

“The Last Thing We Expected Was a Baby”

I. The Messiah

II. The Plan

III. The Kingdom

TODAY'S GREETERS: Alec Boyle & Alyssa Boyle

SUNDAY AM BIBLE CLASSES

Auditorium - Adults (Andrew Boyle)
“Against All the Gods Of Egypt” (Exodus 12:12)

Multipurpose Room - Teens (Doug Boyle)
Church History

WEDNESDAY PM - December 27th

Greeter
Song
Scripture (1 Peter 2:11-12)

Greyson Waide
Luke Rehmel
Aaron Boyle

WEDNESDAY PM BIBLE CLASSES

Auditorium - Adults (Tucker Fuxa)
“What Jesus Had To Say About Worship”

No Teen Class

Fellowship Hall - Ladies Class (Fern Boyle)
Biblical Geography

BLAST Class - PreK - 6th (Dec 27th: Kay Scott)

NEXT SUNDAY - December 31st

Greeters
Announcements
Songleader
Scripture Reading/Prayer
Lesson
Communion
Closing Prayer

Dan Biby & Darrell Senters
Tim Rehmel
Greyson Waide
Frosty Munsell
Tucker Fuxa
Bill David Walker
Roger Gaddie

~ SPECIAL DEVOTIONAL @ 7:00 PM ~
Followed by a New Year's Eve party

ELDERS **Elder of the Month - December*

Doug Boyle

**Greg Waide*

DEACONS **Responsible for locking the building - December*

Tim Ford - Audio-Visual/Technology

**Roger Gaddie* - Building/Communion Svc

Tim Rehmel - Education

If you ever miss a robo-call from the church, you can hear the most recent message again by dialing: 1-877-333-9336.

PULPIT MINISTER - Ray Rose

SECRETARIES - June Munsell & Jennifer Waide

Office Hours: 8:30 to 4:30 (Mon & Wed-Fri)

Notary services are available in the office Wed-Fri.



SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:30 am
 AM Worship 10:30 am
 PM Worship 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Mid-Week Boost Meal 5:30-6:30 pm
 Bible Study  7:00 pm

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Look Unto Jesus

I hope you enjoyed having the Freed-Hardeman University Chorale here last week as much as I did. What a talented and uplifting group of young people they truly are. During their performance, I noticed something that was vital for their success. As they were singing their sweet melodies in perfect time and tune, each of them individually had their eyes fixed upon the director, Gary McKnight. They adjusted their volume and emphasis based upon the way he conducted them. Even though they had probably practiced their songs dozens and dozens of times, they still looked to him and trusted him for correctness, continuity, and harmony.

An important gospel parallel came to mind as I witnessed this. Even though we may feel we know how to “perform” before the Savior, we still need to look to Him and His word for proper guidance. It is only then that we can reach the correctness, continuity, and harmony that He desires for us individually and as a church.

What do you suppose would have happened if each of the Chorale members would have stopped following Mr. McKnight’s direction and went with what they felt was right, regardless of the way the music was written or the way he desired it to be sung? I know what would have happened—we would have cringed rather than complimented. It would have been a disaster.

Just as a choral group or an orchestra needs a conductor, so do we as the body of Christ. When we turn the whole focus of our attention to our Lord and acknowledge that He is in command, our lives will give forth harmonious music that is pleasing to Him. Too many people (and churches) focus on the world and let worldly influences lead them. Doing so is a recipe for disharmony and disaster. Let us be reminded of the need to follow Christ and His will only, setting our sights on heaven.

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:1-2).

“...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...” (Heb. 12:1-2).

*—Edd Sterchi, Jackson church of Christ, Jackson, MO
 BULLETIN DIGEST (Nov 2011)*



Yee Kow Lee.....He was diagnosed with an aneurism on his aorta while visiting their daughter in Texas. He is out of the hospital now and doing some better, though very weak. He will be seeing a specialist soon. He and Sylvia will be staying in Texas for a while.

Shannon Mayfield (Mother of Megan)...She has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Polly Watkins.....She has been sick with covid.

Lisa Mitchell (Sister of Jeff Watkins)...She had to have emergency surgery last week to repair a perforated intestine.

Leatha Summers...She has been diagnosed with A-Fib and is struggling to breathe.

Lynda Malaska...The results of all her heart tests have been good and show nothing to worry about.

Please continue to pray for:

Lena Stites Marsha Hager Nancy Thomas (Sister of Polly Watkins)
Chris Strate Lucille Wilder Tina Wilder Eldon Gritz Misty Walker
Garry & Calvin Osburn Jason (Grandson of Jerry & Shirley Lorenz)
Mike Goodpasture (Cousin of Dan Biby)



DECEMBER

- 24th 2-5 pm, Shepherds' Christmas Come & Go at the Boyles' home
- 27th 5:30-6:30, Mid-Week Boost meal
- 31st 7 pm, Evening services ** Please NOTE the time change! **
8 pm, New Year's Eve party

JANUARY

- 7th 3 pm, Hearts in Harmony Annual Mtg — All ladies are invited!

DAYS IN GOD'S WORD

(Dec 10 - Dec 16)

Number of days: 149

Slips turned in: 24

OUR RECORDS

Week of December 17, 2023

Bible Class	44
AM Worship.....	72
PM Worship.....	35
Contribution	\$7,527
Wed PM.....	45



MAKING DISCIPLES
OF ALL NATIONS

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

Elio Vergara - Panama
Andrew Boyle - Memphis School of Preaching
Jonathan Crowell - World Bible Institute
Ariana Crowell - Wales
Re'Elle Crowell - Ecuador & New Zealand

Garriott Road Prison Ministry
In SEARCH of the Lord's Way
Lariat Creek Christian Camp
Future Teacher Training Camp

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ORDER OF WORSHIP - Dec 17, 2023

- AM ANNOUNCEMENTS - Ron Scott**
ELDER WELCOME/PRAYER - Greg Waide
1 John 4:2-15
- SONGLEADER - Doug Boyle**
- 578 We Will Glorify
 - 294 You're the One
 - NIB Lord, I Lift Your Name On High
 - 730 We Declare That the Kingdom Of God Is Here
 - 316 Jesus Paid It All
- SCRIPTURE/PRAYER - Dan Biby**
Acts 1:6-9
- LESSON - Andrew Boyle**
"The Last Thing We Expected Was a Baby"
- 555 Seek Ye First
 - 313 The Old Rugged Cross
- LORD'S SUPPER - Ron Scott**
- 4 To God Be the Glory
- CLOSING PRAYER - Greyson Waide**

NO EVENING SERVICES TONIGHT

WEEKLY MID-WEEK BOOST MEAL

\$5 per adult; \$3 per child (12 & under);
\$20 family maximum

THIS WEEK'S MENU (Dec 27th):

BAKED POTATOES



POWERFUL PRAYER WARRIORS,



Please pray specifically for these three students this week:

ALLY BAUGUS

Granddaughter of Sandy Knox

ELAINA VASILAKIS

Granddaughter of Frosty & June Munsell

CONNOR KEY

Son of Travis & Jessie Key

VERSES OF THE WEEK: 1 John 4:10-11

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

If anyone has a shower chair they no longer need, Jan Tinsley knows of a Christian brother who could use one. Please talk to Jan if you can help.

TODAY, 2:00-5:00 pm
Shepherds' Christmas
Come & Go

Hosted by the Boyles & Waides
At the Boyles' home

Ladies, if you coordinated a Hearts in Harmony ministry during 2023, please complete the evaluation form found in your binder and turn the binder in to the office by Dec 31st!



TUESDAY, Jace Wieden!

THURSDAY, Alyssa Boyle!

THURSDAY, Sam Lyons!

Bible Reading Schedule:

Dec 24	1 John 1-5
Dec 25	2 & 3 John, Jude
Dec 26	Revelation 1-3
Dec 27	Revelation 4-8
Dec 28	Revelation 9-12
Dec 29	Revelation 13-16
Dec 30	Revelation 17-19
Dec 31	Revelation 20-22

CARE & SHARE:

Jerry & Shirley Lorenz

SUNDAY PM SCHEDULE:

TONIGHT	No evening services
Dec 31 st	Special Devo @ 7 pm
Jan 7 th	1 & 2 Peter (Ray)
Jan 14 th	1,2,3 John/Jude (Greg)
Jan 21 st	3 rd Sunday Singing
Jan 28 th	Revelation (Doug)



Again this year, we have an opportunity to support those who attend the prison ministry by sending Christmas cards. A list of inmates is available in the Encouragement room. Cards are available as well. Contact Kay Scott with any questions.

OUR SHUT-INS:

Virgie Lee, The Commons, Rm 305
Sue Mathis, The Commons, Rm 106
Zane Johnston, Tennyson Manor, Apt 7
Ken Strever, Garland Rd Nursing & Rehab Ctr, Rm 521-B

