

**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 o where you are headed.

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*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 Caf  - 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.

### Office Information

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
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