

JANUARY 10, 2021

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**Ringgold
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

"For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places." (Matthew 24:5-7)

As we are leaving the year 2020 and now entering 2021 the above passage comes to mind. Sadly, it seems that our new year may have just as many challenges as the previous one. Maybe more. Since the fall of man recorded in Genesis 3, the world has been in a downward spiral. The Lord reviewed the hearts of men and recognized that "that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Genesis 6:5) And even after the washing away of mankind with a flood the stain of sin remained in the hearts of those few who remained. The story of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11) reminds us that when left to his own invention, that man will ultimately seek to become his own God. The prophets of old fully recognize the futility of man to direct his own steps. (Jeremiah 10:23)

As we have entered a new year we seek to offer each other a challenge of seeking "higher ground". A challenge to look upward to an eternal future and not so much to the future of earthy countries or kingdoms. A challenge to look for a reward that comes to those who seek the Lord and his will, rather than a reward that is to be enjoyed only on this earth. A challenge to "prepare our minds for action, and being sober-minded in that provided by Christ" (I Peter 1:13), rather than allowing politicians, pundits and the national news networks to direct our thinking. A challenge to get back to the Word of God; knowing it and showing it in our daily lives.

For many, much has either been stolen or given away over the past 12 months. It is now time to move into the future seeking to regain what has been lost and to renew and rebuild our spiritual lives. Brothers and sisters let us all take a stand for the Lord, his church and our families. A sinful world may remain in a downward spiral, but the saving grace of our God is ready at all times to bring salvation. Let us stand for what is true, what is holy and what will lead to the saving of souls. Let us accept the challenge of never again allowing the distractions of this world, whether they be pandemic, famine, or social distress, draw us away from our eternal challenge of serving the Lord, serving each other and seeking the lost.

In Christ, Mike

Sunday A.M.

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

**Rejoice in hope, be patient in
tribulation, be constant in
prayer. Rom. 12:12**

Happy Birthday

Jan, 10 - Jim Moore
Jan. 12 - Braydon Lewis
Jan 13 - Carolyn Humble
Jan. 14 - Bill Gowin
Jan. 14 - Geneva Smith

Anniversaries

Jan. 16 - Tully & Judy Crowder

Spiritual Thought

He that has never known adversity is but half acquainted with others, or himself.

~Charles Caleb Colton

These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, BUT take courage; I have overcome the world.

~John 16:33

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 The Beatitudes



Monthly Memorization Matthew 5:2-12 NIV



Last Week's Record

A.M. Service

Contribution \$2,900

PRAYER LIST

- Walt Epperson**, health problems
- Arnold Moore**, father-in-law of Anita Moore, Covid virus
- Kevin Plemmons**, acquaintance of Brandi Womack, health problems
- Peggy Gainer**, health problems
- Elaine Kidwill** recovering from eye surgery
- Denise Lusk**, recovering from surgery
- Lidia Hunt**, sister of Linda Russell, health problems
- Elaine Reed**, health problems
- A.J. Larmon**, father of Elaine Reed, 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 Larry & Henrietta Howard, Tony Sellers, Virgil, Anita & Lane Moore and Doris Talley in your prayers

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