

**LAST WEEK'S RECORD**

Sunday AM..... 193  
 Sunday PM..... 118  
 Sunday Bible Classes..... 117  
 Wednesday Night..... 96  
 Contribution.....4972

**FAITH FOR TODAY**

Monday —Anger Does Damage  
 Tuesday — He Married A Woman Half His Age  
 Wednesday —Hidden Dangers  
 Thursday —Oh, What a Tangled Web We Weave  
 Friday —A Thing of Beauty

**SERMONS**

AM - "Everything Will Be OK"  
 PM - James #14: "Who Are We To Judge?"

**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 8, 2012**

Song Leader AM Greg Bryant PM Jody Dillard  
 Opening Prayer AM James Rabren PM Mark Garner  
 Closing Prayer AM Lester Thomasson PM Trey Lindsey  
 Scripture Reading AM Russell Rigdon PM Rick Kyle  
 Announcements John Evers  
 Lord's Table AM PM  
 Alan Lindsey John Evers Charles Thomasson  
 Harry Smith Jed Blackwell Lester Thomasson  
 Andy Wiggins Eddie Lindsey  
 Russell Rigdon Trey Lindsey  
 Greeters Jody Dillard-Ronnie Dixon-Curtis & Margie Thomasson  
 Ushers Thagard Colvin - Monty Russell  
 Nursery AM Kriston Bush PM Sonja Godwin  
 Sound Room

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**ENCOURAGING WORDS**

**More Good News:** This time of year is a time when we are getting a lot of year end reports from various mission and benevolent efforts that we support. For example, we heard recently from **Demar Elam** who told about the good work going on in **Syktyvkar, Russia** and a recent campaign in the **Philippines** where **1,786** people were treated in a medical mission and **47** were converted to Christ. We also heard from **Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN)** about the good work that they are doing. GBN is a cable channel that provides 24 hour gospel programming. It has already been picked up by a number of cable channels across the country and produces programming that can be viewed daily on Dish Network and Direct TV. GBN has a special place in my heart because in the past I have been asked several times to appear as a guest on some of their programming. We also heard from **Ron Clayton** about the work in **India**. I was amazed and excited to hear about the wonderful success that the gospel is having in that country. Ron reports that **141,827 Gospel Meetings** were conducted in India last year resulting in **242,574 converts**. He also reports that most of these meetings were conducted by Indian preachers with whom he and his team work. Is it not wonderful that the Word of the Lord is having such great effect in our world today! Is it not a blessing that we at Cedar Grove can be a part of it!

**Good to be back:** It is good to be back with you today after being away last Sunday. My family and I had a great trip, but it is also great to be home. I am excited to be beginning this New Year working with such a wonderful congregation. You all are a blessing to my family and me. We love and appreciate every one of you.

*Eddie*

**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  
 WAAO 103.7 FM

### **I AM THE NEW YEAR**

I am the new year; three Hundred Sixty Five days of unspotted, unspoiled, and unused time. I am a clean slate of opportunity, a reflection of what might be rather than what has been. My diary contains unlimited resolutions, once made in earnest and then broken in haste. I am the fresh breeze of opportunity that blows across the fields of yesterday's broken and forgotten promises.

My features are a mystery, for no one can tell what is in store for tomorrow. Each day brings new insight to what I will be after I have completed my journey. I am the opportunity to achieve those things which for some reason or another were left undone in the previous year.

To the financier, I am interest accumulated at a fixed percentage rate. To a student, I am that one step closer toward receiving an education. To the small child, I am another summer camp, Thanksgiving holiday, or Christmas wish. To a parent, I contain the joy of watching a child grow and mature. To the young, I am dreams and hopes dressed in daily determination. The youngster wonders why I do not come around more often; the aged wonder why I come so often. For some, this year will bring unparalleled opportunities. For others it will bring disaster and ruin. To all, it will bring us twelve months closer to eternity.

Tom Wacaster

### **WHAT CAN I DO TO ENSURE THAT MY CHILD WILL BECOME A CHRISTIAN?**

What Godly parents would not want to ensure that their children would become faithful, New Testament Christians? Aside from that parent's own faithfulness, they should have no greater desire. Ultimately, every person has to decide for himself or herself whether or not to serve God, but there are some sure things that will help your children to make the right choice.

First, and perhaps most importantly, you must become and remain a faithful servant of the Lord. It doesn't matter if you desire more than anything for your child to be a Christian, they need to see that it is important to you. In my observation, it has often been the "little" things that end up making the difference. It only takes a handful of instances where you place worldly things above spiritual things for your kids to pick up on your lack of spiritual priority. In the majority of situations where I've seen Christian parents fail to convince their children to obey the gospel, the parents simply allowed their children to miss church meetings and spiritual activities for "important" things like homework and extracurricular activities, etc. Let there be no question in the minds of your children as to where your first priority lies.

Second, it is of necessity that there be **daily** reinforcement of Christian values in your home. The first Christians realized this as they continued daily with one another in the service of Christ (Acts 2:26). The Bereans were described as noble because they searched the scriptures daily (Acts 5:42). The Hebrew writer noted the importance of, exhorting one another daily to remain faithful (Hebrews 3:13). In the home is the only place where youth can receive **daily** affirmation of the will of God. Study with your family, encourage faithful church attendance, and show your children the value of service. Make spiritual encouragement and growth a daily occurrence in your home. Your family will be eternally grateful, and you will be able to declare as John did, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (III John 4).

Darrell A. Powell

### **NEWS & NOTES**

**SICK:** Judy Knox fell and injured her shoulder this past week. Ann Thomasson continues to recover from shoulder surgery. Cathy Bozeman spent some time in Southeast Alabama in Dothan this past week. At this time they are unable to do surgery. Sybil Spencer had a stroke this past week. Farris Huggins was scheduled to have eye surgery in Montgomery this past Friday. Danny Little, first cousin of Lib and Hazel will be having major surgery in Gainesville, FL on Wednesday, please add him to your prayer list. Odis Taylor suffered a stroke this past week. Please remember all of these, those in nursing homes, out shut ins, all who have asked an interest in our prayers.

**AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL** will be this afternoon at Hamilton Crossroads.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS** met on Monday night with 19 ladies present. Margie Thomasson presented the lesson and Hazel Williams did the devotional. Sharon Dye discussed projects for the coming year. The ladies enjoyed a meal of soups, salads and desserts.

**MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP** will be next Sunday night following evening service. The New Care Group 1 will be in charge.

**LADS TO LEADERS:** Richard Moore wants to meet with those interested in Lads to Leaders and their parents after we' dismissed this morning.

**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 and 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.**