SOON

THE YOUTH HAD A HOLIDAY PARTY ON SATURDAY. HOPEFULLY, EVERYONE GOT GOOD GIFTS AT THE GIFT SWAP!

In Pursuit of Christianity

When one studies the book of Colossians he is impressed with the idea of who a person is to be when he becomes a Christian. In chapter 2:12 the student will find that a person is "buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him" (2:12). Thus we are "in Christ" and are a "new creature." We are now in pursuit of being a Christian; we are becoming the kind of person Christ wants us to become. Let us notice and think about what that involves from Colossians chapter 3.

First we must have a plan. The chapter begins by discussing our position. We are risen with Him. We have been buried and raised with Him and are now a new creature. We are seeking to do what would please Him with whom we have been risen. We now need a plan.

The second pursuant point is one of planning. Verse one tells us to "seek" and verse 2 lets us know we are "set our affection on things above." If we are going to seek we must have a plan. If we are going to "set" something we must have a plan. What are your plans for seeking and setting? Most have no idea of where they are going spiritually. We need a plan. As we are about to begin a New Year let us contemplate our position and plan on continuing to live the Christian life. If we want to go to heaven we must make our plans; we must set ourselves on going there. We find as we study this chapter how to do that very thing.

We find that in the New King James Version of verse 5 that we are to "put to death" certain sins from our life. The sins listed are desires of the flesh. They are five in number listed here; fornication which is a broad term dealing with sexual desires that are not lawful. Uncleaness can deal with physical and moral impurity. Passion is mentioned next and has to deal with desires and in this case evil desires. The fourth thing mentioned that we are to put to death is of evil desires or evil concupiscence in the King James Version. It has to deal with evil lust. The last mentioned thing that one is to put to death is that of covetousness which is idolatry. Covetousness is the idea of wanting more and getting the thing desired through extortion. We also find not only things we are put to death but also some things which we are to "put off." We begin finding these attitudes in verses eight and nine. They are anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication, and finally we not to lie to one another. Anger needs to be controlled.

We find that when we are angry we are not to sin (Ephesians 4:26). Most of the time when we are angry, we are out of control with our temper, that is the time we might sin. Wrath seems to be more intense than anger, so

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Scripture Reading
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Closing Prayer
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Tommy Stacks(P)
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John Hughes, Harry Wise, Art Hein
Causie Crane
Tommy Wolaver

here is a place as we pursue Christianity we must not go. We cannot go to malice which is in the same line as the above and has to deal with viciousness. Next, we are to put off blasphemy which is speaking to cause injury to someone. And then we are not to allow filthy communication come out of our mouth. This is curse words and may include euphemisms. Of course one would think that a Christian would always tell the truth because all liars have a place in the lake of fire and brimstone (Revelation 21:8).

Next as one pursues Christianity we find that once he has taken off these things there are a number of things that he is to "put on." Those things that we are to "put on" are: bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, we are to forbear with one another and forgive. We also are to put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Let us work on these things that a Christian is to "put on" all the days of our life. This will make the person pursuing Christianity more Christ like.

There may be more within this chapter but this will help us as we begin taking a look at the years past and setting goals for the New Year. The desire for you all from us is that you have a good and safe year ahead. Love Keith

BULLETIN INFORMATION

If there is something that needs to be put in the bulletin please email Crissy at trudyblue1@yahoo.com. Please get this info to her before Thursday evening. You can also text her with info at 706-206-8514