

December 14, 2025	
A.M. Worship	100
Contribution	\$5,767.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,104.00

THOSE WHO SERVE

December 21 **December 28**

LOCK BUILDING

We NEED your help! We NEED your help!
PROJECTOR AM

Jeff King	Lane Timaeus
Caleb Griffith	Curtis Sanford

SCRIPTURE READING

David Johnson	Joe Maywald
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FIRST PRAYER

James Henry	Morris Howland
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LORD'S SUPPER

Curtis Sanford	Kelly Hudson
Carl Barrow	Stephen Bailey
D.D. Lindsey	Solomon Hamilton
Brian Casey	Vic Leon
Roger Peltier	Caleb Griffith
Gerry Austin	William Stidman
Randy Wilkinson	James Henry
Gary Faycosh	James Carr
Darrin Griffith	Justin Alsobrook
Taylor Rieck	Scott Ratcliff

CLOSING COMMENTS

Scott Ratcliff	Jeff King
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CLOSING PRAYER

Larry Timaeus	Kyle Teat
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EVENING

PROJECTOR PM

Gary Faycosh	Brian Casey
Joe Davis	Shane Young

SCRIPTURE READING

Stephen Bailey	Darrin Griffith
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FIRST PRAYER

Kelly Hudson	Scott Ratcliff
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LORD'S SUPPER

Rick Arnold	Curtis Sanford
William Stidman	Joe Davis

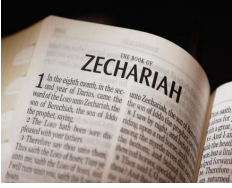
CLOSING PRAYER

Joe Maywald	Dan Talbot
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH THE MASTER



This Wednesday's meal is Chili Dogs. Come hungry! See you at 6pm.



There will be a Men's Bible study this Thursday evening at 7pm. The study continues in Zechariah 6.

December 21, 2025

GREETERS

December 21	David Johnson
	Carl & Sharon Barrow
	Nita Fry
December 28	Kyle Teat
	Mandie Faycosh
	Carol King
	Karen Ratcliff

MONITORS

December 21	Carl Barrow
December 28	D.D. Lindsey

MEN TO COUNT CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec 21	K. Teat, E. Lowe, J. Maywald
Dec 28	E. Lowe, J. Maywald, G. Austin

SPECIAL SERVICE

Communion Prep	The Barrows
Communion Clean	The Barrows

SONG LEADERS

December

21	Scott Ratcliff (am)	28	Richard Thompson
	Taylor Rieck (pm)		

January

4	Scott Ratcliff (am)	11	Richard Thompson
	Taylor Rieck (pm)		

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Accents
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ELDERS
Scott Ratcliff

DEACONS
Darrin Griffith
William Stidman
Stephen Bailey
Taylor Rieck
Randy Wilkinson



Reminder..There will NOT be a weekly bulletin sent out next Tuesday, December 23, 2025.

dates **12/22-12/26** - Church office will be lightly staffed the week of Christmas.


Remember **12/24** - There will be **NO** WNWTM meal, activities or Bible classes, we will all meet in the auditorium at 7pm for a singing and devotional time.

12/24-12/25 - The office will be **CLOSED**.

12/28 - **REGULAR MORNING SERVICES**. Evening services, will be at the Lake Jackson Church of Christ for the annual, area wide, end of year singing, beginning at 5pm.

12/31 - New Year Fellowship, from 6pm-Midnight.

1/1 - The office will be **CLOSED**.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES	9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP	5:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH MASTER	6:00 P.M.
ACTIVITIES & BIBLE STUDY	6:30, 7:00 P.M.

FROM THE PREACHER

By: Blake Hudson

Roman Catholicism: Apostolic Succession and History

I would like to turn our attention for a little while to Roman Catholicism: first up, the claim of authority based on apostolic succession. A central claim of the Roman Catholic Church (RCC) is that the bishop of Rome (i.e., the pope) is the earthly, authoritative head of Christianity due to an unbroken line of Roman bishops going back to the apostle Peter. While this claim suffers from severe theological problems, what I would like to focus on here are the *historical* problems.

Here's the truth: there is no record of a singular "bishop of Rome" until the mid-2nd century. In fact, the earliest mention of a monarchical (single-ruling) bishop of Rome is by Irenaeus around 180 AD. While the RCC officially argues otherwise, Roman Catholic academics will admit this is the truth of the matter. For example, the Jesuit Priest and theologian Francis A. Sullivan writes, "Scholars differ on details, such as how soon the church of Rome was led by a single bishop, but hardly any doubt that the church of Rome was still led by a group of presbyters for at least part of the second century" (*From Apostles to Bishops*, viii).

What about our historical documents? The earliest Christian documents – the New Testament – know of no bishop of Rome. There is no reference to a bishop of Rome anywhere in the New Testament, *not even in Paul's letter to the Romans*. There is also no mention of apostolic succession of any sort. Consider that for a moment: if apostolic succession and the bishop of Rome are critical to the very existence of the Church, why is there absolutely no mention of them in the Church's founding documents? Why does Paul make no mention of a bishop of Rome or send him any greetings in his letter?

Not only does the New Testament know of no such thing as a bishop of Rome, but neither do our earliest post-New Testament writings. These writings are commonly collected together and referred to as "The Apostolic Fathers." Reading through them, you will find a striking omission: no mention of a bishop of Rome. This is especially remarkable given the nature of the documents. For example:

1 & 2 Clement are written *from Rome* to Corinth around 100 AD. There is no mention of a Roman or Corinthian bishop, and all references to congregational leaders are plural.

The Letters of Ignatius (written around 110 AD) include many references to monarchical bishops. Ignatius is a huge fan of the idea of congregations being led by one bishop and goes out of his way to send personal greetings to the bishop of the towns he writes to. In six of his seven letters, he specifically greets and writes about the bishop of the congregation. The one exception? *His letter to Rome*. That is the only letter in which he does not greet or reference a bishop. The fact that Ignatius, the super-fan of bishops, makes no mention of a Roman bishop is especially damaging to Rome's claim.

The Shepherd of Hermas was written *in Rome* in the early 2nd century and refers to *elders* (plural) of the congregation, not to a monarchical bishop.

If the RCC is correct in its claim of an unbroken line of bishops going back to Peter, why do our early documents not evidence a bishop of Rome? The actual historical data points to a plurality of elders leading the church in Rome into the 2nd century, a point admitted even by Roman Catholic historians. Laying aside theological issues, merely from a historical standpoint Rome's claim of apostolic succession – and the authority derived from it – lacks foundation.

Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning's Adult Bible class will be covering... Acts 18: 1-17

Church Volunteers New sign-up sheets for 2026 have been put out on the bulletin board. There will be many opportunities to help throughout the year but, for now, men are needed to give short devotionals on Wednesday evenings, help is needed with locking up the building and preparing/cleaning the communion trays before and after services and our teens need hosts for their devotionals. Please consider signing up, alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!

Wednesday, December 31st, our New Year's Eve fellowship will start with a devotional at 6pm., a potluck dinner and games will follow until midnight. Please bring a dish to share and come welcome in the new year!

HAPPY New Year 2026

WE REJOICE! Alivia Faycosh made the most important decision to put on Christ in baptism last night, December 15, 2025. Welcome to God's family Alivia!

Congratulations!
J. W. and MaKayla Fagan!
They were married Friday, December 12, 2025.

Coffee and DONUTS

Beginning January 4th, please join us in the fellowship hall every Sunday morning for coffee and donuts at 9am. Grab some coffee and donuts before Bible class!

Attention all cooks! There will be a meeting January 4th, at the front of the auditorium, following morning services. Please make plans to attend.

BIBLE SCOUTS
ANGELTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

The next Bible Scouts will be January 4, 2025, after evening worship.

Please Pray

Guy Archerd, father of Emma Fagan's daughter-in-law, Vickie, is in ICU and will be having surgery in Houston...Len Boling, brother of Lily McGrath is home and doing well after a brief hospital stay following a stroke...John Shaw, brother-in-law of Tammy Sanford, has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and is very ill...Johnny Toone, Karen Lowe's son, is battling cancer...Christian Wall, Karrie Kramer's uncle, is being released to rehab in Lake Jackson...Taylor Rieck's co-worker John, has been found to have a mass and will undergo surgery

PLEASE REMEMBER:
Len Boling, Dorothy Booth, Shirley Brown, Robert Gautney, Jeanie Granger, Mona Higgins, Erin West Janik, Dorothy King, Marie Leblanc, JoAnne Maywald, Charm Moser, Lila Odom, Wayne Satchell, Karen Smith, Paul Stallberg, Andy Tilley, Charles and Elizabeth Street, Ceasar Vereen, Maggie Walker, John Ward