

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- (1) CRYSTAL EWTON
- (3) SHANA BRADY
- (4) CARSON DeBORD
- (4) DAVID BRADY
- (5) WADE GRAHAM
- (8) ALLIE BRADY
- (11) CORLEW BOYD
- (12) LOGAN BURDETTE
- (12) KERRY HOLLIS
- (13) JENNIFER DAVIS FOSHEE
- (15) MOLLY DAVIS
- (18) CADEN SWANGER
- (20) CAROLYN HATFIELD
- (20) JADA LAND
- (20) JAMES McCLAIN
- (22) TAMMY CLAYTON
- (29) DIANE HANNAH
- (30) TONY BOSTON
- (30) C. J. DAVIS

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- (10) JORDAN AND SARA HOOVER (1)
- (11) GERALD AND JANET LAND (52 yrs.)
- (11) BEN AND LINDA McCOY (58 yrs.)
- (20) ROBERT AND LINDA TURNER (54 yrs.)
- (20) JIM AND JANIS DEARMAN (54 Yrs.)
- (23) JOHN AND ANN COOLEY (62 yrs.)

Easy street and the straight and narrow never intersect.

The road to ruin is always in good repair.

DECEMBER

Lock the Building.....????

Prepare the Communion — Rick & Tina

Pick-up Cups — Hannah Family

Van Driver — ????

Church of Christ

P. O. Box 206
Dunlap, Tn. 37327

*See You at The Worship Service
With Your Bible*

Sunday

9:30 A.M. Bible Study
10:30 A.M. Morning
Service

6:00 P.M. Evening Service

Wednesday

6:30 P.M. Bible Study

Men Who Serve

Elders:

Tony Boston 949-5065
Freddie Clayton 718-5806
Jim Dearman 762-9526

Deacons:

Wiley Boston, Daniel Boyd
Cole Crabtree, C. J. Davis,
Robert Farmer, Wes Grace,
Tim Layman, Benny McCoy,
Lanny Smith, Bobby Von Rohr

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Which Are We?

Someone has said membership in every congregation is made up of four kind of bones.

Wishbones: Who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work.

Lawbones: Who do all the talking and little else.

Knucklebones: Who knock everything everyone else does.

Backbones: Finally there are the backbones who get under every load and really do the work.

What a great congregation we would have if all of our members were Backbones!

THE RECORD

Sunday School	95
Worship	119
Contribution	\$5,065
Sunday Night	80
Wednesday	108

Meal Train

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for James & LeAnn Day. If you can provide a meal.

Pantry Items for December

Adult Incontinence Underwear
Women Size – S/M, Men Size - LG

Sick/Shut-In

Viva Hoover - home, diagnosed with low sodium, no evidence of a stroke

Benny McCoy – home, recovering from a skin procedure

Titus Broking – knee surgery

Glenna Goins – home, Sara Goins'

Daughter-in-law

Charline Johnson – NHC, for

physical therapy

Rachel Harvey – at Kate's house, will be home soon

Gene Ross – cancer treatments,

Anita Ross' husband

Everlee Dixon recovering from

Surgery Sue Dixon's great-

granddaughter

LeAnn Day – home,

Nursing Home

Dessie Green – Valley View Senior

Living, Whitwell, Rm 132

David Cole – NHC, Rm 306, no visits

Cards only, Wilma's Son-in-Law

Brenda Turner – NHC, RM 105

Brenda VonRohr's Mother

Charline Johnson – NHC, Rm 305

The Certainty of the Written Word

Are you familiar with the game called "Telephone?" It's a simple game that can be played with a group of people sitting in a circle. The first person has a brief message that he whispers to the person on his left. That individual then passes the message on by whispering it into the ear of the next person. This process continues until the message gets back to its originator. However, by this time the message has almost always undergone significant changes. Why? Somewhere along the line the message is typically misunderstood by a listener and then passed on incorrectly. It is difficult to overcome this problem in communication that is strictly oral. Even when the speaker is not whispering, retaining accuracy when passing on verbal messages, has always been a challenge for mankind.

Now with those thoughts in mind, imagine what it would have been like to live in the first century shortly after Jesus' ascension into heaven. The book of Acts makes it clear the gospel message was spreading rapidly (cf. Acts 8:4). People all over the world were learning about Jesus the Christ through a message that was primarily communicated through spoken words. No doubt there were some unintentional inaccuracies being spread by zealous disciples (just like in the Telephone game).

If the gospel message was only communicated orally, then it would be destined to change gradually as it was transmitted from one person to the next. In such circumstances, those who had not heard the message directly from Jesus, the apostles, or others who were inspired, would have rightly had doubts about the accuracy of what they were hearing. But, thankfully, the gospel message was not just transmitted by speech. It was also written down by divinely inspired men in order to record and preserve God's truth accurately for all time (cf. II Timothy 3:16-17; II Corinthians 2:9-13; II Peter 1:20-21).

We can see that Luke penned his account of the gospel for this very purpose – "Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, (2) Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; (3) It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, (4) That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed," (Luke 1:1-4).

Many oral teachings and written testimonies being circulated in Luke's day, even from eyewitnesses, were insufficient due to their incompleteness and imperfections. Thus, Luke, an inspired author (which explains his complete understanding of the subject matter), wrote this account that Theophilus, and future readers, could know assuredly of the things in which they had been instructed. This assurance of accuracy when it comes to the Bible text is extremely important since man's faith is based upon the testimony of the written word (cf. John 20:30-31).

Oral communication is a wonderful tool, but it often lacks the accuracy and permanency of written words. Praise be to God for the Bible. His inspired, written communication for man! He has given us exactly what we need in an objective form (cf. Psalm 119:105). We can know the certainty of the things recorded therein.

CCM Team – Team No. 4 meets today.

Please submit names to the CCM program. Forms are located downstairs in the CCM area.

Funeral Home Teams – Team #5, (Team Leader, Tina Hickman).

Send A Card

Charlene Johnson – NHC, 360 Dell Trail, Dunlap, TN 37327, Rm 305

Joby Smith – Shepherd Center, Joby Smith Rm 20, 2020 Peachtree Rd. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30309

Stephanie Bragg – 2279 West Valley Rd., Dunlap, TN 37327

LeAnn Day, 3597 Lewis Chapel Rd., Graysville, TN 37338

WATCH IT!

Sunday morning broadcasts available.

6 AM - International Gospel Hour, Channel 53 WFLI; 6 AM - The Gospel of Christ with Ben Bailey Channel 61 FOX

6:30 AM - Good News Today, Channel 53 WFLI; 7 AM - In Search of the Lord's Way, Channel 12

1 segment will be after the Swap & Shop broadcast.

OUR SCHEDULED EVENTS,

Mark your Calendars

Sunday, January 31st, New Years Eve

The PM Service will be at 5 PM,

Covered Dish Meal immediately after the service.

Fun and Games afterward for anyone that would like to stay.