

DECEMBER 13, 2020

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**Ringgold
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**"Glorifying God and Making
His Glory Known"**

Dealing with Adversity

This may seem like a strange topic as we begin our holiday season, but reality tells us that adversity does not make allowances for holidays. In fact, as I look at the daily news and what I see on my Facebook timeline, adversity is alive and well this time of year.

There's the pandemic, and the daily results of the Covid-19 virus. Most of us have either had the virus or have friends or family members who have. Sadly, too many of us have loved ones, friends or acquaintances who have succumbed to the virus. Some have lost their jobs or find reduced salaries. Some have been prohibited from celebrating special days or visiting relatives; even those who are in nursing homes or hospitals. Some have been advised by their physicians to avoid all public contact, even church worship assemblies. Yes, these are challenging times, but adversity is not limited to the pandemic.

One friend has a son who is having a lung biopsy this week. Another has a son who is dealing with the report of a biopsy on a brain tumor. There are caregivers who are struggling every day to meet the needs of a spouse. There are those who, due to age, find themselves no longer able to participate in the daily activities of the past and are extremely lonely. Some deal with depression while others are filled with worry and anxiety. Yes, times are challenging for some, all the time.

But, all is not doom and gloom for the Lord has shown us how to approach the adversity that we find in our lives. In **2 Corinthians 4:8, 9** the apostle Paul writes, *"We are pressed on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not to despair; pursued, yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed;"* In other words, the times may be extremely difficult, but there is no difficulty so great that the Lord cannot handle. There is no difficulty so great that "we" cannot handle, if we allow the Lord to fight the battle. Brothers and sisters, let us be strong in faith, love and perseverance and approach adversity with the power of the Lord!

In Him, *Mike*

Sunday A.M.

Worship Leader - Jim Wright
A.M. Sermon - Mike Gurganus

Happy Birthday

Dec. 14 - Layla Bianco
Dec. 14 - Emmie Chilton

Anniversaries

Dec. 16 - Mike & Denise Lusk

Spiritual Thought

Don't forget you are human. It's okay to have a meltdown. Just don't unpack and live there. Cry it out and then re-focus on where you are headed.

~unknown

In this hope you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while you have been distressed by various trials...
1 Peter 1:13

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Monday

Monday Missionaries
10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Wednesday Café - 5:45 p.m.
Bible Classes - 7:00 p.m.

Minister

Mike Gurganus

Shepherds

Clint Hicks
Larry Howard

Church Servants

Tully Crowder - Fellowship
Kevin Kellogg - B & G
Jim Humble - Family Care

Children's Coordinator

Brandi Womack

Worship Leaders

Jim Wright

Secretary

Joyce Gowin

Missions

Jamaica
Bayou LaBatre, AL

Children's Ministry

This Week's Lesson: Jesus is Born



Find 3 stars, 2 bells, 1 angel, 3 crosses, 1 staff, and 2 candles hidden in the manger.



Monthly Memorization

Matthew 1:21 (NIV)

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.



Seat and Feet Drive!

Between now and the New Year, please bring in new socks and underwear for children (both boy and girl in all sizes) to be donated to help with children being placed into foster care. If you have questions, see Brandi Womack.

Last Week's Record

A.M. Service	60
Contribution	\$2,421

PRAYER LIST

Kevin Plemmons, acquaintance of Brandi Womack, health problems
Tip Stafford, recovering from fall
Peggy Gainer, is now at home
Elaine Kidwill recovering from eye surgery
Denise Lusk, recovering from surgery
Lidia Hunt, sister of Linda Russel, health problems
Elaine Reed, health problems
A.J. Larmon, father of Elaine Reed, health problems
Walt Epperson, health problems
Nancy Alonso, health problems
Tully Crowder, health problems
Jimmie Sweeton, health problems
Geneva Smith, health problems.
Bill Gowin, health problems
Linda Stover, health problems
Patty Graves, health problems
Barbara Clark, cousin of Johnny Longwith, cancer
Clarence Gurganus, father of Mike, health problems
Linda Henderson, mother of Nathan, health problems

Home Bound

Ralph Jimenez, Standifer Place Assisted Living, Room 101, 2626 Walker Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421

We now have several families who have been dealing with the covid virus over the past few weeks. Please keep the Paul and Shelly Weaver family, the Phil & Whitney Lewis Family and the Jeff and Mylisa McGuire family in your prayers.

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