

For The Record...

December 20th

Bible Study	79
AM Worship	118
PM Worship	60

December 23rd

Bible Study	36
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Offering December 20th
\$2602.00

Please keep any electronic devices
on silent during worship.

Celebration of Life for...

Sutton Crane

January 16th * 6:30pm
In the Fellowship Hall

Where can you help out?
Please let one of the deacons know.

IF YOU NEED A HEARING DEVICE PLEASE LET US KNOW!

TIME CHANGE ON PARTY

The Secret Sister Reveal party is postponed at the moment. Please go ahead and get your final gift. It WILL be in January. A final date will be given very soon. We are sorry for any conflict this may have cause you.

MAKE A PLEDGE TO BE A PART OF THE LADIES DEVO!

The ladies will resume their monthly fellowship in January. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Please plan to be a part of this time together. It only lasts about an hour. It really strengthens your relationships! Will you pledge to be there?

MAKE A PLEDGE TO BE A FULL TIME MEMBER!

The New Year is approaching very rapidly. New resolutions will be strived for! Make a decision to be here. Participate. Teach. Grow. The bible says that we are in the last days. Lets get busy in 2016!

Secret Sister Reveal Party

There will be a reveal
party in January in the Fellowship Hall.
More details to follow.

ANY of the ladies may attend this brunch!
Plan to be there!

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DECEMBER 27, 2015

Assembly Times:

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study
Morning-10:30 am
Evening-7:00 pm

ELDERS

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MINISTER KEITH DIXON

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

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

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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.

COME BACK TONIGHT! SERVICES START AT 6PM.

UP Coming EVENTS

CARE GROUPS...GET INVOLVED!

For the first 3 weeks of the month we have groups that meet after morning worship. They eat lunch and and fellowship. If you are not a part of a team please tell one of the edlers.

MEN'S BREAKFAST-EVERY WED: 9AM ~ POT-LUCK CAFE

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS! THIRD SUNDAYS.

If you are able to visit at the nursing home please let one of the elders know.

LADIES DEVO WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 12TH. 7PM. BRING A FINGER FOOD

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Please keep Albert Tolle and his family in your prayers. His sister passed away.
Please keep ALL of the families that have recently lost loved ones in your prayers.
Donna Parker will have surgery Jan. 15th to remove a mass in her stomach.
Anita Pettus is in need of prayer.
Larry Eldridges sister, Donna White is taking chemotherapy.
Jewel Taylor is experiencing health issues. Give her a call.
Please keep Jessica Sweeney's grandfather in your prayers.
June Handte is still experiencing a lot of pain.
Carole Wolaver's sister, Joyce Beech has been admitted to hospice.
Richard Battaglia had a biopsy done and is awaiting results.
Continue to pray for the recent ones who came forward and asked for prayers, Blake Wolaver, Shawna Glenn, and Penny Dawkins.
Larry and Faye Shyers, Emma and Logan Dentons grandparents, are in need of prayer. They are members of the Mt. Dora church of Christ.
Marry Nell's brother, Adrian Walker has been diagnose with lupus.
Please continue to pray for each other.



PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY



Barron Crane, Matt Callihan, Jacob Shepherd,
Shilo Crane, Garrett Crane, Tim Dixon, Matt Shepherd, Corey Henry

IF SOMEONE NEEDS TO BE ADDED PLEASE LET US KNOW.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS-DEC.

The pantry is used for members or anyone in need. Please help us be able to keep these items on hand. Let your kids bring them to class. They'll be excited to help!

- Canned Chili
- Minute Rice
- Saltines
- Laundry Detergent
- Deodorant

WEDNESDAY CLASSES AT 10:30 AM!

Don't like driving at night? Come to Bible Study for the early class...

~~Come back to worship tonight!~~

Counting the Cost

Have you ever wanted to build a new house? Did you ever wanted a new car? After the decision was made to buy or build what was the next question? Most likely it was: what is the cost of building or buying? If the cost was too high then there might be other options were thought of or sought that might be available. The Bible talks about this same thing when considering discipleship. Luke 14:25-33 reads thusly, "And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doeth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassador, and desireth conditions of peace. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." The cost of discipleship must be considered and must be paid if heaven is to be ours when we end the days of our life here on this earth.

One of the first costs is that of family. Within this passage it states that one must "hate" father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, and yea, even our own lives to be a disciple of Christ. The word "hate" is the one that trips up most folks! Looking at another passage that is parallel will help solve this problem. Matthew 10:37 states exactly what we are looking for, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." So the word "hate" is Luke 14:26 is the idea of "love less" in Matthew 10:37. The Bible dose not tell us to "hate" father, mother, wife, or children, but it does tell us to love less father, mother, wife, and children. God is to be first in our life. Yes, we are to take care of our families (1 Timothy 5:8). Yes, we are to honor our father and mother (Ephesians 6:2-3). But in all of this we still are to put God first in our life. Are we willing to pay the price? Some are not willing to pay this price. Some will not obey the Gospel because if they did that would condemn their father or their mother. Their father and their mother were good godly people and were members of a denominational religious group. If this person obeyed or did not obeyed will not change the eternal destiny of their parents! That has been sealed, if they are dead. If they are not dead, then there is the opportunity to teach them this same idea of counting the cost. They just might be willing to pay the price!

We all will appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ and receive a reward according to the things that we have done in our bodies (2 Corinthians 5:10). What our parents did, we will not be judged by that. What our

children have done will not effect our eternal destiny! It is what we have done. If we know the truth and do not obey the truth, then the wrath of God will be upon our own heads. Some are not willing to pay the price for that mansion in heaven.

Some are not willing to pay the price of being a disciple of Christ. There are many costs to being a disciple of Christ. One cost is that of time. It does take time to be a disciple of Christ. It takes time to worship. It takes time to study the Bible. It takes time to "go into all the world."

It takes time to visit the "fatherless and the widows in their afflictions" and many are not willing to take the time to do these very things. Out of a one hundred and sixty eight hour week many are not willing to take three hours of their time to worship God publicly each week. Out of this same one hundred sixty eight hour week many are not willing to take time to teach others what they must do to be saved. Oh, but that is what we pay the preacher to do! Think about that statement for a minute. If you are paying the preacher to do all of your Christian work are you paying him to go to heaven for you? One might respond, "oh, no, that is my job! I want to go to heaven but I want someone else to do all the work for me to go. You see I am paying the price for someone else to do all my work, but I want the rewards for them doing the work." That will not work in any situation today. We can not pay someone for doing our work and then we reap the rewards of their work. We must appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive the things that we have done in our own bodies (2 Corinthians 5:10)!

Some are not willing to pay the price for being a disciple of Christ. Remember what God has given to us. He has given His Only Begotten Son for us to have salvation. Christ has given His Own Life for us to have salvation. What are we willing to give to have this salvation? It is free to all who want it, but it is very expensive! When we consider all the apostle and many of the Christians of the first century and the price that they paid to worship and serve God, are we willing to give the same as they had to give? Many sold their possession to give to the poor who were in need. Many had the possessions take by force because they were living the Christian life. Many were killed because they were not willing to deny Christ before any man. Oh, the cost that was paid by others, and yet what are we willing to pay to be a disciple of Christ? Would we be willing to give our friends up for being a disciple? Would we be willing to give up our popularity to be a Christian? What is the cost and are we willing to pay the price?
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