

MEN WHO SERVE

	SERVICE	DECEMBER 25	JANUARY 1
MORNING	Song Leader	Eddie Nuckols	Phil Forrest
	Announcements	Rick Brown	Eddie Nuckols
	Opening Prayer	Oscar Koontz	Scott Tesh
	Scripture Reading	Matthew Forrest	John Davenport
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	Claude Pharr
	Closing Prayer	Scott Tesh	Rick Brown
EVENING	Opening Prayer	Ortie Boyd	Prayer Service
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	
	Closing Prayer	Matthew Brown	
	Lord's Table	Eddie Nuckols	Phil Forrest
	Wed Song Leader	Eddie Nuckols	Phil Forrest

LORD'S SUPPER

Center Servers	Rick Brown	Jered Markman
	John Davenport	Matthew Brown
	Daniel Forrest	Oscar Koontz
	Edgar Markman	Scott Tesh
	Matthew Forrest	Russ LaChapelle
Prepare/Cleanup Bread	Rick/Cindy Brown	Rick/Cindy Brown

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ELDERS

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The Ever-Present Poor

On one occasion Jesus made this statement: "Ye have the poor with you always." (Mark 14:7) It is so obviously true. Even in a land as prosperous as ours. Even with our fifty some years of war on poverty, still it has not been completely eradicated from our own land. But not only is there the ever-present poor in the world – we have a ever-present responsibility to help.

A while back as I stopped by a drug store to pick up some medicine, a young lady asked me for help. Usually in Winston-Salem those who stand at traffic lights to ask for help, have a badge indicating that the person has been cleared by the authorities to ask for alms. This lady, however, had no badge. So before helping her I ask the druggist if he knew her. He did not but he made a statement which has stuck with me. He said, "If that's her way of making a living, it would be okay to give her a couple of dollars." I know one or two of those who stand on the corners with a sign asking for help. And I know personally that some of them at least work when they can get work. And when there is no work, asking alms is their only means of livelihood.

How should we view the poor? Some of them at least are doing the best that they can. We should see them as a real opportunity to practice true religion. Remember the Proverb: "He that hath pity upon the poor lends unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will be paid him again." (Proverb 19:17)

Claude

WELCOME

We are so glad you are here. If this is your first time with us, we would like to let you know what to expect. We seek to worship according to the New Testament pattern. We sing without mechanical musical instruments (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). We observe the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7). This memorial is for those who have been baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38, 42), yet we do not have "closed communion". Everyone must examine himself (I Cor. 11: 27-29). An offering is collected from our members (I Cor. 16:1-2). As our guest, you are not expected to make a donation. A Biblical message (Acts 20:7) will be preached and men will lead the congregation in prayer (I Tim. 2:8). We strive to worship God in spirit and in truth (according to the word of God - John 4:24). We encourage you to stay a while afterwards so that we can get to know you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 31 Saturday New Year's Eve Fellowship at the Maurer's at 5:30pm

January 1 Sunday New Year's Evening Prayer Service If you have a particular concern about which you would like the congregation to pray, please put it in the suggestion box.

AREA EVENTS

February 25, 2017 Saturday Ladies Day 8am-1:00pm at Cary church of Christ (see flyer on board to register)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Deborah Dull	Tuesday December 26
Joy Smith	Tuesday December 26
Macy Davenport	Wednesday December 27
Mark Koontz	Wednesday December 27

PRAYER LIST

Paul Johnson broke some toes week before last.

Glenn Koontz is experiencing some serious health problems. He underwent tests this past Monday at Rowan Hospital and received a good report from the doctor.

Belinda Nuckols is having knee pain. She had an MRI this past Thursday.

Jenny Smith, Belinda Nuckols' daughter, had surgery this past week and the procedure went well.

Sylvia White, Glenda Barber's sister, has colon cancer. She begins chemotherapy treatments this week.

Penny Austin
Robert Cole
Logan Condra

Edwina Gaddy
Estelle Kluttz
Joe Koontz

Larry Warner

SHUT-INS

Vergie Farmer
Sadie Rice

Wanda Scott
Dorothy Smith

Larry Warner

COMMUNION 2017

A new signup sheet has been posted for all who would like to volunteer to prepare and/or clean-up communion in the upcoming year. Also needed are ladies who would like to bake the unleavened bread. Please signup if you can help.

Q & A

Occasionally during Sunday evening services we will have a **Question and Answer Period**. If you have any questions that you would like to hear discussed remember to put them in the suggestion box.