#### MEN WHO SERVE

	SERVICE	DECEMBER 27	JANUARY 3
MORNING	Song Leader	Jimmy Snow	
	Announcements	Tom Davenport	
	Opening Prayer	Jered Markman	
	Scripture Reading	Matthew Forrest	
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	
	Closing Prayer	Phil Forrest	
EVENING	Opening Prayer	Oscar Koontz	
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	
	Closing Prayer	Daniel Forrest	
	Lord's Table	Jimmy Snow	
	Wed Song Leader	Tom Davenport	

#### LORD'S SUPPER

Center	Oscar Koontz
Servers	Steve Anderson
	Scott Tesh
	Mark Koontz
	Rick Brown
Prepare/Cleanup	The Davenports
Bread	The Davenports

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## THE BLESSED LIFE

The opening words of the Book of Psalms are: "Blessed is the man..." Who is this prototype of a blessed man? What traits does he possess? And is it possible for each of us to be such a person?

First, there is the negative side. This blessed man does not walk "in the counsel of the ungodly." There are plenty of people in this world who will give you bad advice on how to live your life. But the only correct way to live is to follow the Creator's manual, that is, the Bible. Also this blessed man does not stand "in the way of sinners." He does not follow the bad example of others in their speech, dress, behavior, entertainment, etc. Exodus 23:2 warns, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." Proverbs 1:10 offers this advice, "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." And further this blessed man does not sit "in the seat of the scornful." Today's English Version translates it: "join those who make fun of God." It's not uncommon at all in our world for people to ridicule God and religion. Of course, we must never condone such. (Psalm 1:1)

Second, there is the positive side. The blessed man delights in God's word – "But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." (Psalm 1:2) In stark contrast to following the counsel of the ungodly he lets God's word be his meditation, counselor and guide. And what's the result. His will be a fruitful, blessed life. Just as surely as "a tree planted by the rivers of water" is fruitful even so the man who plants his life upon the word of God will enjoy a rewarding life. (Psalm 1:3)

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A few weeks ago while visiting another congregation, I heard them encourage the entire congregation to read through the New Testament in the upcoming year. I thought that's a good idea. Of course, if you are in the habit of reading through the entire Bible in a year, reading through the New Testament is not much. However, if you are not a regular Bible reader, than reading through the New Testament in 2016 would be a good start. Try for one chapter a day and even if you miss a few, you'll make it through in a year.

Claude

# WELCOME

Visitors, you are our honored guests! We are so glad you have joined us. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the collection plate.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>December 31 Thursday</u> Game Night and Social from 6 to 9pm in the fellowship hall.

January 5 Tuesday Just Christians Missions will resume for the new year. The subject that will be studied is "Church History: 1st century to the American Restoration"

<u>January 2016</u> Snow Tubing Trip Date and details to come.

January 30 Saturday Muffin in a Mug Ladies Devo

# PRAYER LIST

Penny Austin, Belinda's sister, has leukemia.

**Wanda Bodford**, Cindy Brown's aunt, in addition to fibromyalgia, has been diagnosed with gastritis and spinal stenosis. She continues to be in pain.

**Candice Davenport**, Tom and Jenny's sister-in-law, has ovarian cancer and has begun receiving chemotherapy treatments.

**Mike Rowand**, Brooke's father, is recovering from heart surgery.

**Clarence Rupert** is recovering from a broken hip. **Jenni Smith** 

J. R. Stroud is at the Elms.

### **Larry Warner**

David Jones Tracy Harmon Janet Rhodes Holland Joe Koontz (Glenn's brother)
Bob Scales (relative of
Tom Davenport) has
pancreatic cancer.

## SHUT INS

Vergie Farmer Bertha Graves Sadie Rice Wanda Scott Elizabeth Seamon Dorothy Smith

## HAPPY -BIRTHDAY

Macy Davenport Mark Koontz Sunday Dec 27 Sunday Dec 27