

Teachers for  
December 1- March 1

Sunday

Wed.

Grades 1-3: Debby

Debby

Grades 4-6-: Ann &

Teresa

Elayna

Teens: Todd

Don

Adults: Mike

Men: Richard

Women:

Janet

Genny

Jessica

Kista



*Brother Cleon Lyles says one should never make a decision when he is "blue". It is so easy to make a mistake when one is feeling low and discouraged. Many rash decisions are made when one is feeling depressed. Wait a little while if you are feeling low, before you decide. Yes, you need to go one working but you don't need to make life changing decisions when you are troubled and discouraged. Be careful what you say and how you react during these times. A brighter day is coming and you will be able to make a more rational decision then. "Blue Days" come to all of us but they do not stay. Wait and be patient. You can decide later.*

*Baxter Church of Christ  
Baxter, TN*

**How was Jesus able to overcome  
the temptation of Satan?**

**Read Matthew 4:1-11**

**Stay Humble**

As you get older, you realize that a \$300 watch and a \$30 watch both tell the same time. A Michael Kors wallet and a Forever 21 wallet hold the same amount of money. A \$100,000 house and a \$300,000 home will host the same happiness. A Bentley will also drive you as far as a Ford.

True happiness is not found in materialist things; it comes from love and laughter found with each other.

Stay humble...the holes dug for us in the ground are all the same size.

Author unknown

**Reminders**

--There is a new sign-up sheet for communion prep and one for volunteers to clean the building, both posted on board # 1. This includes the months of Jan -July, 2019.

--SHO KIDS contributions needed to buy items for foster kids for Christmas including coats, winter accessories and other gifts. Party for SHO KIDS is on Dec. 9, 3-5p in lower level. See Kista

--Sunshine box gifts needed. Our reserve has run low of small items to make up baskets meant to cheer and encourage. List of suggestions on board # 2

--Food pantry needs to be re-stocked. Items this week are canned fruits, veggies and beans. We will assemble and deliver on Dec. 22nd. If you have a name to submit, see Steve.

*Hope works this way: it looks for the good in people instead of harping on the worst; it discovers what can be done instead of grumbling about what cannot; it regards problems, large or small as opportunities; it pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit; it "lights the candle" instead of "cursing the darkness."*

*Anon.*



**Sinkholes**



A giant sinkhole opened up in Schmalkalden, Germany about 98 feet across and about 65 feet deep that swallowed a car, part of a garage and house. Yet, it was small compared to the sinkhole that opened up in Guatemala City in 2007. Reportedly, residents heard rumblings for weeks but no one knew why. In one day, almost instantly, a perfectly round plot of earth disappeared and left a hole more than thirty stories deep!

Experts suppose that sinkholes appear because of the movement of earth beneath what we see everyday. The problem can be caused by the movement of water, flooding or changing weather patterns. Sinkholes occur when there is literally no ground under the ground, and everything pays the price for the lack of foundation, especially what's on the surface.

There are some Christians who are like those sinkholes; they have no foundation under the surface. When circumstances are right, their lives "cave in" and cause damages that no one would have believed or expected. Spiritual sinkholes occur because of lack of knowledge in the word of God (Heb. 5:12-14). Spiritual sinkholes occur when someone fails to act on their faith (cf. Matt. 7:24-27; 2 Pet. 1:5-11).

How does a person guard against erosion of their faith? Second Peter 1:5-7 teaches that the guard is a solid foundation of faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. "These things" repeated in verse 8, verse 9, verse 10, verse 12, and verse 15 are the surest way to solidify the foundation of faith. The promise is that one who "abounds in these things" will not be "unfruitful" or "barren," "shortsighted," and "will never stumble."

Spiritual sinkholes can be avoided if there is more examination of self and examination of faith (Phil. 2:12; 2 Cor. 13:5)! Are our lives vulnerable to spiritual sinkholes brought about by lack of a firm foundation? We would all do well to thoughtfully and prayerfully make sure that we are building only on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ and His word (Matt. 7:24-27).

*Andy Baker  
Graeber Road church of Christ  
Rosenberg, TX*

**Services**

**Sunday Bible Study**

**9:30am**

**Worship: 10:30 am  
& 6:00pm**

**Minister**

**Michael Gors**

**Elders**

**Michael Gors  
Gary Reynolds  
Todd Stults**

**Deacons**

**Don Allison  
Fellowship**

**Jim Clark  
Visitation**

**Lowell Huffman  
Media**

**Volker Jaromin  
Communication &  
Advertisement**

**Mission  
Works**

**India  
Mark Reynolds**

**MSOP  
Drew Reese  
Cannon Taylor**

### In Need of Prayer,

- Alex Odle, Cancer
- Angie Reed, MS,
- Bevin Green, Recent breast surgery. Tests have shown she will not be needing further treatment such as chemo or radiation.
- Bob Allison, Has been hospitalized. Due to be released to Rawlings House in Anderson. Don's father
- Emily Graham, 3 months old
- Hailey Shaw, Carrying twins. Possible complication expected at birth. Jessica's cousin
- Janet Nelson, Heart catheter was done last Thursday. Results unknown at time of this publication
- Jennifer, Cancer. Treatments resumed
- Jessica Gors, Breast cancer. Joe Walker, Heart problems
- Kathy Harper
- Larry Reynolds
- Leslie Crandall, Multiple myeloma. Karen's friend
- Matt Burch
- Rachel Chambers
- Sally Anderson
- Shawna Shock, Kidney issues. Seeing a consultant in Indy
- Susie Long, Debilitating arthritis in back

Our sincerest condolences to Jennifer Clark and her family on the loss of her uncle, Charles Stine, who passed away last week in Muncie. He had suffered a long time from non Hodgkin's lymphoma and most recently bladder cancer. Mr. Stine was 80 ears old and the husband of Marilyn: father to 3, grandfather to 7 and great-grandfather to 10. Final service

Don't forget our shut-ins with cards and visits: Lana Blanchard and Raelena Shumaker at Albany Health Care, Joyce Popplewell at Heritage in Yorktown.

### Leaders in Worship

December 2, 2018

#### Morning Worship

Announcements: Todd Stults  
 Song Leader: Gary Reynolds  
 Opening Prayer: Bill Smith  
 Scripture: Steve Gors

Isaiah 9:6-7

Sermon: Mike Gors

"Unto Us is Given"

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox  
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

#### Communion

West Side-- Outside:: Bill Winemiller  
 Inside: Don Allison  
 East Side-- Outside:: Richard Messer  
 Inside: Joe Reed

#### Evening Worship

Announcements: Todd Stults  
 Song Leader: Gary Reynolds  
 Opening Prayer: Cliff Nicks  
 Scripture Reading: Jacob Clark

Acts 26:27-29

Sermon: Mike Gors

"Almost Persuaded"

Communion Table: Don Allison  
 Closing Prayer; Jim Clark  
 Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

### Group Duties for December

- Greeters: Annex, Front, Carport
- Trash to Curb
- Communion Clean-up
- Lock-up Building

### Attendance for Week of November 25

Bible Study:	52
Morning Worship:	81
Evening Worship:	44
Wed. Bible Study:	33

### Bible Study, Nov. 28th

- Song Leader: Adam Gors
- Prayer: Danny Odle
- Men's Class: Richard
- Ladies Class: Kista

Weekly Contribution Goal:

\$2440

Contribution for Nov. 25th

\$1630

### Life Lessons

- Life is too short to waste time hating.
- Your children only get one childhood.
- Your job won't take care of you when you're sick. Your friends and parents will so stay in touch.
- Make peace with your past so it won't mess up the present.
- If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
- Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, eat off the good china. Today is special and you are not promised tomorrow.
- No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
- No matter how you feel, get up get dressed and show up!

### Happy Birthday

- Colton York--Dec. 3
- John ---Dec 13
- Shawna---Dec 15
- Nathan---Dec 18
- Kathy Harper---Dec 18
- Karen---Dec 24
- Sally---Dec 27
- Adam---Dec 30



### What is Happening Today?

-3:30p, Elders and Deacons Meeting

### And Looking Ahead...

- Dec. 4, Ladies Breakfast, 10:30a
- Dec. 9, 3p-5p, SHO KIDS party in lower level. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate
- Dec. 7,8,9, Retreat at Camp Indogan, "Training Leaders for Worship". See flyer on the red board.
- Dec. 22, Assemble and deliver Christmas baskets at 9a
- Dec. 22, Baby shower for Hannah Hoyt Graves, 2p, lover level
- Dec. 30, Fifth Sunday carry-in with early service at 1:30p. Elders' 2019 Presentation, followed by devo. No evening worship.
- Jan. 25 & 26, Ohio Winter Lectures at Church of Christ Fishinger Rd, Columbus OH. Flyers posted.

### On the Sunny Side,

You are working for the Lord, not for men. You are here to serve not to be served. You can bring sunshine and encouragement as easily as storms of doubt. Face the day with a smile: It takes a lot less energy and pays much better dividends. It makes no difference who gets the credit as long as God gets the glory. Face one day at a time and fill your time with Christian purpose. Live for Christ.

