

**LAST WEEK'S RECORD**

Sunday AM.....190  
Sunday PM.....98  
Sunday Bible Classes.....124  
Wednesday Night..... 114  
Contribution.....4163

**FAITH FOR TODAY**

Monday — It's Not The Way God Works  
Tuesday — Names Are Important  
Wednesday- Even Jealousy Is Not Entirely Bad  
Thursday — Taking TV Too Seriously  
Friday — We Bear His Mark

**SERMONS**

**AM:** Harvey Starling  
**PM:** James # 17: Handling the Pressure” (James 5:7-12)

**MISSIONS**

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

**THOSE TO SERVE SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 2012**

Song Leader AM	Richard Moore	PM	Alan Lindsey
Opening Prayer AM	Thagard Colvin	PM	Rick Kyle
Closing Prayer AM	Jed Blackwell	PM	Charles Thomasson
Scripture Reading AM	Eddie Lindsey	PM	Monty Russell
Announcements—	John Evers		
Lord's Table AM		PM	
Alan Lindsey	Jed Blackwell	Charles Thomasson	
Harry Smith	Eddie Lindsey	Lester Thomasson	
Andy Wiggins	Trey Lindsey		
Russell Rigdon	John Evers		
Greeters	Jody Dillard-Ronnie Dixon-Curtis & Margie Thomasson		
Ushers	Thagard Colvin-Monty Russell		
Nursery AM	Patsy Green & Crystal Bracewell	PM	Sandy Skipper & Lib Coxwell

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**ELDERS**

Thagard Colvin  
Charles Thomasson  
Curtis Thomasson  
Esker Thomasson

**DEACONS**

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**

**Guest Speaker:** Today we welcome brother **Harvey Starling** who is here to speak to us and to report on the wonderful work that is going on in **Romania**. I know we are all excited to hear what brother Starling has to say. He has already let us know by letter that **28** precious souls were added to Christ in that part of Romania last year. Certainly brother Starling will have a lot to say about that good success as well as the good efforts that are planned for the work this year. Let's all give brother Starling close attention during both the Bible Class and Worship hour.

**Reading the New Testament:** On January 1, we were encouraged to commit to reading the New Testament through in one month. Several of us took that challenge and will be finishing it up this week. Others, for a variety of reasons, may have neglected to take up the challenge for January. If you fall into that category, then let me challenge you to make the commitment to read the New Testament through in February. I know it is the shortest month of the year, but 2012 is a leap year, so we get that extra day. Also, if we start tomorrow (January 30) then we will have the extra two days that we lose with the shorter month. Even if you do not wish to commit to reading the entire New Testament in a month, commit to setting aside a certain amount of time each day for Bible reading and study. A Christian should always be growing, and the best way to do so is continual, daily exposure to the will of God.

**Today's Scripture** "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14 NKJV)

## PRINCIPLES OF SCRIPTURAL GIVING

### **We are not giving what is ours**

We do not give to God a portion of what belongs to us. Instead, we are giving back to Him part of what is His. Our decision is not how much to give, but how much of God's blessings we can afford to keep (Romans 14:8; Haggai 2:8).

### **Giving is to be according to our prosperity.**

The more we have, the more we are to give. We are to give as we have been prospered. (1 Corinthians 16:2).

### **What we have is only temporary.**

We do not own what we have. God's bounty is only ours to use for a short time. Our possessions are part of our gifts from God. We will give an account to Him of the way we have used them (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

### **Giving is a spiritual matter.**

Paul speaks of our giving to God as a service (2 Corinthians 8:4). It is an evidence of our sincerity and is a proof of our love (2 Corinthians 8:9, 24).

### **Our generosity will be rewarded.**

Although reward can never be a proper motive for giving, we have God's promise that He will not forget us and will reward us for our liberality. Read Proverbs 11:24; Matthew 25:29; Malachi 3:8-10.

### **Giving begins in the heart.**

The tabernacle was built in the wilderness with gifts that were given from hearts that were stirred to sacrifice for God (Exodus 25:1). Our purpose must begin in our heart, and must be translated to action (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

### **The Lord knows our gifts.**

We can hide from men, even the IRS. Yet, we cannot hide from God. He knows our hearts. He sees our motives. He observes how much we give.

Our giving is one way to serve Him who is the Source of all things. Let us understand that giving is serious business. It affects our relationship with God. It affects where we will spend eternity.

Bulletin Digest

## NEWS & NOTES

**SICK:** Arlis Adams, brother of Audie Thomasson is very critical at this time in ICU at Andalusia Hospital. Ann Thomasson and George Stokes continue to recover at home. Murray Bryant has been sick at home. Billy Stokes has been undergoing test. There are others who are sick with colds, etc. There is an updated prayer list on the table in the foyer.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Cindy Thompson and Debbie Greene in the death of their uncle, Royce Blackmon, this past week.

**GOLDEN AGE BANQUET** will be Sunday, February 5 following the morning service for all those age sixty and above and their spouses. If anyone would like to make a donation to help with the banquet, please see Heather Blackwell or Kriston Bush. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby if you would like to help with the food.

**BIBLE BOWL** participants need to be studying James chapters 1-5. The first test will be held on January 29th immediately after the evening service. The mock test will cover the book of James. For questions see Monty Russell or Mark Garner.

**VISITING SPEAKER:** Today Harvey Starling will be speaking to combined classes and preaching at the morning worship service. The elders, deacons and ministry leaders, and anyone who wished to join them has prepared and brought food and will be having lunch immediately after the morning service.

**ELDERS MEETING:** The elders will meet with the deacons and ministry leaders this afternoon after they are finished with lunch.

**JANUARY PANTRY ITEMS:** canned vegetables

**On the table in the vestibule are inserts for the church directory that are sized and punched to replace the membership listings in the directories we received a few years ago. There should be enough for all the directories that were distributed. If you have not picked up a copy please do so.**

**The ladies will be taking donations through the months of January and February to help Brett & Christie Harrison in their mission work in Geita, Tanzania. If you would like to donate to this cause see Audie Thomasson, Hazel McClain, or Sharon Dye.**

**The Chairpersons of the committees for the April Ladies day will meet this afternoon at 4 PM. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please see Hazel McClain, Sharon Dye or Beverly Gilder.**