

PRAYER LIST:

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| Perry Neal Pettett | Mary K. Harrison | Mack Clements |
| Blanche Lyon | Bobby Garmon | Brance Thompson |
| Gage Smith | Phillip Stout | Becky Shaw |
| David Bray | Reggie Spear | Geneva Welch |
| Johanna Hays | Ronnie Rich | Calvin Johnson |
| Georgie Brooks | | |
| Linda & Ronnie Branstetter | Lavonne & Bobby Welch | |

Thankfully all our members who have been in this hospital the last week or two are now home. **Wade Key**, oldest son of J.D. and Laura Key passed away in Georgia this last week.

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| Welcome: | Steve Carter | |
| Announcements: | Jarad Bartley | |
| Opening Prayer: | Tony High | |
| Closing Prayer: | Jeff Ennis | |
| Scripture Reading: | Timmy Hammer | |
| Song Leader: | David White | |
| Head Table: | Mike Starnes | |
| Wait on Table: | Jimmy High | Jhordi Brooks |
| | Jimmie Blythe | Dayton Birdwell |
| Ushers: | Jeff Gerald | Dennie Biggerstaff |
| Main Door Greeter: | Steve Carter | |
| Side Door Greeter: | Roger Deckard | |
| Kitchen Dr Greeter: | Veachel Harlan | |

December 29, 2019

Fifth Sunday

Remember this is the fifth Sunday and the last Sunday of the year. Any extra contribution you give will be put to good use in the benevolence program, and you get a tax break from Uncle Sam

Why would God become one of us?

This illustration is borrowed from **Charles Swindoll's Book of Illustrations** quoting **Paul Harvey**.

"One raw winter night a man heard an irregular thumping sound against the kitchen storm door. He went to the window and watched as tiny, shivering sparrows, attracted to the evident warmth inside, beat in vain against the glass.

Touched, the farmer bundled up and trudged through the fresh snow to open the barn for the struggling birds. He turned on the lights, tossed some hay in a corner, and sprinkled a trail of saltine crackers to direct them to the barn. But the sparrows, which had scattered in all directions when he emerged from the house, still hid in the darkness, afraid of him.

He tried various tactics: circling behind the birds to drive them toward the barn, tossing cracker crumbs in the air toward them, retreating to the house to see if they would flutter into the barn on their own. Nothing worked. The farmer, a huge alien creature to those birds, had terrified them. The birds could not understand that he actually desired to help.

He withdrew to his house and watched the doomed sparrows through a window. As he stared, a thought hit him like lightning from a clear blue sky: *'If only I could become a bird – one of them – just for a moment. Then I wouldn't frighten them so. I could show them the way to warmth and safety.'* At the same moment, another thought dawned on the farmer. He had just grasped the whole principle of the incarnation.

A man becoming a bird is nothing compared to God becoming man. The concept of a sovereign being as big as the universe He created, confining Himself to a human body was – and is – too much for some people to believe." [p. 294]

The concept of God becoming man is exactly what we believe and what the Bible teaches. In the person of Jesus, we know God. We know God wants to save. We know God loves. We know God's attributes. In any other form, we would simply fly off into the dark cold night. As it is, we know Christ as *"Immanuel, which means, God with us"*! We are drawn to Him, not scared away.

Jeff Smith

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Shelbyville, TN

This time of year is a good time to start again, but any day with God is a good day to start over.

What Must I do?

-) **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
-) **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
-) **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
-) **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
-) **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

-) **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**
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| Jackie | Cloyd | 12/29 |
| Makayla | Emmert | 12/30 |
| Becky | Shaw | 12/30 |
| Rita | Hammer | 1/3 |

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Jarad Bartley, Larry Copas, Bobby Dale Gerald, Kevin Deckard, Jimmy High, Ray Cecil Lyon, Michael McPherson, Tony Harlan

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday: Bible Study... 9:30am
 Morning Worship... 10:05am
 Evening Worship... 6:00pm

Wednesday: Bible Study... 6:30pm

Listen to our Sunday Morning Radio Sermon on WTKY 1370 AM & 92.1, 102.7, 101.5 FM at 8:30am each week, and to our weekday 10min program after the Noonday news.