

#### Welcome to the **Granbury Church of Christ**

Sunday, December 24, 2017 Worship Leader - Stan McBroom

#### GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE ...

O Come, All Ye Faithful Lord, I Lift Your Name on High Joy to the World Welcome & Call to Worship John Knox

GOD'S PEOPLE OFFER PRAISE .... He Knows My Name

#### GOD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE ...

Mv Faith Looks Up to Thee The Lord's Supper Prayers Paul Lee

#### GOD'S PEOPLE BRING OFFERINGS...

**Contribution Prayer** Paul Lee My Faith Looks Up to Thee

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD ...

Sermon: A Father for the Messiah John Knox

> GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND ... Because We Believe

GOD SENDS US TO LOVE AND SERVE ... Benediction John Knox

#### **Harvest Missions** Goal: \$210.000 Current Total: \$193,594 Join us in supporting the mission!

### **Praver Requests**

Members, Relatives & Friends in Hospital/Rehab

Margorie Anderson - Harbor Lakes Rehab, Kim Mele - Harbor Lakes Rehab, James Royse – Harris Downtown, Don Walker - Baylor in Fort Worth

#### Members

Sandy Allen, Terry Brooks, David Casey, Bob Connell, Nena Hopper, Ann Jay, Debbie Martin, Don McCleskey, Caroline Monday, Mary Beth Moore, Phil Moore, Rudy Rountree, Amy Talbert, Jean Wann

#### **Relatives/Friends**

Mel Alkire, Deborah Bain, Jean Bills, Ariella Casey, Jennie Dodd, Janet Fortune, Vera Hawkins, Keith Jay, Erica McNally, Karen Peevy, Jeana Ross, Mark & Lisa Sandel, June Stone, Jim Sullinger, Skip Welch, Kyle Young

Note: For a complete list of prayer needs, to submit a prayer request or to read thank you notes, go to www.granburycoc.net and click on the Prayer tab.

# Sympathy

To Steve and Cheri Mayes at the death of Steve's father, James Mayes. (Cheri is the daughter of Weldon and Betty Curbo.) Funeral was Wednesday.

To Joy Buchanan at the death of her husband, Chuck. Memorial service will be Wednesday, December 27, at 2:00pm at Martin Funeral Home.

To Eldora Green and family at the deaths of her sister, Freda Williams, and two great-nephews. Services are pending.

#### Announcements

**Service Opportunity** – GCOC and the Christian Service Center are sponsoring the Community Mobile Food Pantry on Friday, January 5, from 8:00am – 10:30am at First United Methodist Church on FM 51 N. Volunteers are needed to staff this effort. If you can help, sign-up sheets are available at the information tables or contact James Parker (parker.james1582@att.net) or Jonna Eccles (jeccles@granburycoc.net).

First Sunday Welcome Lunch – The Neighbors class and the Elders and Deacons invite guests and new members who have placed membership since January 2017 to be their guests for lunch in the Dining Hall of the Fellowship Center on Sunday, January 7, immediately following the 10:15 worship service.

Ladies' Bible Class is dismissed for the holidays and will resume January 10 with a new video series – *Discerning the* Voice of God by Priscilla Shirer. Join us on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am, in Room 5 (Encouragers classroom).

Save the Date! Ray Vander Laan will be speaking at the Saturn Road Church of Christ in Garland, February 16-18, 2018 (Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday morning). More details to come in January regarding registration. Several from our congregation plan to attend and encourage you to join us. For more information, contact Marsha Gilbert.

# Holíday Schedule

#### Sunday, December 24

**NO** Bible Class 10:15 AM Worship Service

5:00pm Candlelight Service

#### Wednesday, December 27

All Activities Canceled

Piecemakers Quilting Bee will not meet in December.

## **Connections Groups**

**New Year's Eve Connections Group** will meet Sunday, December 31, at 6:00pm at the home of Yvonne Rosenquist. Everyone is invited to attend. Bring a potluck dish or finger foods and come to meet, greet and fellowship! Kirk Woolery will be the guest speaker.

The Sawyer Group will not meet in December.



**Family Candlelight Service** TONIGHT! 5:00pm in the Worship Center (No evening service in Room 5)

#### Sunday. December 31

**NO** Bible Class 10:15 AM Worship Service **NO PM Service** 

### **Church Office & CSC Closed**

December 25—January 1

# **Member Information**

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Las	st Name
His	Name
Her	r Name
Chi	ldren Present:
	anges in address, phone, family ail (please print)
Add	lress
Ph	one #
Fan	nily Email:
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Pray	yer Requests:

#### **Guest Information**

Date	
Last Name	
His Name _	

Her Name\_\_\_

Children's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Family Email (please print):

Address:

Contact Phone #:

I am a:

First-time Guest

Regular Guest Out-of-town Guest

#### Age Groups (Please check all that apply)

🗌 Single	🗆 Married
🗆 Teen	🗆 20s
□30s	□ 40s
□50s	□60s+

I would like information on:

□ This Church □ Membership

Prayer Requests:

#### A Father for the Messiah

Have you ever considered the fact that when God was selecting who would raise His One and Only Son on the earth, He chose Joseph inasmuch as He chose Mary? Typically, we focus on Mary's submissive response to the call of God, which is indeed worthy of our attention. But in Jewish society, it was the man of the household who set the direction of the home. If Jesus was to be brought up in the Lord, He needed a father, as well as a mother, of faith.

What qualities did Joseph possess that made him ideally suited for this task? In Matthew 1:18-25, we see that Joseph was a righteous man – he said and did what was right. Consider, for example, how he handled the news of Mary's pregnancy. He didn't fly into a rage at the apparent betrayal or expose her supposed sin for all the world to see. Instead, he took time to thoughtfully weigh his options and then chose a course of action that would cause the least amount of harm. He considered the welfare of all those involved when making his decision.

Joseph was also obedient to the Lord. When the angel of God told him in a dream to go ahead and take Mary as his wife, he immediately changed his plan and did as he was told. The angel spoke to Joseph through his dreams on at least three more occasions (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23), and each time he obeyed at once, no questions asked. Joseph believed and yielded to the directives of the Lord.

Men, now is the time to follow Joseph's example, stepping up and taking the challenge to be righteous, obedient leaders of our homes. Women, now is the time to choose and support godly husbands. We need fathers and mothers of faith today who will raise their families in the Lord. The eternal future of our children depends on it.

Jan Knox

Attendance Re	eport	Elders	Ministry Staff	
Sunday, December 17,	2017	David Anderson	Harold Durkers	
Sunday Bible Class 10:15am Assembly	258 607	Mike Blevins	Harold Durham Minister of Community Services	
Sunday pm Assembly	52	David Casey	John Duty	
Life Groups	na	Joe Daugherty	John Duty Body Life Minister	
Sunday pm Total	52	Jeff Jeffries	<b>Michael Grayson</b> Youth Minister	
Worship Sche	dule	Billy Martin		
Sunday Morning Bible	•	Jim Sargent	Mark Hackney Administrative Minister	
Class		Ike Sawyer	John Knox	
Sunday Morning Worship	10:15am	Bob Spies	Preaching Minister	
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00pm	Kirk Woolery	Tyler Wiggains Children's Minister	
Wednesday Evening	6:30pm	Ira Wright		
Wireless Network: GC (no password)		1905 W. Pearl St. Granbury, TX 76048	church office: 817-573-2613 www.granburycoc.net	

# The Word became flesh, and lived among us.

John 1:14a