

December 13, 2010



**Season's Greetings
And Best Wishes For A Happy New Year!**

A Message from Our Shepherds

Personal accountability! What do we mean by this? There are many people in this world that do not realize that they are accountable for the things that they do. There are those people who live life on "the edge." We are all going to be held accountable for the things we say and do while on this earth. We can rationalize in our minds that no one knows about what I have done, but God does! We are all going to be accountable for our actions in the judgment day. We are going to be accountable to God. In Rom. 14:12 we are told this in the simplest of terms, "*So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.*" This should scare some people, as they will not be able to blame someone else for their actions.

The Bible also informs us of some things we are accountable for. We are going to be accountable for those things that we say. "*But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment*" Matt. 12:36. We will also be accountable for those things that we do. "*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad*" 2 Cor. 5:10. We will also be held accountable for those possessions that we put before giving to the Lord and the cause of the Gospel, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. We will be held accountable for those sins that we commit in our hearts, and minds.

"But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" Matt. 5:28. We will be charged in that Day of Judgment for not doing what we know is right. "*Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin*" James 4:17.

Yes personal accountability should scare us. We know that we need to be careful in what we say and do and think. Let us take a personal inventory of our lives and turn to God for the answers.
~Jerry McKey

“Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit; speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ” (Eph 5:15-21).

Loving The Word Of The Lord

“Oh how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day. Thy commandments make me wiser than mine enemies; for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers; for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, because I have kept thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might observe thy word. I have not turned aside from thine ordinances; for thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: Therefore I hate every false way” (Psm 119:97-104).

The Psalmist helps us see why he was one who sought God. He loved the word of God and thought about it frequently during the day. God’s word cheered sagging spirits and lifted hopes of the pilgrim along the path he trudged. The word of the Lord was a light unto his ways and a lamp unto his path (Psm 119:105). Reciting the word of the Lord and speaking it was like unto having the sweetness of honey in the mouth. The psalmist had an intense and ardent love which displays his being free from condemnation. Anyone who has been set free from sin reflects in wonder how God loves him and that the true religion of God blesses and blesses over and over again. God’s word has teaching power beyond this world. It makes the redeemed wiser than the worldly individual. Duties of life are the highest endowment bestowed upon a believer. With the Law of God never far away and being able to recall it there can be a designed life with obligations that constantly give God the glory. Setting forth the excellencies of God enlarges understanding. From a young man to the excellence of a wise aged man the psalmist has been guided in the path of righteousness for God’s sake (Psm 23:1-6). Days and years of study produce wisdom (Job 22:12; 1 Kg 4:31. 32). Knowledge and wisdom are available from heaven (Psm 19:1-10). God’s wisdom is more to be desired than what can be acquired from secular study.

Characteristically the psalmist finds time to think and seek true piety. Piety carries out the aims and purposes of God. No one can be truly pious without a deep foundation and personal sincerity concerning the word of the Lord. Pious individuals have a character which is valued, even by those who are vile and reproachful. God’s laws [precepts] communicate a vast array of truth and wisdom which is contrasted with false and evil.

The psalmist presents a free-will offering constantly. It is a delight to know that God accepts the fruit of his lips (Heb 13:15). Knowing the judgments of God enables the psalmist to make wise choices in life. Rehearsing God’s law, principle and promises helped him never to forget the danger of being ungrateful to God, his Creator and Sustainer. There is a righteous indignation burning within the psalmist. No vile thoughts can be enjoyed for a season (Heb 11:25). Vileness of the heart impedes spiritual growth and stymies religious fervor. Psalm 119 was a tool Hebrew children read to learn their alphabet. It was impressed upon their minds from childhood. Steadfastness is acquired through practice and determination. “...Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” (1 Cor 15:58). Don Hatch

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

December 19, 2010

Front foyer: Nancy Pond and Roberta Price

Back foyer: Robert and Cathy Taylor

December 26 , 2010

Front foyer: Max Melton, Carol Swinney

Back foyer: Bill and Linda Matthews

Sermon Titles

December 19 , 2010

a.m: “*Privilege Of The Strong*”

Scripture: Romans 15:1-7

p.m: “*Privilege Of The Blessed*”

Scripture: Revelation 22:1-15

December 26, 2010

a.m: “Everlasting Love” Jeremiah 31:1-3

p.m: “In Christ A New Creature” 2 Corinthians 5:11-19

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet **Sunday** in room #116 at 5:15 p.m.

MENS’ GATHERING/DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will meet at 6:00 a.m. in the Annex.

There will be no bulletin for the next two weeks due to our agreement with the Post Office. If you have announcements please call the office (972-790-8606).

Those To Serve
January 2011

Lord’s Table AM(Front) Purman Cofer, Jerry Baker, Dorris Walker, Marvin Brown, Mike Garrison, Bill Matthews, Denzel Myers, John Mayer (Rear) J.C. Ross, Robert Taylor, Max Melton, Keith Vaughn, Darrol Allen, Roy Martin, Bill Paschall, Bobby England. **PM** Darrell Allen, Robert Ruckman

Card pickup AM Ethan Howard, Curtis Vaughan. **PM** Alex Mayer, Nathan Allen.

Contribution Counters -Darrell Allen, Mike Garrison.

Congratulations

Juanita Melton has a new great grand daughter, Kimberly Leann Finley, born 12/8/10 [7 lb, 10 oz, 19 inches]

Mrs. Hatch's Wednesday night Bible Class, grade 3-5, **Kayla Allen** had perfect attendance. **Phoebe Latham** missed only one class because of illness.

LECTURESHIP

The Brown Trail Church of Christ will be hosting their 34th annual lectureship, **January 9-12, 2011** on "Gleaning from the Book of Acts". Flyers are in the front and back foyer.

Ladies' Day Calendar

Please submit Bible scriptures and uplifting quotes to Beverly McKey, Linda Matthews or Marcella Porter by **December 31st**.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy **Cindy Vaughn** and her family, Her father Richard Hutt passed away Sunday. Services will be at Thorp Spring Church of Christ Wednesday 10AM. Visitation, Tuesday 5:30-7:00PM Martin Funeral Home in Granbury. He will be interred at Travis Peak.

NEWS OF THE SICK

Evelyn Armstrong sends her love, thanks and gratitude for your kind thoughts and prayers.

Helen Thomas is ill with flu.

·**Mike Garrison** was admitted to Baylor Irving ER (12/13). He is undergoing tests.

·**Joe Dwyer**, (Elizabeth Garrison's son) had surgery and is recovering at home.

·**Gail Hieronymus**, (Mike Garrison's daughter) is battling cancer and blood clots.

·**Joann Hatch** fell and broke her right shoulder (12/13). She will see a surgeon this week. Pacemaker surgery is postponed.

·**Don Elliott**, (Dessie Ross') nephew is in HEB hospital. He has had four units of blood following his accident.

Our Missionaries are great men and women of faith. Remember them in your prayers and encourage them in their daunting task.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Evelyn Armstrong, Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Jean Kelly, Jack & Frances LaFerney, Garldean Latham, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Thomas West, Brad Anderson (Bill Paschall's friend).

Be sure and mark your calendar –

- December 19th Mission Printing in the Jr. Auditorium at 4:00 p.m.
- December 19th Singing class in room #116 at 5:15 p.m.
- There will be no bulletin the weeks of December 20th and 27th.

Front Table

·Mike Batot
·Kenny Mayer
·Henry Seidmeyer
·Thomas Rathbun

Rear Table

·Robert Taylor
·Derrol Allen
·Bill Paschall
·Max Melton

Sunday A.M. Prayers

·Jerry McKey
·Mike Garrison
·Dean Webb

·Jerry Baker ·Keith Vaughn
·James Gilliam ·Roy Martin
·Denzel Myers ·Bobby England
·Stan Selby ·J. C. Ross

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

·Richard Renfro
·Bill Matthews

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

·Bill Paschall

·John Mayer

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Garl Latham

A.M. SONG LEADER

·Garl Latham

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Darrell Allen -Romans 15:1-7

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Nathan Allen -Revelation 22:1-15

P.M. SONGLEADER

·Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	85	81	-	125
A.M. Worship	146	136	-	210
P.M. Worship	66	70	-	112
Wed. Class	71	65	-	110
Ladies Bible Class	19	20	-	30
Contribution	\$5724	\$4093	\$	\$5433

MISSIONS

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Malasia
Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
Glen & KuinTattersall – Australia
Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
Bitrigunta Church of Christ - Bitragunta, India
Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching
Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo Nation
Dennis & Beth Johnson - Chennai Teacher Training School - India