

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The new directory should be ready by January of 2015!

CARDS FOR CLIFF

If you would like to send a card to Cliff Bowden his address is:
3152 River Overlook Ct., Monroe, GA 30655

SUGGESTIONS

If you have any suggestions for next years Family Enrichment Seminar please give it to one of the elders.

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Those serving...

December 28th-A.M. Services

Song Leading	Don Evans
Scripture Reading	Trey Callihan
Opening Prayer	John Thomason
Lord's Supper	Perry Sims(P)

Tom Parker, John Hughes,
Zane Whatley, Grant Parker,
Art Hein, Duke Allen

Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Gerald Wood
Media Attendant	Dwayne McCannon
Announcements/Invitation	Tommy Wolaver

December 28th-P.M. Services

Song Leading	John Hughes
Scripture Reading	Jonathan Evans
Opening Prayer	Calvin McCoy
Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Albert Tolle

December 31st-Wednesday Services

Announcements	Tommy Wolaver
Lead Singing	Don Evans
Devotional	Frank Long
Closing Prayer	Albert Tolle
Media Attendant	DJ Allen

For The Record...

December 21st

Bible Study	62
AM Worship	79
PM Worship	50
Contribution	\$3600/\$2114.05
YTD	\$183,600.00/\$158,370.54

December 24th

Bible Study	48
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Yearly Totals

Baptisms	6
New Members	18

MONROE CHURCH OF CHRIST

"...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
Morning-10:30 am
Evening-7:00 pm

ELDERS

LARRY ELDRIDGE 678-524-3848
TOMMY WOLAVER 770-596-7893

DEACONS

DUKE ALLEN 404-538-9507
TREY CALLIHAN 770-841-4975
JOHN HUGHES 678-983-8192
TOM WOLAVER 770-560-3722

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

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 28, 2014

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

Gina Tolle continue to recover.
Mary Barzack is recovering knee surgery.
Karon Sims is improving after having surgery.
Georgia Hancock had knee surgery and is recovering well.
Phil Redmond will have surgery December 30th.
Sharon Eldridge has been dealing with health problems.
Calvin McCoy came forward desiring to be more devoted to Christ.
Art and Edwina are having trouble with their knees.
Pray for our entire congregation. Pray for the community of Monroe as well.

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

COME BACK TONIGHT! SERVICES START AT 6PM.

MARK Your CALENDAR

01-04 SERVANTS FOR THE MASTER-TEAM 1
01-11 SERVANTS FOR THE MASTER-TEAM 2
01-13 SECRET SISTER REVEAL-7PM

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED!

Pantry Items for December
Canned fruit, dried beans, & rice.
Our pantry is very low. Please help us replenish it.

Secret Sister Final Gift

If you participated in the Secret Sister Ministry during the 2014 year OR if you would like to participate in the 2015 year please plan to come January 13th. We will have finger foods and reveal the secret sisters. We will also have questionnaires for the 2015 year.

BUDGET FOR 2015

The budget for 2015 is available in the foyer. There have been changes from last year. Please see the elder for any questions.

GROUP 3 NEEDS A LEADER!???

YOUTH NEWS

STAY TUNED FOR 2015 INFO!

The End

This is the last bulletin for 2014. It seems like it has just begun. But a lot of things have happened this year. We have lost a few members and have gained a few. We need to start gaining and quit loosing; maybe this next year is the year for that. Some have lost loved one, and that will continue to happen as long as we live.

This year is about over and the Bible does speak of the end of something. "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit" (Ecclesiastes 7:8). So why is it better at the end than the beginning? Somethings seem to have a great beginning! When a child is born that is great. When a person becomes a Christian that also is a great thing. So how could the end be better than the beginning?

There is the end of suffering. There is the end of pain. Some young people do not know what living with constant pain is; yes, some do know, but for the most part most young people do not know. When the end of one life comes, then there is no more of the constant pain that we have. Pain can come from different areas of life. Cancer can cause pain. Broken bones can cause pain, and even if they have been healed for a long time, the pain can still rise up from time to time. There is also emotional pain. Families may have problems that cause some really deep pain. Drinking, drug addiction, divorce, and money problems all cause pain within the family. So when one comes to the end of this journey of life, there is something better!

There is the end of persecution. Paul told Timothy, "Yea, and all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12). So all that are living for God will during their life time be persecuted. Paul was. Not long after becoming a Christian, the Jews did not like it that he had left them and was teaching and preaching Christianity. They sought to kill him, but he escaped by being let down the walls of the city, in a basket (Acts 9:25). The Jews sought him really all his life and persecuted him all his life. Paul stated some of what he had been through in 2 Corinthians, "Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, one was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fasting often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the

churches" (2 Corinthians 11:24-29). So when Paul came to the end of his life this would all end. As we live for the Lord, striving each day to do His will, we too will undergo persecution. As long as we live that will happen. When we come to the end of the pathway of life then our persecution will end. Better is the end than the beginning.

The last thing that we want to deal with in this article is that there is the reward. "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8). "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12). Think of all that comes with that crown of life. The city that is described in Revelation twenty-one is so beautiful that these words truly do not do it justice. Can you image a city that has a street that is paved with pure gold. If we are faithful until death, that is what we have to look forward to. So the end of a thing is better than the beginning.

Let us all strive for things better for the next year. Set goals or New Years Resolutions and work for them all during the year. Have a good end of the year and a great new years. Love, Keith

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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