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## Enjoy Holiday Gatherings

This Holiday season (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year Celebration), a great number of families and friends will gather together. Some celebrating for secular reasons others for religious. Some of the greatest joys and disappointments are experienced this time of the year. Here are three suggestions to aid your holiday experience, so the entire celebratory package may be opened with joy. Remember your gathering is not a courthouse, a tennis court, or Golgotha.

**Courthouse.** Leave your judicial robes in the closet. A holiday gathering is not the time for judgment and conviction. You have all gathered together at your own will. This is a time for patience and peace. The scriptures use the word “longsuffering”, which may be more appropriate in your case. Yes, your relatives may do or say things that drive you crazy. You are different people and different people have different lifestyles. However, you have not gathered together to ruin someone’s special day by telling them what is wrong with their life. There are other times to have those discussions. Realize these are people who are in the same crazy life that you are. They want the same thing you do, to have joy, which the world tries to steal away as often as possible. “Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14).

**Tennis Court.** There are going to be comments made during the gathering that may be an irritant or even hurtful. Yes, you want to bring out your backhand ... don’t do it. Do not engage in a volley of words. At first, it seems as if these things are subtle barbs, a little poke in the ribs. Perhaps no one notices, but you do. So you launch another comment back. Before you know it a full scale match of words is going on. You are each serving up one mouthful of pain after another. Is that why you are gathering? Is that going to make the others around you feel good? You don’t get set, point, match by seeing who you can hurt the most at a holiday gathering. The issue is one of humility. No one likes to be put down. To counter it, our conceit, or ego swings back. Instead, let us swallow our pride and take up the matter at a more private time and in a mature fashion. “Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another” (Galatians 5:26).

**Golgotha.** Golgotha is the place to where Jesus carried His cross and died. First, you are not going to die at your holiday gathering. You may pass out from food consumption or get salmonella eating Aunt Hilga’s deviled eggs, but the chances of you dying are extremely small. Second, carrying your cross of burden and suffering can create a lot of damage around the house (think of the small amount of space in the kitchen!). Seriously, there are many folks each holiday season that act as if it is the biggest burden they have every engaged in by gathering together. The house is too full, the turkey kept them up 9 hour last night, there is dirt on the front door rug, there aren’t enough pickled beets for every-

### SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am  
Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am  
Evening Worship & Classes 5:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

one, where are all the pies going to go, and oh, the dirty dishes – and they have to take care of it all! “Woe is me! Look how much I have to put up with to make this all happen.” Yes, someone out there is carrying an awful big cross. In the midst of a party, they are working hard to fill everyone up with a big, hot, steaming plate of guilt. Don’t let this be you. Remember, serving others is something we do out of kindness and love. Can you imagine Christ carrying his cross to Golgotha and complaining all the way? Christ did indeed suffer, but was silent as a lamb led to the slaughter. What he did, he did out of love. Perhaps, you can remember His Words if you really feel you are suffering by serving: “And Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do’” (Luke 23:34).

Friends, if you gather during this time of year, remember this is a time you can lead by example. Make your example one of peace, humility, and love. You are not at a courthouse, tennis court, or Golgatha. There is a connection to those with whom you are gathering together. These are family and friends who want to have the best of the day for themselves, you, and the rest of those gathered. In the best of all worlds, your example allows you to influence hopeful future heirs to the kingdom of God (Revelation 21:7). In the least, you make it through your gathering and don’t leave with mash potatoes thrown into your hair.

by Travis Main

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES



Sunday, Dec 7th there are two Christmas Parties

- \* First the youth will go to Ben and Selene’s home during class time and have a youth devo until 6:00 then have their youth party. (please bring a wrapped gift costing no more than \$10.00).
- \* Second, there will be a gathering after evening services in the fellowship room for anyone else, please bring sandwiches, finger foods, snacks, etc. More details maybe coming.

### Wednesday, Nov 26th

Due to Thanksgiving holiday, services are moved to Tuesday night

### Thursday and Friday, Nov 27th & 28th

The office will be closed

### Sunday, Nov 30th

5th Sunday special contribution

### Sunday, Dec 7th

Teen Christmas Party after evening service at Ben & Selene’s home  
(bring a wrapped gift costing no more than \$10)

Another Christmas party in the fellowship room after PM services

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Our sympathy is extended to Bert Shelby and family after the passing of her sister, Ann Isom, on Thursday. Bert has been in Arkansas to help care for her off and on this past year.
- Our sympathy is extended to Ruth Henry and family after the passing of her sister, JoAnn Price; services were in West Virginia. She is also the aunt of Carol Madding.
- Maile Reedy, a friend of the Whitchurch family, has been added to the prayer list, she is in need of a kidney transplant.
- Darcy Ives, a friend of the Rothell family, has been diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; David Guten (Afghanistan);
- **Our friends and family:** Suzanne Stamps; Sue Gilbert (Leasa's mother); Jeannene Thomas (cancer); Barbara Vaughan; Eric Vaughan (heart); the Mulkey family; Larry Isaacs (chemo); Bryant Calip (chemo); Maggie Ryan (cancer); Daniel Cessor (cancer); James Hultman (cancer); Maile Reedy (kidney transplant); Darcy Ives (cancer) & others.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV 26TH

Wednesday, Nov 26th services will be moved to Tuesday, Nov 25th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be NO classes, everyone will meet in the auditorium for a special service.

## OLD FOYER AREA

We are hoping in the near future to move a bulletin board to the old foyer area so the sign up sheets and other information will be closer.

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Mickey Hecht, Nov 17	Topper & Melissa Causby, Dec 1	Steven Wetzel, Dec 14
Natasha Tuggle, Nov 19	Zac Caldwell, Dec 5	Keith Riggs, Dec 15
Melinda Jones, Nov 25	Karen Brown, Dec 5	Randy & Karen Brown, Dec 16
Earline Lierly, Nov 27	Scott Lack, Dec 11	Ryan Pulliam, Dec 18
Oliver Tuggle, Nov 27	Jerry Morgan, Dec 12	Ben Williams, Dec 18
Fisher Patterson, Dec 1	Henry Lack, Dec 12	Selene Williams, Dec 20

## OUR YOUTH

**Reid Figueiredo** knows the number of books in the Bible and can say Genesis 1:1 and **Caleb Hallsted** can name the 4 gospel books and knows the number of books in the Bible. Good job! (I accidentally left off Reid's accomplishment last week, I am so sorry about that!)

## LADIES

Ladies, if you would like to be added or taken off of the communion schedule, please give Susan Yeager a note on or before Sunday, Dec 14th. Thank you.

## LADIES

If you are one of the ladies preparing communion and are concerned about the stairs, you are welcome to ask anyone to help you (be it an Elder, deacon, member, anyone that is able and willing to help) with the trays.

## NEW ADDITION

We are happy to announce there is an addition to the Wadkins family. Vivienne Michelle Wadkins was born Tuesday, Nov 11th, weighing 6 lb 12 oz and 19 3/4" long. All are doing well. Congratulations Wadkins family!



## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

A list of items needed for the Thanksgiving baskets is posted on the bulletin board. [There are a lot of open spaces for you to sign up on. Please sign up today!](#) These items need to be brought to the building by this Wednesday, Nov 19th (there is a box in the fellowship room for them).

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### Attendance: Last Week

		Contribution	
Sunday Bible Classes	125	Sunday Contribution	\$4,036.62
Sunday AM Worship	172	Budget	\$4,185.00
Sunday PM Worship	100	Over Budget	\$6,262.91
Wednesday Bible Classes	83	Building Fund	\$4,744.23

### Men To Serve

#### Sunday Morning

Song Leader	Matt Caldwell
Opening Prayer	Todd Khoury
Scripture Reading	Michael Brown
Closing Prayer	Johnny Riggs
Lord's Table	James Hamilton
	Robert Hallsted
	Doyle Tuggle
	Jerry Morgan
	Robert Hill
	Matt Hamilton

#### Greeter

Bruce & Lilia  
 Steve & Sandy

#### Ushers

Dennis Robinson  
 Topper Causby

#### Lock Building

Johnny Riggs and Bob Simmons

#### Announcements

Bobby Hill

#### Contribution

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#### Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Matt Caldwell
Opening Prayer	Harry Reeve
Closing Prayer	Keith Riggs
Lord's Table	Doyle Tuggle
	Jerry Morgan

#### Wednesday Evening

Song Leader	Jerry Buller
Opening Prayer	Carl Burrus
Closing Prayer	Doyle Tuggle

### Communion Preparation

11/2	Susan Yeager
11/9	Renee Whitchurch
11/16	Mickey Hecht
11/23	Barbara Girod
11/30	Debbie Whitchurch
12/7	Selene Williams
12/14	Bayla Burrus
12/21	Lilia Rothell
12/28	Becky Byers



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**SEARCH**  
 OF THE LORD'S WAY ®

"These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily..." (Act 17:11)

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB  
 TV47 or Cable Channel 7

### Search Programs:

- Nov 16 - Doctrine Matters
- Nov 23 - Give Thanks
- Nov 30 - Do You Believe?
- Dec 7 - In Spirit and Truth
- Dec 14 - Why Am I Here?
- Dec 21 - The Gift of Love
- Dec 28 - A Doer Who Acts

### Sunday Morning Sermon

Jonah Series: "Preaching & Repenting"  
 Jonah 3:1-5  
 Benjamin Williams

### Sunday Evening Adult Class

Pastoral Epistles  
 Benjamin Williams