## **Family News**

### **Thank You**

Dear Church Family, I can't thank you enough for your texts, cards, meals, thoughts and prayers during my recovery. I am so very touched and humbled at your acts of love and encouragement. God has blessed me through each and every one of you. Again, thank you so very much. In Him, Laura Bodine

## **Congratulations**

**To Randy and Robin Thormann** at the birth of their grandson, Maximus (Max) Alexander Cornwell. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and is 21 inches.

#### **Announcements**

2016 Bible Reading Plan – Read through the entire Bible next year with the GCOC Bible Reading Plan. This plan was specially designed to correspond with John's sermon themes in 2016. It is available now in the adult Bible classes and information centers, so pick one up today!

First Sunday Welcome Lunch – The Seekers and Victory classes invite visitors and new members who have placed membership since January 2015 to be their guests for lunch in the Dining Hall of the Fellowship Center on Sunday, January 3, immediately following the 10:45 worship service.

#### **New Children's Minister**

We are pleased to announce that Tyler Wiggains has accepted the position of Children's Minister effective January 1, 2016. Tyler is currently the Head Band Director and Director of Fine Arts for the Godley Independent School District. He graduated from Harding University with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education in 2003 and has been teaching since.

Tyler and Kelly have been part of our church family in Granbury since 2012. They have three children – Keynan, Parker, and Hannah Beth. Tyler currently serves as a Deacon in the Family Ministry.

Please join us in welcoming Tyler to the ministry team as we look forward to an exciting future in Children's Ministry.

> Mike Blevins For the Elders

## **Holiday Schedule Reminder:**

No PM Service Tonight

Wednesday, December 30 All activities cancelled

**Church Office Closed**Through January 3

Christian Service Center Closed
Through January 3

### 2015: Living Our Mission

As 2015 comes to a close, this year's *Living Our Mission* devotional readings also come to an end. Personal-



ly, I have learned a great deal from these daily scriptures and have been challenged and inspired to take living our God-given mission to a new level.

I would like to share one insight in particular that I gleaned from this experience. As we moved through the four components of the GCOC mission statement – *Following Christ to the Glory of God* – there seemed to be a progression that started within and moved outward, like a beam of light shining from a lighthouse. The light begins deep in the center of our being when we come to know, understand, and obey God's Word. As we hide that Word in our hearts and reflect its truth in our lives, the light shines on those closest to us, bringing unity to our homes and church family. When our light joins with the light of our brothers and sisters in Christ, the beam becomes stronger and wider in scope, gleaming past the walls of the lighthouse to the surrounding community and the world beyond.

Jesus stated in Matthew 5:14 that we are the light of the world. As His followers, we reflect God's glory by honoring the Word, pursuing unity, serving the community, and extending the kingdom. In doing so, we bear witness that He is a beacon of hope in a dark and treacherous world.

The end of 2015 does not signify the end of living our mission. On the contrary, now that we have clarified our vision and gained momentum for His cause, it's time to continue and expand the mission by emphasizing the potential for new life in a new year. May His glory shine ever brighter through us in 2016.

Jan Knox

## **January Schedule**

January 3: 10:15am Hospitality, 10:45am Worship NO 8:15am Worship, 9:30am Bible Class, or 5:00pm Worship

January 10: 9:00am Hospitality, 9:30am Bible Class (adults in the Worship Center), 10:45am Worship, 12:00pm All-Church Potluck Luncheon, 1:00pm Worship

NO 8:15am Worship or 5:00pm Worship

January 17: 9:00am Hospitality, 9:30am Bible Class, 10:45am Worship, 12:00pm Benefit Luncheon, 1:00pm Benefit Concert by *His Harmony* NO 8:15am Worship or 5:00pm Worship



# Sharing My Faith

Sunday: 12/27 - I will live a good life before unbelievers. 1 Peter 2:12

Monday: 12/28 - I will live in such a way to win the respect of unbelievers. 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

Tuesday: 12/29 - I will share not only the gospel, but also my life with others. 1 Thessalonians 2:8

Wednesday: 12/30 - I will share the gospel without being a burden. 1 Thessalonians 2:9

Thursday: 12/31 - I will never stop teaching and proclaiming the good news of Christ. Acts 5:42

## **Prayer Requests**

#### Members, Relatives & Friends in Hospital/ Rehab

Freda Brown – Health South Rehab, Frankie Deckard - Trinity Mission Rehab, Aaron McClelen - Glen Rose Rehab, Hadley Riddle -Cook Children's Hospital, Sue Stephens -LGMC, Don Wiggins – Quail Park

#### Members

Mary Adams, Susan Blevins, Laurie Bodine, Gloria Burba, Don Drake, Alma Gilliam, Jada Green, Glenda Fry, Nena Hopper, Billy Jack Jones, Arlene McMillan, Mary Beth Moore, Harold Renninger, Bob and Norma Sisk, Bonnie Spies, Bonnie Vance, Bobbie Van Liew, Sue Wiggins, David Wims, Max and Evelyn Young

(Note: For a complete list of prayer needs or to submit a prayer request, go to www.granburvcoc.net and click on the Prayer tab.)

# **Attendance Report**

Sunday, December 20, 2015

Sunday Bible Class	389
8:15 am Assembly	240
10:45 am Assembly	277
Worship Assembly Total	517
Sunday pm Total	na
Life Groups	na
Sunday pm Total	na

## **Worship Schedule**

Sunday Morning Worship	8:15am & 10:45am
Sunday Morning Bible Class	9:30am
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00pm
Sunday Spanish-speaking Bible Class	4:00pm
Sunday Spanish-speaking Worship	5:00pm
Wednesday Evening	6:30pm

### **Flders**

Da	ivia Anderson	Billy Martin
Jef	ff Berryman	Ronnie Roberts
Mi	ke Blevins	Ike Sawyer
Da	vid Casey	Richard Snowbarger
Joe	e Daugherty	Bob Spies
Mi	ke Gilbert	Ira Wright

## **Ministry Staff**

Harold Durham

Minister of

Community Services

John Duty Worship and Body Life Minister

> Michael Gravson Youth Minister

Mark Hackney Administrative Minister

John Knox Preaching Minister



# Following Christ to the Glory of God

December 27, 2015 Worship Leader – John Duty

#### GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE...

#448 The Greatest Commands Congregational Reading (in first person plural) Colossians 3:12-17 Gloria

> Body Life - Call to Worship Clayton Bryant

#### GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD...

1 Corinthians 6:9b-11

Sermon: Is There Really a Difference? 1 Peter 2:12 John Knox

#### GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND...

#629 True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted

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

#315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross The Lord's Supper Prayers Mark Hackney

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

Contribution Prayer Mark Hackney #791 On Bended Knee

#### GOD SENDS US TO LOVE AND SERVE...

#664 Take My Life, and Let It Be Benediction Prayer Ike Sawyer