

**LAST WEEK'S RECORD**

Sunday AM.....192  
Sunday PM.....103  
Sunday Bible Classes.....110  
Wednesday Night..... 101  
Contribution.....4417

**FAITH FOR TODAY**

Monday—The Cops and Satan  
Tuesday—The Business of Make Believe  
Wednesday—Bulletproof Skin  
Thursday—Teaching is Dangerous  
Friday—Be Prepared

**SERMONS**

AM —"God Does Still Work" (Psalm 104)  
PM —James # 12: Promoting Peace (James 3:13-18)

**MISSIONS**

East Tennessee School of Preaching	Jeremy Gillentine
Forkland, AL work	Murk Thomas
Gray, GA Church	Glen Schliebner
Guyana	Jerry Davidson, Wayne Pruette, Dharmendra Ramgobin
Honduras	Phil Waldron
Hurley Church, Hurly MS	Steven Lucas
India	Ron Clayton
Indonesia	Colin McKee
Jackson Chapel Church Leesville, LA	
Philippines	Tmos Lizardo
Philippines & Others	Demar Elam
Romania	Harvey Starling
Tanzania	Brett & Christie Harrison

**Those to serve Sunday December 11**

Song Leader AM Greg Bryant PM Monty Russell  
Opening Prayer AM Charles Grantham PM Roger LeCompte  
Closing Prayer AM Monty Russell PM Charles Thomasson  
Scripture Reading AM Jed Blackwell PM Jon Harrison  
Lord's Table AM Lord's Table PM  
Greg Bryant Monty Russell Richard Moore  
Ronnie Dixon Cecil Green Harry Smith  
Eddie Lindsey Clif Green  
Jon Harrison Larry Harrison  
Nursery AM –Sonja Godwin & Kriston Bush PM Cindy Thompson & Judy Dillard  
Greeters: Jody Dillard-Andy -Wiggins-Jed Blackwell-Lib Coxwell  
Ushers: Bill Gilder & Roy Wilson

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Thagard Colvin  
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Greg Bryant  
Ronnie Dixon  
Donald Knox  
Rick Kyle  
Monty Russell  
Kyle Thomasson

**MINISTER**

Eddie Boggess 222-3390

**SERVICES**

Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Pew Packers 5:00 PM  
Worship 5:00 PM  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 PM

**FAITH FOR TODAY**

Monday-Friday 11:50 AM  
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**ENCOURAGING WORDS**

**Exciting Times:** We are thoroughly enmeshed in the holiday season. Not only is this "the most wonderful time of the year," but it is also the most hectic time of the year—as everyone tries to cram a year's worth of activities into a couple of weeks in December. Yet, despite the hectic nature of the season it is an exciting time of the year. There is excitement in the air. There is excitement in the air here at Cedar Grove. This year is coming to a close, and a new one is about to begin. With the new year, there is great excitement for the wonderful opportunities and blessings it will bring. It is exciting to think about all the ways that God will bless us in the coming year, and all the good that He will work through our efforts. Let's get excited about all that God has in store for us, and let's get busy bringing all to fruition all the good work that we can do in His name.

**Refocus:** Here is a good reminder for us to refocus especially during this holiday season. Life is not about getting what I want or doing what I want. Life is about giving and serving others. It is really easy to miss that point. Because each of us is responsible to provide for our own needs (2 Thess. 3:10), it is easy to get caught up going beyond that—becoming selfish and only caring about ourselves or working toward our own goals. Yet, man's purpose is not the service of himself, but the service of God (Ecclesiastes 12:13). True happiness comes from achieving our purpose, not fulfilling our desires. When we do God's will, He blesses us with heavenly peace and joy (Philippians 4:7). Let us refocus our attention from ourselves to others, not just during December, but throughout the rest of our lives.

**Today's Scripture:** "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;" (Philippians 1:6 NKJV) *Eddie*

## **ARE YOU BRINGING YOUR CHILD UP OR DOWN**

### **RULES FOR BRINGING UP A CHILD:**

1. Make home the brightest and most attractive place you can.
2. Make him or her responsible for helping in some daily duties at home.
3. Never punish in anger nor to relieve your own feelings, but only in love for disobedience.
4. Do not ridicule his or her ideas; talk frankly on matters in which he or she is interested.
5. Encourage him or her to invite his friends to your home and table.
6. Impress on his or her mind the fact that service and honesty are more important than making money.
7. Live Christ before him or her so that you will be able to talk of Christ to them.
8. Let them see your enjoyment and profit from Bible reading and prayer.
9. Set an example in faithful church attendance and interest in the work.
10. Be much in prayer for their salvation and spiritual growth.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

### **RULES FOR BRINGING DOWN A CHILD:**

1. Let them have plenty of money to spend as they like.
2. Permit them to choose their companions without restraint or guidance.
3. Let them spend Sunday hours with companions with low ideals as to the Lord's day.
4. Allow them to go out at night as they please and return when they get ready.
5. Make no inquiry as to where and with whom they spend their leisure time.
6. Teach them to expect pay for all the help at home and for all service to others.
7. Allow them to think that good manners are a good substitute for good morals.
8. Do not trouble to interest them in the Bible or to win them to Christ.
9. Let them see that you think Church attendance is not important.
10. Never let them hear you pray, especially for their salvation.

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**“Don't cripple the church by: ABSENTEEISM-INDIFFERENCE-STINGINESS-LOVELESSNESS”**

## **NEWS & NOTES**

**SICK:** Billy Stokes is in room 245 at Andalusia Hospital. Ian Savage had surgery on Friday at Enterprise Hospital, was supposed to come home on Saturday. Doris Hicks is sick at home. Tommy Owens, cousin of Judy Knox is very seriously ill at home. We have many that are sick with colds and etc. Continue to remember those in the nursing home, Bill Hicks and Rebecca Davis, our shut ins, those who have asked an interest in our prayers.

**AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL** will be this afternoon at the Opp congregation.

**MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP** will be next Sunday night after evening services. Care group 4 will be in charge.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS** met on Monday night at the home of Linda Kyle, which was beautifully decorated, with 25 ladies present. Karen Boggess and Niva Harrison presented a very enjoyable lesson. The ladies enjoyed a delicious meal that each lady had prepared a dish. The night concluded with the exchanging of ornaments.

**THANK YOU** from Sonja Godwin for the prayers, visits, phone calls, and food during her stay in the hospital and recovery.

**DECEMBER PANTRY ITEMS:** Soup and Peanut Butter

## **SECRET OF GROWTH**

A CONGREGATION IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO GROW WHEN:

1. Each member has a deep concern for the lost.
2. Each member enters the worship service with enthusiasm.
3. Each member is interested in an aggressive Bible school.
4. Each member is interested in improving his or her teaching ability.
5. Each member tries to put more into the work than he is taking out.
6. The preacher preaches the Word with love.
7. Each member is personally involved in the work
8. Each member lets love express itself to every other member.
9. Each member “in honor prefers one another.”

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