

### LAST WEEKS NUMBERS

Sunday Bible Class —  
Sunday Morning Worship  
Sunday Evening Worship —  
Wednesday Bible Study —  
Offering \$  
Weekly Budget \$2200

### PLAN of SALVATION

#### **Hear the Gospel**

Romans 10:17

#### **Believe Jesus is God's Son**

Acts 16:30-31,  
Hebrews 11:6

#### **Repent of Sin**

Acts 17:30-31

#### **Confess Jesus is God's Son**

Acts 8:36-37, Matthew  
10:32, Romans 10:9-  
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#### **Be Baptized (immersed)**

Acts 2:38

#### **Live Faithfully**

1 John 1:7, Rev 2:10

### SCHEDULE of SERVICES **SUNDAY**

Bible Class 10am  
Morning Worship 11am  
Evening Worship 6pm  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Class 7pm

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**GROWTH: GOD GIVES THE INCREASE**

December 20, 2020

## **No Returns and No Exchanges**

Each December, we buy, give, open, and sometimes return almost countless gifts. As a kid, I remember thinking that every year, at least one item was always broken right out of the box and that at least a few always needed to be returned or exchanged.

During this special time of year, it is important to remember that we are also recipients of wonderful and innumerable gifts from God, which, unlike those we find under the tree, never fail and never need to be returned or exchanged.

God's greatest gift to each one of us is His grace. Paul wrote that "the surpassing grace of God in you" is "His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:14-15). Even the apostle, Paul, could not describe how extraordinary God's grace is. God's grace has been given to each one of us, and as it comes from God, it is perfect, never fails, never needs new batteries, and certainly never needs to be returned or exchanged for something better.

In Ephesians, we read, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God" (2:8). This perfect gift not only comes from God Himself, but it is what saves us for all of eternity. It is only by God's grace that we can find salvation from our sins.

We might find a mountain of presents under the tree. We might spend far more than we should on gifts for family and friends. We might even open a gift that we would describe as absolutely perfect. Still, we must not forget that the greatest, indescribable, and truly perfect gifts come from God. They are always exactly what we need and could never be exchanged for anything better.

*Matt Langfield*



HAVE  
A VERY  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



## IN NEED OF PRAYER

**Donald Grubbs** had a procedure to hopefully relieve his neck pain. He is still experiencing severe lower back pain.

**Jerry Stanley** is experiencing declining health. He is not eating and is unresponsive. Doctors think he may have pneumonia. He was admitted to Forsyth Hospital after a fall.

**Brandon, Taylor, Millie and Cash Maurer** have all tested positive for Covid19.

**Justin Tesh** has tested positive for Covid19.

Ryan Allgood, Mildred Bean, Ortie and Patsy Boyd, Bubba and Dy Cannon, Dillon Cranfill, Leroy Cranfill, Sue Evans, Don Grubbs, Elizabeth Hendren, Steve Higgenbotham, Roxanne Johnson, Glenn and Nancy Koontz, Sara and Oscar Koontz, Waylon Kuklantz, Brenda May, Mildred Phelps, Scott Tesh, Jay Stanley, Jerry Stanley, Jimmy Watkins

**Shut-Ins:** Robert Cole, Vergie Farmer, Estelle Kluttz, Wanda Scott, Bailey Walker

While we know that Christmas is not to be celebrated as a religious holiday, there is still an important component in the word “Christmas” that we need to consider. It’s indeed sad that there are many “politically correct” entities in our country who want to take “Christ” out of the word Christmas and replace it with the word “holidays” so as not to “offend” anyone. In fact, in most advertisements we see on television, the word Christmas is no longer heard.

Similarly, in first century society, Christ was very “offensive” as well. So much so, that He was crucified on a cross, for crimes He was not guilty of (cf. Matthew 27:11-25; Mark 15:1-15; Luke 23:13-26; John 18:28-40; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:21-22; 1 John 3:4-5).

In today’s society, Christ is still very much “offensive” to folks who have no regard for Him, or the inspired words about Him as recorded in the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16).

*Mike Riley, Gospel Snippets*



**STEVE BROWN**

DECEMBER 20 SUNDAY

**DANIEL FORREST**

DECEMBER 20 SUNDAY

**DEBORAH DULL**

DECEMBER 26 SATURDAY

**JOY SMITH**

DECEMBER 26 SATURDAY

