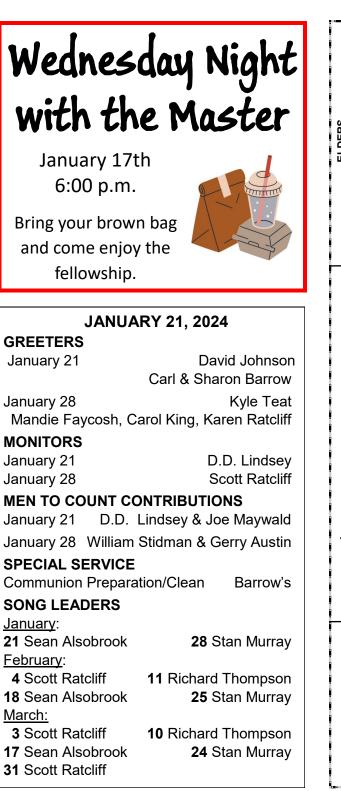
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James Henry	James Carr	
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John Trammel	Scott Ratcliff	
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Darrin Griffith	Kyle Teat	
Gary Faycosh	Ceasar Vereen	
Rick Arnold	Lucas Byrd	
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Jeff King	Jeff King	
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VBS Planning Meeting January 28, 2024 VBS on VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
DAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES	9:30 A.M.
DAY MORNING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.
DAY EVENING WORSHIP	5:00 P.M.
NESDAY NIGHT WITH MASTER	6:00 P.M.
ACTIVITIES & BIBLE STUDY	6:30, 7:00 P.M.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

In my sermon this past Sunday I began a two-part series titled, "The ME FIRST Mentality." The focus of these sermons is to examine the heart that drives our every action as Christians. We are often guilty of making excuses when it comes to why we miss worship, can't give to the church, or serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. I fear that the excuses we make are proof that our hearts are not properly focused. Christianity isn't a solo endeavor. Consider the model prayer Christ gave in Matthew 6:9-13. The prayer doesn't begin, "My Father in heaven..." but instead "Our Father in heaven." The use of the "our" is proof that religion is a team effort and Ephesians 4 is almost exclusively about the importance of unity. That being said, how do we handle verses like Philippians 2:12, where the Bible tells us to, "... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling"?

The Apostle Paul is instructing these Christians on how to live their lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. The context leading up to this moment cannot be ignored.

"1) So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2) complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3) Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4) Let each of you look not only to his own interests but also to the interests of others. 5) Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus..." The greatest example we have of how to live our lives is Jesus Christ. Jesus embodied what it means to be humble and self-sacrificing, and Paul wants us to live like Christ. It might seem contradictory, think of others, but work out your own salvation. Does God want our Christianity to be collective or *individual?*" (*Philippians 2:1-5*)

The truth is, we do have a responsibility regarding our salvation. Some believe that to "come to

BY: DAVID OLMOS Jesus" all you have to do is believe, but that's not the case. 1 Peter 3:21 reminds us that salvation comes from Baptism; however, some stop there.

Some people come to Jesus by faith, and submit by faith in baptism, but think there is nothing more asked of them. True Christianity takes continued work every day of our lives. James 2:26, "For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead."

Here is the answer to what meant when he told us to "work out vour own salvation." God did his part concerning our salvation, and there is nothing that I can do to earn my salvation without following the will of God (Ephesians 2:8-10). When I do obey the Gospel and earn my salvation through Baptism, that's when my salvation becomes mine to "work out." The Philippians to whom Paul was writing were already Christians and the encouragement he gives them is a reminder that while God is working in us. God doesn't do the work for us. What God did was make it possible to obey and then give us the tools we need to accomplish His Will. When we fail to continue working as Christians, we are failing God. and our choices affect our salvation.

This brings us back to my initial thought. Christianity is not a solo endeavor. While we are responsible for remaining active in the Kingdom beyond our baptism; we don't have to do that work alone. God encourages us to do that work together. Hebrews 10:25 encourages us to always get together, worship together, fellowship together, and study together because that's the best way we "encourage one another." So, I want to encourage you to come this Sunday, not only because it will encourage me, but because my concluding thoughts will be very specific to this congregation. I want to share with you the ways you can serve! The ways you can put others first, and how you can contribute to this congregation. Until then, if you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out. God bless and don't forget to live for God this week and every week after!



We are NEEDING hosts for our Youth Devotionals. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. They are scheduled for Sundays following evening service. If you would like to host a devo, please sign up!





We are continuing to collect gently used items for the Impact garage sale. The deadline for donations has been changed to Wednesday, January 24th.



Cindy Gernand had knee replacement surgery January 9...David Johnson is home and doing much better...Arturo Ramirez is recovering and doing well...Len Boling, brother of Lily McGrath. has begun radiation treatments...Rachel Gardner, sister of John Trammel, began radiation and is doing well...Donnie Ludeman, father of Kayci Rieck, is having mobility issues...Theresa Malish, sister of Annette Griffith's, thyroid surgery has been postponed...April Patterson, niece of Lily McGrath, had surgery, is home and doing well...Amanda Stephanus, cousin of Kaylyn Wilkinson, is having a heart ablation Tuesday...Laurie Trammel, grandmother of John Trammel, had surgery and is in rehab.