

DEVOTED

ACTS 2:42-47



To... Our Devotion:
A Christ-Shaped Community



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A Letter from Plymouth

Dear Christian Friends,

As you know, we finally were able to set sail on September 16, 1620. Your teary eyed faces were so sad as we waved goodbye (God be with ye). We could see the shore line for a few hours, but it would be sixty-six days before we would see land again. The first month of our cramped life together was not too bad, what with hunger and sickness of the sea, no privacy and the 30 ship's crewmen who did not like us landlubbers at all. God bless them. The last six weeks of the voyage was rough. The Mayflower was really a cargo ship, not made for passengers. It always smelled like wine. Maybe that's what it usually carried, before we got on. But God was with us, He protected us. We didn't lose one person during the sixty six days of travel, although we almost lost one man who fell overboard. We actually gained one person, a baby girl...her name: "Oceanus". The Mayflower traveled at a fast clip of two or three miles an hour, depending on the winds and currents, which is pretty good for a cargo ship. We were in good hands. We did get a little off course. We were supposed to land at Jamestown, Virginia but because of the storms, we landed in New England (named after our mother land). We are building cabins at a place called Plymouth, named after the port we came from in England. We have had to stay on the Mayflower at night and work during the day on shore since we arrived. We have been through a winter of much sickness, there were only seven of us who did not get sick and half of us died during the winter. To God be the glory. Spring is here and our planting of crops has begun. There are trees for building a common building and our own homes. We do not see the Indians very often but when we do, it is horrible...the yells, the whizzing arrows that almost hits someone. Oh yes, we actually have an Indian living with us, his name is Squanto. His tribe and family used to live here, where we are building in Plymouth. They all died with small pox, except him. He was taken as a slave by sea traders, finally got free and came back to find his tribe and family dead. That is so sad. He volunteered to help us. At first we were afraid of him, but now we are not. You would not believe the things he has taught us about trapping, making fur coats, drying meats and fruit, fertilizing the ground, wild herbs, medicines from plants, getting the right seeds for the soil, what wild fruits to eat and not eat...we couldn't make it without him. He is so nice and he speaks fairly good English, too. One thing is true here, we get to worship like we think we should here; none of the Church of England rituals, their special clothing and thank God, no persecution here. I don't think the King of England will come over here to bother us. Praise God. Well, I must close for now, the Mayflower will return to England tomorrow with the April winds and sea current, but with none of us aboard. I want this letter to go with the ship's Master and I hope it finds you all safe and in the arms of Jesus. I don't know what the future holds but I know who holds the future. We may have a big meal with the Indians, if we have a good harvest this fall. Sorry about using scraps of paper and cloth to write on, that's all I had.

Happy Thanksgiving- Ross Jordan

SANTA IS COMING TO CENTRAL! SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

Join us for "**Breakfast With Santa**" on Saturday, December 16th. This will be an outreach to our neighboring community that will include a light breakfast (Chick-fil-A), picture time with "**Santa and Mrs. Claus**", a craft activity for the kids, holiday songs and a special gift for each family from the community that attends. So please plan on attending and bringing friends! It will run from **9:00 - 10:30 on December 16th**. We see this as a great way to share the love of Jesus during this very "Teachable Moment" time of year!



SHARING IS CARING

Party & Shopping-Sunday December 3rd

The 1st -5th Grade kids are collecting money for the *Sharing is Caring* project. It allows families to get new toys for their children at Christmas. Our kids shop for the toys and the activity is coupled with their Christmas Party (12/3). Any donations to help them reach their goal of \$500 will be very much appreciated! They are two weeks out from their buying date, if you would like to donate, please see Lanie Jones.



Sharing & Caring

5th Sunday Singing @ Central Sunday, December 31st @ 6:00-6:30 pm

Everyone Bring a Covered Dish

Meal 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Talent Show: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm



5th SUNDAY SINGING & NEW YEARS EVE TALENT SHOW

After the singing, and eating, we will have a Talent Show! If you would like to participate, please call or email Ross Jordan to have your skit/talent added to the list. His cell# 706-271-8373 and email: rossjordan@cccdalton.org. It's going to be a fun night!



MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

9:30 a.m. Service
November 26, 2017

“TEACHABLE MOMENTS Joseph- Faithfulness”
Matthew 1:18-25

Welcome & Call to Worship: Joshua Holloway

Song #376- Joy to The World (v.1,2 & 4)–Gene Threet
Prayer: Caleb Laird

Song #709- ‘Tis Midnight and on Olive’s Brow (v.1-4)–Albert Coley
Communion & Contribution Prayers: Eddie Sane

Communion & Contribution Leaders

Ben Bingham Chris Smith
Dean Baker Lamar Quinn
Tony Coley Frank Brown
Mike Stanton Jim Cook

Song #707- To Christ Be Loyal and Be True (v.1,3, &4)–Gene Threet
Song #442-My Faith Looks Up to Thee (v.1-4)–Gene Threet
(Children dismissed to Wee Worship)
Wee Worship:

Scripture Reading – Keith Rollins

Sermon – Steve Griggs

Invitation Song #464 – O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1-3) –Albert Coley

Shepherds’ Moment, Closing Prayer – John Hayes

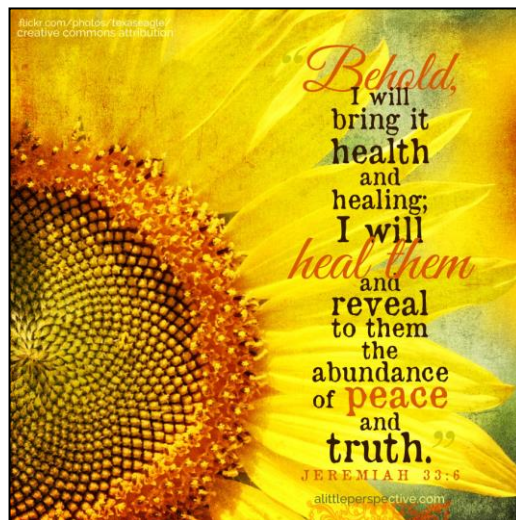
November Count on Sundays: Clint Russell & Greg Smith
Wednesday Night Count: Justin Shepherd

Nursery Attendants: Joan Chastain & Chondi Chastain



Young At Heart Christmas Gathering
Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 pm

We will meet in the fellowship hall for a Christmas gathering for everyone 50 + ! Please bring your favorite finger food to share! See Gaye Tate for information.



TIMES & ATTENDANCE

Week of NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Sunday. Worship.....	262
Sunday BibleClass.....	221
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	n/c
Hispanic Congregation	
Sunday worship.....	16
Sunday 10:10 a.m. Bible Class.....	11
Wednesday Adult Class	n/c
Budget	\$ 9,200.00
Contribution last week.....	\$ 7,222.75

HOSPITAL/SURGERIES: Mark Foshee- Kindred Hospital Chattanooga...

Thelma Hall- (Debbie Quinn’s mom) Memorial with lung cancer....**Harold Land-** (Bobbie Kinsey’s dad)- Erlanger, stroke, with feeding tube, room 7148

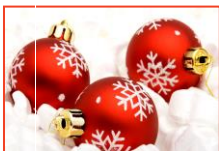
RECOVERING/HOME/SHUT-IN/ON-GOING ILLNESS:

Yvonne Abernathy, John Allen, Brecklyn Allgood, Rickey Allmon, Bob Anderson, Minnie Anderson, Sherry Bales, Julie Barton, Charles & Peggy Bennett, Cindy Bigelow, Allen Bishop, Denny, Bramlett, Inez Bramlett, Robert & Betty Brock, Glenn Bromlett, Jack & Elizabeth Brown, Sandi Brown, Thomas Brown, Linda Bunch, Valor Burnett, Carman Carrillo, Nelda Carr, Jeff Chadwick, Charlotte Chaney, Lester Chastain, Gina Christiansen, Scott Cleland, Barbara Cloer, Bill & Rebecca Cofer, Albert Coley, Linda Coley, Sherry Coley, Evan Connelly, Gabbi Cook, Bill & Glenda Cornutt, Jim Dalzell, Allie Daniel, Steve Daniel, Titus Davenport, Vanessa Decker, Charles Doler, Marie Dollar, Kent Dotson, Jimmy Duke, Terry Ensley, Lisa Evans, Joan Foshee, Mark Foshee, Kristin Gaines, Judson Gay, Sonny Gay, Donnie Gilliam, Eb er Gowan, Katherine Green, Jane Griffen, Charlotte Griggs, Jon Griggs, Cora Hackney, Ed & Pat Hall, Lauren Hall, Richard Hall, Debbie Hall, Rhonda Hill, Burt Hinton, Judy Hoffpaur, Bruce Holloway, Benny & Kathy Holloway, Jean Hughes, Seaver Hudson, Lida Hunt, Linda Ivey, Adam Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Dennis Jackson, Robert Jarrard, Bill Johnson, Dale Jones, Ed Jones, Lanie Jones, Barbara Judd, Diane Kinsey, Bob Kroll, Cindy Langford, Debbie Lanning, Anne Lee, Carly Lewis, Hannah Locke, Susan Kouassi, Sandra Lowe, Judy Malone,, Delpha Mason, Brenda Mathis, Renee Mathis, Mike Mays, Betty Melson, Esme Miller, Doug & Sue Mitchell, David Morris, Melinda Mosteller, Josh Mullins, Juanita & Barry Newman, Edra Nix, Belinda Pack, Sandra Parker, Tina Parker, David Patterson, Rachel Patterson, Greg Pellom, Willa Mae Phillips, Carolyn Powell, Virgil & Kathryn Pressnell, Brodie Quinn, James Reece, Yahir Reyes, Bobby Rivers, Gladys Rogers, Layfield Rous, Bill Russell, Lamar Sane, Kara Scott, Duane Scott, Brenda Shepherd, Connie Shepherd, Hazel Shepherd, Martha Shepherd, Ray Shepherd , Adrianna Shireman, Charlotte Silvers, Ray Sinnamon, Wanda Sliger, Brandi Smith, Brinkley Smith, Jerry Smith, Nancy Stamey, Kevin Stanley, Colleen Stevens, Zane Steward, Tommy & Jimmie Stroud, Jim Stuman, Charlie Swanson, Will Teague, Joan Teems, Cayden Tennant, Bill Threet, Reatha, Martin & Jeff Tilley, Sam Vandergriff, Wayne Warnack, Cheryl Welch, Chris Williams, Teresa Williams, Steve & Barbara Wilson Cathy Woods, David Wright, Corey Yarbrough, Keith & Sheila Yarbrough

Eliska & Lanie’s 32nd Annual Ornament Party

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST – 6:30 p.m.

All Ladies are invited to the annual Christmas Ornament Exchange Party! Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to swap & your favorite finger food. It will be at the Hughes “Party Building” 2151 & 2157 Lake Francis Road.



Elders, Deacons, Ministers & Ministry Leaders Meeting

December 2nd @ 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Breakfast will be made by Linda Russell & Suzanna Stanley. We plan to be finished by 10:30am.

Please sign-up in the foyer for this important meeting.



Men & Boy’s Christmas Tool Party!

Friday, December 8th @ 6:00 p.m.

This party is for all men & boys! Please invite friends too! Please bring a wrapped used or new tool to swap. We will have a free meal in the fellowship hall!

Please sign-up in the lobby if you plan to attend.

