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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday AM Bible Study-9:30am
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 Wednesday PM Bible Study-7:00pm

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Live Radio Broadcast-10:30am
 AM 1000, 97.5 FM

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 Sunday @ 9:00am

Daily Mini-sermon email:
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HEAR THE GOSPEL ON CABLE TV AND SATELLITE EACH SUNDAY

Charter Cable:

6:00am In Search of the Lord's Way-
 Channel 15
 6:30am Fabric of Family-
 Channel 16
 7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way-
 Channel 13
 7:30am Preaching the Gospel-
 Channel 13
 8:00am Good News Today-
 Channel 13

WBBJ-TV/CBS-Charter Channel 708

7:00am A Bible Answer

Dish TV & Direct TV-Channel 30:

7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way
 7:30am Preaching the Gospel
 8:00am Good News Today

WISE GUYS

by Corey Sawyers

Matthew is the only Gospel account to tell us about the magi, or the wise men. It was during the time of Herod the Great, who was one of the most notorious bad guys. He killed all of his predecessors and their supporters. He had major trust issues. He reigned from 40 BC to 4 B.C. The "magi" is actually a transliteration of the Greek. They were priests. They were wise men. They were interpreters of dreams and astrology experts. The Bible never calls them kings. It also does not give us a number nor their names.

What scholars have told us is that the prophetic texts of the coming of a messiah and the coming of the king of the Jews would not be a Jewish event. It would be a worldwide event. So these guys who studied texts of all religions, would know about Him. They would know that he was going to have a worldwide impact. They expected a big celebration when he got there. They were from Persia. They were in the east, and looking west they saw the star. They came to worship and were very sincere.

When they arrived at the house (note: not a barn at this time), they worshipped Him. The word used here literally means to kiss to or to kiss toward. They bring him gifts. Gold was and is the most precious of metals. It could have been raw, coin, or jewelry. We do not know. Frankincense was the white gum obtained from several types of Arabian trees. It had a pleasant odor and was used for perfuming and cosmetics. It was very rare and very expensive. The city Smyrna (Rev. 2:8) was named such because they produced Myrrh. It is the resin gum from a bush. It too is aromatic and is used in perfume and embalming (Rev. 18:13). In other words, they brought gifts fit for a king. This is the best of the best kind of stuff. They are trying to offer the highest level of respect that they can through their gifts. They then took it to a higher level by worshipping. They did not worship other kings that they visited. They did Jesus.

Do you want to be a wise man or wise woman? Notice what these wise men did and follow their example.

Wise men sought diligently for the Christ until they found Him.

Wise men worshipped Christ.

Wise men brought gifts to Jesus.

Wise men did not defect to the enemy of Christ.

Today, wise men still do the same.

THEME FOR 2017: Back To Basics

STATE OF THE YOUTH

The Importance of Mothers

by Ethan Schulte

When Adam considered by what name he should call the first woman ever created, he chose Eve, which does not mean beautiful, or intelligent, or humorous, but rather means “mother of all living” as we see in Genesis 3:20.

When the people of Israel walked out of the land of Egypt and the hands of slavery, they owed their favor to the one God, who had worked through one man, who owed his life to one faithful, dedicated, loving mother.

When God needed someone to prepare the world with the message, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,” he called not for a seasoned, eloquent speaker, but for an older woman to become the mother of such an important prophet.

When the world needed a Savior, rather than the Word manifesting Himself as an adult, God again called on a woman to become a mother, tasked with the upbringing of the Messiah, the Prince of Peace, the Son of God.

And when that Jesus, both human and divine, faced His final dark and painful hour upon this earth, he cried out not for His friends, nor for His brothers and sisters, but for His mother, that she would be taken care of in His absence.

It is clear from these examples in Scripture that in God’s plan for humanity and life, mothers are a large and vital piece of the puzzle, and that especially holds true in His plans for the church today. As Paul points out in 2 Timothy 1:5, it is no coincidence that men of great faith are often the result of mothers (and grandmothers) who also have great faith. If we are to be a church that continues to grow and mature, as a whole and as individuals, we need mothers who are dedicated to bringing up their children to be faithful, selfless, and serving members of the Lord’s body.

This places a large responsibility on mothers who are genuinely faithful. They are to teach, encourage, discipline, embrace, support, rebuke, praise, and love their children as necessary. They are to exemplify the life of one who loves Jesus, for children seldom learn more about how to live than when at the feet of their mother.

This also places a large responsibility on the older women of a congregation. As Paul points out in Titus 2:3-5, young mothers are in need of the wisdom and guidance of older women who have already fought the fight of motherhood and survived. This is not permission to be intrusive, but rather encouragement to develop intergenerational relationships where advice, support, grief, and perhaps an occasional gentle prodding can be shared in a loving and helpful manner. Wisdom gained by experience, passed from a sincere heart to a troubled mind, can make a world of difference, both for that mother and her children.

David O. McKay accurately summed up the first and lasting impression a mother makes on her child when he said, “Her caress first awakens in the child a sense of security; her kiss the first realization of affection; her sympathy and tenderness, the first assurance that there is love in the world.” Mothers are a vital part of a healthy church, and we should never take them for granted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 31: Lock-in @ East Wood after New Year’s Fellowship in the multipurpose room. Pick—up at 7:30 A.M. Monday, January 1st. Bring games.

Host Youth Devotionals: sign-up sheets are on the Youth Bulletin board to host devotionals for the 3rd-6th and the 7th-12th grades.

Youth Devotionals:

3-6 grade after A.M. Service

7-12 grade after P.M. Service

Guys Bring Drinks, Girls Bring Desserts.

Pick-up time for 3-6th gr. usually from 1:30—2:00 P.M.

January 21: 3-6th grade Bob and Theresa Comer’s home
7th-12th grade Charlie and Jan Neal’s home

BIRTHDAYS

Noah Millraney

Dec. 29

Bella Millraney

Jan. 1

Allie Grace Veglio

Jan. 18



GREETER	OUR ATTITUDE
<p>December 24 Melody and Gordon Sawyers</p> <p>December 31 Jennifer and Jenna Scarbrough</p>	<p>Sunday AM Bible Study.....222</p> <p>Sunday AM Worship.....264</p> <p>Sunday PM Worship.....175</p> <p>Wednesday PM Bible Study.....204</p> <p>This week's contribution.....\$8485</p> <p>Weekly Budget.....\$8472</p>

BIBLE TRIVIA

Last Week's Trivia Answered: Simeon (Luke 2:29-30)
Who Said That? "What is truth?"

FOOD PANTRY

Beef Stew, Ham, Spam and Pasta sauce
(i.e. Spaghetti sauce / Alfredo sauce),

FUTURE WORSHIP LEADERS

If unable to serve, please contact Lance Winders @ 336-2421.
Participants in the A.M. service are asked to please meet in the library following the second bell.

<u>SUNDAY A.M.</u>	<u>DECEMBER 24</u>	<u>DECEMBER 31</u>
Announcements	Steve Delaney	Steve Delaney
Song Leader	Zach Golson	Jason Smith
Opening Prayer	Craig Brown	Stan Wilson
Scripture Reading	Steve Blount	Titus Winders
Closing Prayer	Charlie Neal	Michael Williams
Lord's Supper		
Presiding	Troy Buttrey	Rick Moody
East Side	Ron Brown Wes Knee Charles Clark Max Henry	Rayburn Thomason Jason Scarbrough Blake Morton Silas Winders
West Side	Jerry Peale Bob Perry John McDavid	Levi Dodd Clay Durham Charlie Morton
Nursery	Billy Bucy	Ned Morris
Balcony	Rudy Peoples Mike McDaniel Joe Millraney	Charles Backer Harrison Hutson Jacob Cuthbertson
Alternates	Jeff Figurelli Jerry Crouch Hayden Figurelli	Jon Davidson Philip Davidson Patrick Peale
Overhead Projector	Aaron Hutson	Aaron Hutson
<u>SUNDAY P.M.</u>	<u>DECEMBER 24</u>	<u>DECEMBER 31</u>
Song Leader	Zach Golson	YMS
Opening Prayer	Phillip Brown	
Scripture Reading	Dominic Figurelli	
Lord's Supper	Bob Comer	
Closing Prayer	Lavelle Davidson	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 27</u>	<u>JANUARY 3</u>
Song Leader	Bill DeWees	Zach Golson
Invitation	Edwin Carrington	Caleb Griffin
Closing Prayer	Zach Golson	Dan Patterson

KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Patty Hart: fell injuring her hand and receiving stitches; 140 Swayne Drive / Paris

David Jackson: home after surgery Tuesday, December 19th.; 7270 Main Street / Cottage Grove 38224

Jerry Fuqua: began treatments for prostate cancer. Will have treatments every 3 months; 403 Royal Oak / Paris

Melody Sawyers: home after gallstone removed with complications; 5320 69 South / Paris

Evelyn Mathis: abrasion on the cornea has healed. Has had side effects to the steroidal eye drops. ; 185 Gum Springs Road / Paris

Joe Elkins: home; 506 Country Club Drive / Puryear 38251

Dot Myatt: home and up for early afternoon visits; 1735 Alman Cemetery Rd / Paris

Lottie Smith: home; 219 Ellis Drive / Paris

Melvin Arnold: home, no visits at this time; 390 Clifty Creek Road / Paris

Frank and Ruth Parker: home; 1114 Chickasaw / Paris

Molly Harris: (Dan and Ann Patterson's daughter) suffering from chronic hives; 2605 Skyline Drive / West Paducah KY 42086

Hunter Breer: paraplegia due to recent car accident. Home; 411 Supreme Drive / Buchanan 38222

Norma Bradley: (Stephanie Winders mother) chemo; 23585 Hwy. TT / Versailles, MO 65084

Garry Smith: (son of Lottie Smith) improving. Currently in a Rehab facility in Nashville area; Garry & Barbara Smith, 150 Edmonds Drive / Paris

THANK YOU

Dear East Wood Congregation, You made it easy to feel right at home with you. Thanks for making the visit so nice. Love Josh and Laura Manning
Josh and Laura Manning
7728 Clearview Church Lane
Lyles, TN 37098

Thank you all for the cards, notes, and prayers. I am doing better and hope to make a full recovery! With love, Windy Summers

To the Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Class, I very much enjoyed the bag of goodies you all put together and had Rebecca and Rayburn Thomason deliver. I always enjoy a visit from them. Love and Thanks again, Lillie Mae Odom

Thank you for the very nice fruit tray left on my doorstep, it was enjoyed. Thanks again and please keep me in your prayers. Dot Myatt

Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Class, Thank you for the goody bag. It was fun seeing what was next. I enjoyed the visit with Janie very much. Please keep me in your prayers. Dot Myatt

Dear church of Christ, Thank you so much for the fruit plate. It was beautiful and delicious! I'm so thankful for Christian friends like you!
Love, Carnell Lowry

East Wood Church Family, thank you for all you've done for us. We appreciate it so much. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Melvin and Polly Arnold

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Juanita Freeland and the family of Hilda Elkins. Ms. Elkins was Juanita Freeland's aunt and a member of the Mt. Zion congregation.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIA Reorganization: Teams will be handed out Sunday, December 31st.

Christmas Eve: Regular Bible Study and A.M. service & 2:00 P.M. service only.

Office Closed: Monday, December 25 for Christmas Day observance.

New Year's Eve Fellowship: in the multi-purpose room after P.M. service. Bring finger foods and games.

Office Closed: Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day observance.

Funeral Teams: Would you like to help out with meals for the bereaved? Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin boards in the foyer and by the office. You will be asked to make a dish, covering a one month period. A team will cover this monthly period one to two times a year.

New to the Library:

Public Discussion: Eternal Security of the Believer "Once Saved, Always Saved" 2017 DVD. Donated by the Gospel Broadcasting Network



ELDER'S CORNER

REMINDER: The elders welcome all newcomers. If you would like to be identified as a member here or if you have not had the opportunity to meet the eldership, the elders would like to meet with you briefly to introduce ourselves and to explain our position on certain issues and matters of doctrine.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 31: Young Men's Service
New Year's Eve Fellowship in the multi-purpose room
Lock-in after Fellowship until January 1st @ 7:30 A.M. for the 6th—12th grades.
- January 1: Office Closed - New Year's Day observance
- January 7: Morningside Singing @ 2:00 P.M.
- January 13: Evangelism University (EU)
- January 14: HC Healthcare Singing @ 2:00 P.M.
- January 21: Eiffel Gardens Singing @ 2:00 P.M.
- January 28: Deacons Meeting after P.M. service
- February 4: Morningside Singing @ 2:00 P.M.

THE LADIES' CORNER:

COMPLAINING

by Kathy Pollard

According to an article published in Entrepreneur a couple of months ago, "most people complain once a minute during a typical conversation." I'll be paying more attention to my speech to make sure I don't fall under the category of "most people," but even if I don't voice a complaint in my conversations I wonder if I think it? The article goes on to show many negative effects of complaining.

The article states that the solution to complaining is "to cultivate an attitude of gratitude." It says, "When you feel like complaining, shift your attention to something you're grateful for." Gratitude reduces stress levels, improves mood, energy, and productivity, and lowers anxiety. I imagine gratitude is also contagious and will positively affect those around you.

I find it interesting that this nonreligious article (based on scientific research) is simply confirming what God has been telling us all along. "Do all things without grumbling or complaining" (Phil. 2:14). Instead, "give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thess. 5:18; Col. 3:15, 17; Eph. 5:20). It doesn't surprise me that it's been proven that complaining is bad for our health and gratitude is good for our health. The article suggests that, over time, complaining or gratitude can become a way of life. This means my words may reveal more to others than I intended. They reveal my heart and all that I choose to focus on (Luke 6:45; Prov. 4:23). They affect my own health and even the health of those around me. Complaining or gratitude. This simple, daily choice has great impact. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord" (Psalm 19:14).