

## Those Privileged to Serve

### Dec 18th - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. B. Richardson, J. Smith

**Announcements:** Mike Wages

**Lead Singing:** Mike Wages

**Read Scripture:** Jerry Hennings

**Opening Prayer:** Jeff Lewis

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Carleton Kidder

#### Communion:

B. Richardson, P. Love, J. Orr  
J. Johnson, C. Richardson, J. Cogdell

**Greet:** Paul & Brenda Hatcher  
**Nursery Att:** A.M. Charnae James  
P.M. Stephanie Pack

### Dec 18th - EVENING WORSHIP

**Lead Singing:** Paul Hatcher

**Opening Prayer:** Carleton Kidder

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Marion Thomas

#### Communion:

Joe Venable, Ken Ross

### Dec 21st - WED BIBLE STUDY

**Lead Singing:** Paul Hatcher

**Opening Prayer:** Ray Pack

**Invitation:** Jeff Lewis

**Closing Prayer:** Freeman Kidder

### Dec 25th - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. J. Lewis, J. Smith

**Announcements:** Mike Wages

**Lead Singing:** John Smith

**Read Scripture:** Ken Ross

**Opening Prayer:** Darrell Cunningham

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Gaylon Cooper

#### Communion:

B. Richardson, P. Love, J. Orr  
J. Johnson, C. Richardson, J. Cogdell

**Greet:** Mike & Leah Wages  
**Nursery Att:** A.M. Sybil Jones  
P.M. Gail Crabb

### Dec 25th - EVENING WORSHIP

**Lead Singing:** Marion Thomas

**Opening Prayer:** Freeman Kidder

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Darrell Cunningham

#### Communion:

Joe Venable, Ken Ross

### Dec 28th - WED BIBLE STUDY

**Lead Singing:** Marion Thomas

**Opening Prayer:** Darrell Cunningham

**Invitation:** Freeman Kidder

**Closing Prayer:** Paul Hatcher

## Weekly Record

6 a.m. Worship	8
Sun. Morning Bible Study	97
Sunday Morning Worship	129
Sunday Evening Worship	99
Wed. Bible Study	97
Contribution	\$ 3233

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## 7 Reasons Why We'll be in Worship on Christmas Day

It happens every few years. Christmas day falls on a Sunday.

Amazingly (and tragically) there are churches that cancel all services on that day or move services to a weeknight. Other congregations decide to only have one worship service or to move the time of services, but they are still meeting on the Lord's Day to worship the Lord.

Still, a lot of families decide that "since it's Christmas" they do not have to attend services on that day. After all, it's a day for family and traditions and it only comes once each year. So, many people will stay at home while the church meets.

However, barring illness or some other unforeseen event, our little family will be in worship on Sunday, December 25. And here are 7 reasons why.

**1. Worship is Commanded by the Almighty.** Our Lord does not make worship something to be chosen by His followers. Hebrews 10:25 makes it clear that we are not to willfully forsake being together for worship. This is not a suggestion, and it does not have caveats for special holidays.

**2. God is More Important than any Holiday.** If I am going to say that "God is first in my life," then there is no holiday that can take His place. There is no holiday that should be able to keep me away from worshiping my Lord.

**3. Our Family Will be Together.** I am amazed at how many people stay home from worship on Christmas so their family will be together. Our little family will still be together, just dressed up and in a church pew; not in pajamas in front of a fireplace.



4. **Our Children Need to Learn Priorities.** “Well, since it’s Christmas, we’ll stay home.” In the mind of children, that translates to, “What you want to do is more important than the commands of God.” He is first, and this is a glorious opportunity to teach that.

5. **I Want to Encourage Every Christian Who Attends.** How discouraging would it be to go to worship and see that a large percentage of your Christian family did not think enough of you to come and encourage you? We are uplifted and encouraged when we attend worship together, and I want to encourage those who make the effort.

6. **We are to Obey Our Elders.** Elders have no right to cancel Lord’s Day worship altogether, or to move it to another day of the week (that’s another article for another time). Many are making the decision to only have one service or to move the time to best accommodate family traditions. They are not making an ungodly decision, so I am commanded to obey them and to let them rule with joy (Hebrews 13:7; 13:17).

7. **There’s Nowhere Else I Want My Family to Be Every Sunday!** Whatever date is on the calendar, I want my little family loading in our car and going together to worship God. There are times when one or more of us has been sick and we have not gotten to worship together. I can’t stand it! Each and every Lord’s Day, I want my family to know the joy and the high privilege it is to join hands and hearts together as we worship.

Christmas is special. Each year, we enjoy all kinds of movies, snacks, get-togethers, and gifts. Having kids makes it even more special, as they get so excited for the holiday. The Grinch is not welcome at our house!

That said, no holiday—Christmas included—can ever top the joy and excitement that should fill our soul as we are allowed into the very presence of God to express our adoration and praise to Him. Every Lord’s Day, we should do that with all our enthusiasm...including December 25.

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## **Congregational News and Notes**

### **Prayer Requested**

Theresa Yearwood is now in room 4104 at General Hospital for rehab.

### **Members**

Harold and Doris Davis,  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Jean Harber, Rachel Epperson,  
Louise Hopper, Teresa Yearwood,  
Ted Lingren, Fredie Stewart,  
Cindy Kidder, Iva Hopper,  
Bill and Gladys Gowan,  
Teriyaki Anderson, Tom Crow

### **Friends & Family:**

Horace Yearwood, Loretta Stanfill,  
Sammy Snead, Tim Boyd,  
Teresa Carpenter, Al Stewart,  
Hilda Beates, Judy Jennings

### **Cards to Send This Week**

Jean Harber  
36 Parkburg Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

Theresa Yearwood  
Jackson General Hospital  
620 Skyline Drive  
Room 4104  
Jackson, TN 38301

### **Need to be Met**

There is a need for more men to serve as ushers and to count the weekly contribution. For usher duties, see Luther Merritt. For counting, see Gaylon Cooper.

### **Happenings**

#### **South Jackson**

**12/19**

Teen Holiday Party

**12/25**

Forrest Cove Devotional

#### **Pantry Item**

Cream of Chicken Soup

#### **Directory Picture and Updates**

We would like to take pictures for new members, along with anyone else who wants to change theirs on December 11th and 18th.

Also if you have any changes that need to be made, just write it down and give to Ray.

#### **Special Thanks**

Lana Gimphu, Reba Donaldson, Panda Green and Nijerika Green for all you did to make the Children’s Holiday Party a great success.

#### **Budget Needs**

The men have voted to keep the budget as it was last year, except for the adjustments to Ray’s pay and the elimination of the secretary pay.

Average weekly contribution needed is \$4000 per week.