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Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:20 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846



Mike's Minute

For it is by grace you have been saved through faith— and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works so that no man can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:8-10

A preacher named Rick Warren tells about a time he was sitting in a parked car on a hot summer day waiting for his wife to come out of a store. Their daughter was three years old and was strapped into a car seat in the back. Frustrated by having to wait in the heat and confined tightly by her car seat, the little girl leaned her head toward the open window and yelled, "Please, God! Get me out of this!"

She was crying out for a Savior! Because she couldn't free herself, she needed someone bigger and more powerful to rescue her from her frustrating predicament.

Ever feel like that? We all have. Maybe you've been feeling that way this Christmas season. Perhaps you feel like yelling, "Please, God! Get me out of this!"

Salvation is typically defined as deliverance from sin, self, and hell. It definitely includes all that, but it also involves more. We are not only saved *from* something bad, but we are also saved *for* something good.

God made us for good works. Salvation frees us to be able to perform that good work. Salvation is being given the freedom and power to fulfill God's purpose for your life.

That is news worth celebrating this Christmas season... or any season!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

We are on the heels of another Christmas and I sure hope it was special! The gears now shift and, as we prepare to step into a new year, the Bible invites us to pause, reflect, and seek the Lord's wisdom for what lies ahead. The Bible will always be applicable for whatever obstacle might be coming your way in 2026. Rather than rushing forward and relying on our own strength, Scripture reminds us to trust God with our plans and our time. "So, *teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom*" (Psalm 90:12).

The new year is a gift and it's an opportunity to grow in faith, deepen our love for others, and walk more closely with Christ. As a church family, let us enter the coming year with humble hearts, renewed commitment, and confident hope, knowing that the Lord goes before us and remains faithful in every season.

I know you may hear of "resolutions" and, while they may not always be necessary, they can be helpful in getting our minds zeroed in on what needs to change. Maybe you want to lean more on your church family? Maybe you want to trust God more? Maybe you want to read your Bible more frequently or pray more often? All of these are positives and if it takes a "New Year, new me" mentality to get you there, then take it!

To God be the glory,
Josh



We cannot thank you enough for your generous contributions to our employees' families. This means so much to our entire organization. Your generosity has helped provide comfort during a challenging time. We are sincerely grateful for your compassion and willingness to support those who need it most.

-AES Team



JANUARY

- 1 Dustin Bailey
Randal Halbrooks
- 2 Adam Lawson
- 3 Jon Michael Ward
- 4 Ellieana Demary
Melinda Sullivan
- 5 Sadie Stacks
- 7 Carlin Cochran Thomasson
Alexia Dotson Graham
Wyatt H. Irwin
- 8 Brittany Gilbert
- 12 Mason Ward
- 13 Brenda Burchard
Kelley Hassell
Lonnie Horner
- 14 Reda Springer
- 15 Jennifer Lynn
- 16 Lafayette Spears
- 17 Phillip Coates
- 18 Dale Dillingham
Elissa O'Gorman
- 19 Paige Truett
- 22 Sonya Daniels
Dustin Holt
Rita Sullivan
- 25 Quincy Cochran
Zack Harvill
- 28 Crystal Wilson
- 29 Virginia Belle Bailey
- 31 Diana Bailey



JANUARY

- 1 Lewis & Yvonna Caillouet
Jeffrey & Sonya Daniels
- 4 Vance & Jana Willis
- 22 Don & Debbie Beard



Sympathy to the family of **Sue Davidson**, mother of **Teresa Perry** passed away early Wednesday morning. Arrangements are incomplete now.

MEN TO SERVE 1-4-26

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett

Scripture Reading: Chris Wright

Scripture: TBA

Preside Lord's Supper: Adam Jude

Left: Wallace Smith	Right: Vance Willis
Ken Copley	Wes Crowther
Josh Copley	Boyce Cannon
Phillip Coates	Erik Hassell

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Chris Wright

Van Driver: Jack Green (931-628-0355)

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates

Scripture: TBA

Song Leader: Jeff Stacks

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Lord's Supper: Mathew Wright, Edwin Wright

Closing Prayer: Roy McCoy

Van Driver: Jack Green (931-994-8317)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

Van Driver: Chris Love (931-994-7855)

MEN TO SERVE 12-28-25

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber

Scripture Reading: Buddy Chandler

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10

Preside Lord's Supper: Mike Breece

Left: Mathew Wright	Right: Josh Copley
Edwin Wright	Quincy Cochran
Carter Bates	Brett Wilson
James Jett	Zack Harvill

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Chris Wright

Van Driver: Angie Green (931-219-7979)

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Kenneth Jett

Scripture: Isaiah 43:18-19

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

Lord's Supper: Ken Copley, Boyce Cannon

Closing Prayer: Wayne Prince

Van Driver: Angie Green (931-219-7979)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

Van Driver: Chris Love (931-994-7855)

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 21, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	203
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,117
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5,417

Welcome to all our visitors. Please fill out a visitor's card and leave it on the seat so we can have a record of your visit.

**THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK!
ENJOY THE HOLIDAY'S!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our pictorial directory is here. See Sheila Brady in the library to pick up your copy if you had a photo made or filled out a membership form.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the **basement**.

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday at 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.



January

- 6th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @t FH
- 11th - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service FH
- 18th - Puppet show, during evening service in LO
- 20th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @t FH

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Sarah Jude (home), Jan Hopkins-Campbell, Steve Atkinson (St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Brandy Sullivan, Woody Woodruff (St. Thomas West-Select Specialty), Harry Totty, Peggy McCoy, Conner Peebles (home), Dave Davidson (VA hospital), Curtis Edwards, Mike Batts, Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Violet Shelby, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

Friends & Family: Gail Tidwell (former member), Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Sue Essary, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts, Michael Harvill, Dottie McClearn, Drew Elliott, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, Edna Copley, Doug True, Davy Baker, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, Willie Lawler, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

Life Care: David Talley, Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Sue Davidson, Wilma Green

The Bridge, Columbia: Hattie Mayberry

If you have a **prayer request**, please write it on a blue card and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.

What do you think of when you see a candy cane? A Christmas decoration? A sweet treat? There's more to see! Here are 5 ways candy canes can help us remember the real meaning of Christmas.

J IS FOR JESUS
If you turn a candy cane in just the right way, you will see the letter 'J' which reminds us of the Savior's name. Before Jesus was born, an angel delivered a special message from God: "Call His name **JESUS**, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

A SHEPHERD'S STAFF
Now turn the candy cane around and it looks like a shepherd's staff—a curved stick used by shepherds to care for and protect their sheep. This reminds us that shepherds were among the first people to see Jesus after He was born in Bethlehem (read Luke 2:8-20). After Jesus grew up, He performed many miracles and taught the people about God. He said people are like lost sheep, and that He is "**the good shepherd**" who can rescue us from sin and death (John 10:11).

RED STRIPES
Candy canes have beautiful stripes that are usually red. These red stripes remind us that our Savior shed His blood and died for us on the cross. Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God's prophet Isaiah spoke of the Savior who would one day suffer for His people: "**He was wounded for our transgressions ... by His stripes we are healed**" (Isaiah 53:5).

A PICTURE OF LOVE
Why did Jesus do this for us? If you position two candy canes just the right way, you can see the reason—love. "**God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life**" (John 3:16).

SWEET FORGIVENESS
A candy cane lasts longer than other sweet treats, but before long it's gone. But the sweetness of knowing Jesus lasts forever! When you turn to God and put your trust in Jesus, He forgives all of your sins and gives you a fresh new start. He will be with you through all of life's troubles, and when your life on earth is over you will spend eternity in Heaven with God!