

DELIVERED FROM DISAPPOINTMENT

TODAY'S GREETERS: Frosty Munsell & Alyssa Boyle

SUNDAY AM BIBLE CLASSES

<p>Adults - Auditorium <i>The book of Malachi (Don Siders)</i></p> <p>Teens - Multipurpose Room <i>The life of Paul (Doug Boyle)</i></p>	<p>Cradle Roll - Rm 108 (Jennifer Waide) 3's & 4's - Rm 107 (Susannah Waide) PreK-1st - Rm 105 (Carolyn Rehmel) 2nd-3rd - Rm 103 (Tim Rehmel) 4th-6th - Rm 102 (Beth Gaddie)</p>
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WEDNESDAY PM - DECEMBER 31ST

<p>Greeter Song Scripture (1 John 3:1-3)</p>	<p>Dan Biby Greyson Waide Luke Rehmel</p>
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WEDNESDAY PM BIBLE CLASSES



NO BIBLE CLASSES TONIGHT

7:00 PM
Special New Year's Eve Devotional

For all ages in the Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY - JANUARY 4TH

<p>Greeters Announcements Songleader Scripture Reading/Prayer Lesson Communion Closing Prayer PM Songleader PM Prayer PM Lesson</p>	<p>Jan Tinsley & Lynda Malaska Luke Rehmel Doug Boyle Alec Boyle Ray Rose Ron Scott Bill David Walker Greyson Waide Dan Biby Ray Rose</p>
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ELDERS: Doug Boyle & *Greg Waide *Elder of the Month - December

DEACONS *Responsible for locking the building - December

TIM FORD - Audio-Visual/Tech	TIM REHMELE - Education	*ROGER GADDIE - Building/Communion Svc
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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	SECRETARY - Jennifer Waide
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Secretary Hours: Mon, 8:30-12:30; Wed-Fri, 8:30-4:30 (Lunch 12-1) Notary services are available

 <p>ALL SERVICES INTERPRETED FOR THE DEAF</p>	<p>SUNDAY</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Bible Classes</td> <td>9:30 am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AM Worship</td> <td>10:30 am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PM Worship</td> <td>5:00 pm</td> </tr> </table>	Bible Classes	9:30 am	AM Worship	10:30 am	PM Worship	5:00 pm	<p><u>Men's Breakfast @ Willow Inn Café</u> 8:30am, 3rd Tuesday of each month</p> <p>WEDNESDAY</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Bible Study</td> <td>7:00 pm</td> </tr> </table> 	Bible Study	7:00 pm
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CHURCH LIFE

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GARRIOTT ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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GOLDEN DEEDS

Much is said at this time of year about "keeping Christ in Christmas" and recognizing "the true meaning of Christmas." However, those who read and respect God's Word realize that there is nothing in the Bible about Christmas or celebrating Christ's birth on December 25th. To learn of its origin necessitates consulting an encyclopedia rather than the Scriptures. This celebration came from man and not God (Col. 3:17; Gal. 4:10-11). God has kept the date of our Lord's birth from us (Deut. 29:29). While I am thankful that people are remembering Christ at this time of year, we need to rejoice in Christ (Phil. 4:4), in His birth, in His teachings, in His miracles, in His compassion, in His death for our sins, in His resurrection, and in His ascension to the throne at God's right hand every day of the year. Let us seek to emulate His example of selfless sacrificial service every day God blesses us to have.

A hymn we sometimes sing is entitled "A Beautiful Life." The writer of "A Beautiful Life" was a man named William M. Golden. He was born January 28, 1878, in Webster County, Mississippi. He was the son of James and Camella Hood Golding. William later changed his surname to Golden. It is said that he wrote most of his songs while serving an eight-year sentence in the state prison. That puts an interesting spin on the lyrics, with their emphasis on the importance of our actions, and our unavoidable appointment "to meet the deeds that [we] have done".

A woman named Judy Arline Puckett commented on a blog about this song in 2012. She wrote, "Mr. Golden was a very good friend of my mother's family when she was a child. The Golden deed was a nice play on words, with his name." Mr. Golden explains what a golden deed is. It is helping those who are in need. The message of the hymn is obviously the need to live a life of works that shows our faith. "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works" (James 2:18). A sense of urgency is added immediately by adding that my life on earth is but a span. "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (Ps. 90:10). The uncertainty of this life is seen even in Golden's own story; he was killed in a traffic accident near Eupora, MS, in 1934, at the age of 56. On one occasion, Jesus referred to man's entire life span as one day, including his own life. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (Jn. 9:4). Jesus understood the urgency of doing His work while He had the opportunity.

"A Beautiful Life" is a song that is filled with statements of resolve for spiritual growth and service. It begins with, "each day I'll do a golden deed by helping those who are in need, my life on earth is but a span, and so I'll do the best I can." This thought alone should be resolution enough for any one of us, and think, what a difference it would make to Christ and to everyone around us if we would keep it all year long! "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10). God can work through us to make us the next instruments of blessing to those in need. A little kindness can make a big difference.

Each December, millions of people around the world watch Frank Capra's 1946 film, "It's a Wonderful life" on Christmas Eve. The story focuses around George Bailey, a man who has a worldly vision for his future that is constantly put aside because of his selfless devotion to the town he lives in, and the people in it. In the end, when George thinks he and his Savings and Loan have been ruined by the evil Mr. Potter, his friends save him and reciprocate his golden deeds. It reminds me of the principle found in Proverbs 18:24, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." To have a friend, we must be a friend. In that movie, George Bailey was a friend to many. He was one who sought to help people, to do golden deeds, who thought of others before himself, and it became contagious. Bedford Falls would have been much worse without the existence of George Bailey. As Paul said in Philippians 2:4, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

Golden deeds by the people of God will one day be rewarded (Mt. 6:1-4) as God "will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Not only will God reward us, but we will always enjoy the memory of what we did. Thomas Le Mance wrote, "Several years back, I was lounging around in the living room listening to the radio when my dad came in from shoveling snow. He looked at me and said, "In 24 hours you won't even remember what you are doing now. How about doing something for the next 20 minutes that you'll remember 20 years? I promise that you'll enjoy it every time you think of it." "What is it?" I asked, "Well, son, there are several inches of snow on Mrs. Brown's walks. Why don't you go see if you can shovel it off and get back home without her knowing you did it?" "I did the walk in about 15 minutes. She never knew who did the job, and my dad was right. It's been a lot more than 20 years, and I've enjoyed the memory every time I've thought about it." Let us try to do golden deeds each day.

—Mike McDaniel, Central church of Christ, Caruthersville, MO

Prayer List:

Tim Ford & Family.....Tim's mother passed away Monday.
Family of Sandra Everingham (Former Member)...Sandra passed away on Monday, surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

Porter Osburn (Grandson of Garry & Calvina)...He is still having a hard time and needs prayers.

Tanner & Baleigh Black.....Baleigh was scheduled to be induced on Friday, December 26th. They are having a boy, Lucas Kyle.

Please continue to keep these loved ones in prayer:

Dennis Biby	Jerry Bradford	Lucas & Laura Cochran
Endicott Family	Faye Gash	The Goodpastures
Eldon Gritz	Scott Key	The Kliewers
Yee Kow Lee	Jimmy McCrate	Carolyn McLemore
Dwayne McLerran	Eddie Morris	Nichols Family
Curtis Sampson	Leatha Summers	Victoria Torres
Kathy Urbina	Rory Waide	Misty Walker
Lucille Wilder	Tina Wilder	

Our Sew Loved Ladies Ministry donated 35 blankets and 10 teddy bears to the Enid Police Department to hand out to children in need!

If you would like a 2025 tax letter, please sign up on the credenza.

CARE SHARE Dec 28th
 Pat Monsees

DAYS IN GOD'S WORD
 (Dec 14-20)
 Number of days: 101
 Slips turned in: 17

OUR RECORDS

Bible Class.....	56
AM Worship.....	81
PM Worship.....	50
Contribution.....	\$3,675
Wed PM.....	39

MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

- Elio Vergara - Panama
- Eduardo Bulnes - Baxter Institute, Honduras
- Alex Coloma - Memphis SOP
- Aaron Taylor - Bear Valley Bible Institute
- Jonathan Crowell - World Bible Institute
- Southern Africa Bible College
- HBS
- Garriott Road Prison Ministry
- Lariat Creek Christian Camp
- Future Teacher Training Camp

SUN PM SCHEDULE:

TONIGHT - Greg Waide

Jan 7th - Ray Rose

Jan 14th - Ray Rose

Jan 21st - 3rd Sunday Singing

Jan 28th - Doug Boyle

ORDER OF WORSHIP - Dec 28, 2025

- AM** ANNOUNCEMENTS - Garry Osburn
 ELDER'S WELCOME & PRAYER - Greg Waide
Luke 15:3-10
- SONGLEADER - Ron Scott
- 76 How Great Thou Art
 72 Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty
 463 I Know Who Holds Tomorrow
 116 God Will Make a Way
 601 My God and I
 123 The Steadfast Love Of the Lord
- SCRIPTURE READING & PRAYER - Tim Rehmel
Exodus 5:1-8
- LESSON - Ray Rose
 "Delivered From Disappointment"
- 927 Why Keep Jesus Waiting?
 337 Hallelujah! What a Savior
- LORD'S SUPPER - Nicholas Endicott
- 414 Anywhere With Jesus
- CLOSING PRAYER - Travis Key
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- PM** SONGLEADER - Alec Boyle
NIB In Christ Alone
 538 My Hope is Built On Nothing Less
- PRAYER - Luke Rehmel
- EQUIPPING THE SAINTS - Greg Waide
 "Witchtok"



December
 Wednesday, Dec 31st
 7 pm, Special devotional for all ages in the Fellowship Hall
 8 pm, New Year's Eve party — Bring your favorite finger foods & games!



JANUARY:
 Sunday, Jan 11th
 3 pm, Annual Hearts in Harmony meeting for all ladies, Fellowship Hall

POWERFUL PRAYER WARRIORS,

Please pray specifically for these three students this week:



ALLIE BAUGUS
 Granddaughter of Sandy Knox

ELAINA VASILAKIS
 Granddaughter of Frosty Munsell

CONNOR KEY
 Son of Travis & Jessie Key

VERSES OF THE WEEK:

LUKE 15:10

"In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

MIGHTY
 MEN'S MENTORING CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 21
2026 MAN-MAN
 wyliechurchofchrist.org

Cost is \$35.
 Register Here.

Mid-Week BOOST

NO BOOST MEAL THIS WEDNESDAY (DEC 31ST)

TODAY, Alyssa Boyle!

TODAY, Sam Lyons!

Happy New Year

Hearts in Harmony Annual Meeting — For all ladies of the congregation!
 Sunday, January 11th @ 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, Dwayne McLerran!
FRIDAY, Margaret McLerran!
SATURDAY, Marsha Nichols!

Ladies, if you coordinated a Hearts in Harmony ministry in 2025, please fill out the evaluation form in your binder and place your binder (with the completed evaluation form inside) in the box on the west edge of the Welcome Center by the end of December. Thank you!

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR!

DAILY READING SCHEDULE:

December 28.....	Revelation 9-12
December 29.....	Revelation 13-16
December 30.....	Revelation 17-19
December 31.....	Revelation 20-22
January 1.....	Genesis 1-3
January 2.....	Genesis 4-7
January 3.....	Genesis 8-11
January 4.....	Genesis 12-15

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING:

LOVED ONES IN FACILITIES:

- Mike Nichols, Baptist Village
- Zane Johnston, The Commons, Rm 108
- Ken Strever, Garland Rd Nursing, Rm 521-B
- Larry & Jonnie Beam, Greenbrier Nursing Home, Rm 75