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SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY

9:45 A.M.- Bible Study & Children's Programs

6:00 P.M. -----AWANA

11:00 A.M. -----Morning Worship

6:30P.M. -----Prayer Meeting

6:30 P.M. -----Evening Worship

7:30 P.M. -----Choir Rehearsal

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Staying focused through Christmas

There are so many different feelings and emotions that come with this time of year. For children, their faces light up with all the sights and sounds of Christmas. For parents with their first baby, the first Christmas as a family can be one of the most tender and precious memories that last a lifetime. There are many other stages as children grow and become teenagers and then off to college. Then you have the "Empty Nest" Christmas where Mom and Dad are looking out the window with anticipation for the house to be full again. Then there are those that are facing their first Christmas without their loved one, the hardest Christmas of all. So whatever stage of life you are in -- in the midst of all the music, presents, the going and coming and, yes, in the pain and loneliness -- it can be very easy to get disoriented. So as a strategy to keep your heart tender and warm through the cold and crazy part of Christmas, grab a cup of eggnog and your Bible and turn to Luke 2:4-7.

"Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

This was God's gift to a lost world, His only Begotten Son. And Mary wrapped Him and laid Him in a place that would be unthinkable for us today because a manger is not known for its sanitation! Babies need a clean environment, not a place where animals eat their food. God's ways are so different than ours. And the King of heaven left His throne to be born into poverty, live a life of scorn and at the end of His work be buried in a borrowed tomb.

The message of the Gospel is what helps us all during the hustle and bustle of Christmas. This

gift of love was wrapped twice. As is written in Luke's account, His mother had "wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger." In Mark's Gospel, 15:45-47, we read: "So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joses observed where He was laid." The Gift of all gifts would not stay wrapped for long. Three days later death itself was conquered and "Up from the grave He arose!"

Christmas would not be Christmas without the Gospel. So let us follow the instruction in Hebrews 12:2, "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." That's why Jesus came, to save us from our sin.

One of the most compelling quotes from John MacArthur about Christmas puts things in the proper perspective as he says, "Here's a side to the Christmas story that isn't often told: Those soft little hands, fashioned by the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb, were made so that nails might be driven through them. Those baby feet, pink and unable to walk, would one day walk up a dusty hill to be nailed to a cross. That sweet infant's head with sparkling eyes and eager mouth was formed so that someday men might force a crown of thorns onto it. That tender body, warm and soft, wrapped in swaddling clothes, would one day be ripped open by a spear. Jesus was born to die."

Whatever stage of life you are in this Christmas, may the Gospel truth of His death, burial and resurrection draw you near to His heart and help you to fix your eyes on Jesus afresh and anew.

From all our family, Merry Christmas!

David, Janna, Jonathan, Daniel, Anna, Nathanael, Elizabeth, Malachi..... ???

What is in a name?

Immediately, I think of Jesus. His name is the only name given among men whereby we must be saved. Philippians 2:10 says every knee in Heaven, in earth and under the earth will bow to that name, someday, in Heaven. Then, there is the name Peter. We know Peter's Hebrew name was Simon barjona given by his parents at birth. We also know that Jesus changed the name Simon to Peter, recorded in Matthew 16:16-18. When Peter confessed Jesus as the Son of God, Jesus blessed him and gave him another name. Peter Johnson became 'a Stone' as he lived out his confession of faith in Jesus.

I believe every believer has another name given to us by God. Revelation 3:17 says, "the overcomer will be given a white stone with a new name written on it which no one knows except him who receives it." I understand this to mean: in Heaven I will not be called 'Curtis'; rather I

will answer to a new name. That name will be an intimate, personal description of my character as God sees me. A name yet to be revealed when I meet Jesus.

As I write, I see the face of Johnnie Stultz in my mind's eye. Wonder what her parents were thinking as they gave her a predominant boy's nickname? Yet, with a simple spelling change, Johnnie became suitable for a girl. Not knowing Johnnie until later in life, still it is that name and unique personality that locks her in my memory. Whether in the school system or in the Calvary family, for many years (no last name needed) when someone said Johnnie, everyone knew. We honor Johnnie among the Calvary faithful. We call her 'aunt John'. She now has received her new name and we will know her even better by that name. For Eternity!

Curtis



We would like to thank our church family for the cards, food, phone calls & prayers during our loss. We would especially like to thank Pastor David, Gary, Larry, Ginger & Phyllis for their help with the service. We would also like to thank the Hostess Committee for serving the delicious dinner and for all those who donated food. May Thanks, Lois Lilley & Family

To My Dear Family, Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, visits, memorials and other acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of my mother, Johnnie Sue Goodman. Mother always looked forward to coming to church. You have been such a blessing to us and we love you so much. Pam & Gary Amos



- 1 Alicia Smith, 2 Larkey McInturff, 5 Donna Ensor, 6 Greg Clark, Boone Reed, 8 Renea Rogers, 9 Virginia Wallace, 10 Andrew Edwards, 11 Bridgett Collins, 13 John Harris, Amy Huskins, 14 Debby Steffey, 15 Jon Manfull, 16 Vickie G. Pate, 18 Blake Edney, 19 Donna Engle Kylee Crawford, 20 Lyndsey Blankenship-Brackins, Paul Dempke, Jeff Griffith, Jean Foster, 21 Marianne Steffey, 22 Rebecca Brooks, 23 Stephanie Moore, Hunter Smith, 25 Alaina Edens, 28 Kathy Charles, Tracy Garland, 29 Mikayla Treadway



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Hello Church family! I hope this caller finds you doing well! I just wanted to give you a quick update from the youth ministry.

Things are wrapping down for the year. We are looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are super excited about 2018. We are trying to focus this year on serving.

We are excited to start the year off at Passion with our college students, and then we are excited about the privilege of serving in Belize. Our desire is that every student that graduates from the youth ministry will be serving in some sort of ministry to help our church and community. We are still excited for our "For Unicoi" push, and we are still teaching, leading, and encouraging the students to live out "for Unicoi" so that there isn't a disconnect between our words and our actions. One thing we truly believe is that serving takes the words of Jesus and puts them into action. We believe that missions (serving) connect student's hearts to the stories they hear about Jesus in church. So our

Hello church family. Thank you for praying for me on my recent trip to South Africa. I went on this trip to love on Moms and babies, and I felt so much love in return. I went to help them, but as usual with mission trips, they helped me. We talked to mothers every morning at the clinics in the squatter camps. The mamas were very open and loving. Often times I would hold their babies to give them a short break while they waited. Many of them arrived early and waited many hours to see the doctor. In the afternoons we went house to house, again talking to mamas and telling them about the local church. I was very surprised at how welcoming the ladies were. We were welcomed into every place we went. We were reminded over and over again how God can and does work even in what we see as



Thank you so much for supporting Calvary's special needs ministry team. We minister to adults within the body and in the community with differing abilities. Our Joyful Friends Sunday school class, taught by Tracy Garland, continues to be an asset as the Word is being taught.

We continue to collect, store and transport used medical equipment that you have donated to Joni and Friends Wheels for the World ministry. In June we delivered 24 wheelchairs and a load of walkers, crutches and canes to the Knoxville storage facility. We have 12 wheelchairs and numerous walkers that are currently in storage. This ministry can ONLY accept wheelchairs, metal walkers, metal canes, and metal crutches....we CANNOT accept potty chairs, bath chairs or any other type of medical equipment.

We, with your help, packed 93 boxes for Operation Christmas Child recently. Thanks so much for all of your donated items that make this ministry possible. You have just sent out 93 missionaries as these boxes are hand

goal is to connect the words of Jesus to real life situations. We want them to see how scripture can practically be applied and lived out. This is why we are excited to bless the local school system with some hand written notes and sweet treats. It may seem small and insignificant, but it's so much more than that. Dr. Seuss says "It's not about what it is. It is about what it can become." Our hope and prayer is that this act of generosity could turn into one of many that will have a gospel sized impact on the community. I think we as a church are starting to focus on serving our local community, so let's join together in prayer and action to see lives changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for opportunities to build relationships! Please continue to pray for the community, the students, and the youth of this church. Thank you in advance for all the prayers for the children, youth, and my family. Please continue to be a church that prays for and loves the people of God. We love you! Thanks for being awesome!!

In His love,
Ciralsky family

the worst situations. Most of their homes were cinder block and smaller than my living room. When someone comes to my house unexpected, I always start looking around and seeing what a "mess" my house is and apologizing for whatever I think isn't the way it should be. I was reminded over and over again how much we have to be Thankful for. A good friend of mine says if you are coming to see me come on in, but if you are coming to see my house, make an appointment. I came home from South Africa with a very grateful heart. God has so richly blessed each of us. This holiday season take time to remember what the Lord has done for you! Merry Christmas to each of you from Steve, Terri, Ashlee, Timothy and Levi

delivered to children around the world and truly are "the gospel in a box".

The March Wheels for the World trip to the Dominican Republic was a successful trip. We had outreaches in three cities this year. One hundred fifty four people received wheelchairs, many of them for the first time in their lives. Three hundred forty nine people came to the outreach for assistance. Ninety-six people accepted Christ as their Savior, many people's faith was restored as they saw the people of God meeting a very basic need in the lives of their loved ones. Thirty-three folks received communication boards and instructions for use in their native language. Each family left with a Bible.

Thank you for your continued prayers for this team. If you have any questions or ministry ideas please let me or one of the team members know. The team consists of Diane Davison, Mari Fanning, Tracy Garland, Bruce Grubb and Tony Baker.

Serving Him Together for His Glory,
Patti Baker

Memorials & Honorarium
To Christian Life Center/Building Fund

*In Honor of Phil Harding & Dorothy Hardin by
The Dorcas Class*
*In Honor of Lois Lilley & In Memory of Joe Lilley by
Barbara Wallace*
*In Honor of Lois Lilley & In Memory of Joe Lilley by
The Dorcas Class*
*In Honor of Bruce Grubb & In Memory of Louise
Grubb by The Dorcas Class*
In Honor of Johnnie Stultz by Allen & Shirley Rogers
*In Honor of Mari Fanning & Bereavement Ministry
Team by The Dorcas Class*
In Honor of Bruce Grubb by Betty Tilson
*In Honor of Donna Rigsby & In Memory of
Roy Rigsby by Lois Yelton*
*In Honor of Terry & Lee Rigler & The Kitchen
Ministry Team by The Dorcas Class*

In Honor of John & Floy Harris by The Dorcas Class
*In Memory of Ed & Lucille Hammer by
Allen & Shirley Rogers*
In Memory of Rick Honeycutt by John & Floy Harris
In Memory of Frank Stultz by Allen & Shirley Rogers
*In Memory of Ricky Honeycutt by
The Winsome Class*
*In Memory of Johnnie & Frank Stultz by
Allen & Shirley Rogers*
In Memory of Kent Garland by The Dorcas Class
In Memory of Sherrill Hughes by Alean Hughes
In Memory of Roy Barnett by Hugh & Peggy Barker
In Memory of Art Delgado by Helen Hendrix
In Memory of Edna Bailey by Rick & JoAnne Bailey

*Gene & Sally Ramsey
Buck & Jean Foster
Jon & Amber Manfull*

*In Memory of Joe Lilley by
Donald & Evelyn Pfaender
Gary & Pam Amos*

*Suzy Hughes
Phil Harding*

*Gene & Sally Ramsey
Buck & Jean Foster
Allen & Shirley Rogers
Clara Curtis*

*In Memory of Johnnie Sue Goodman by
The Homemakers Class
Nellie Pate
Keith Whitson
Donald & Evelyn Pfaender*

*Suzy Hughes
Hugh & Peggy Barker
Helen Hendrix*

*Leonard & Jean Bowman
Vange Bailey
Curtis & Donna Engle
Gene & Sally Ramsey*

*In Memory of Johnnie Stultz by
Patricia Buckles
The Homemakers Class
Gary & Pam Amos
Hugh & Peggy Barker*

*Alice Hartwell Green
Martha Johnson Hartwell
Essie Murphy
Paula Haun*

*Linda Treadway
Allen & Shirley Rogers
Gene & Sally Ramsey*

*In Memory of Lois Lilley by
Rick & JoAnne Bailey
Gary & Pam Amos*

*John & Floy Harris
Winsome Sunday School Class*

The Joy Class Gleaning Project

*Jean Thompson
Leonard & Jean Bowman*

*In Memory of Johnnie Sue Goodman by
Charles & Lynn Ray
Linda Treadway*

*Jim & Frances McMackin
The Joy Class*

To Regular Offering Fund

In Memory of Johnnie Sue Goodman by Ralph & Linda Bryan
In Memory of Johnnie Stultz by Kathy Allen
In Memory of Lois Lilley by E. J. Edgy

To Consolidated Missions Fund

In Memory of Lena Justice by Becky Tilson
In Memory of Joe Lilley by Linda Treadway
In Memory of Johnnie Sue Goodman by Sheldon & Tina Roark
In Memory of Frank & Johnnie Stultz by David & Jane Burgner
In Memory of Joe & Lois Lilley by David & Jane Burgner

*David & Janna Crutchfield
Tommy & Phyllis Bennett*

*In Memory of Johnnie Stultz by
John & Floy Harris
Diana Davis*

Sheldon & Tina Roark

To Moldova Shoe Fund

*David & Janna Crutchfield
Cutis & Donna Engle*

In Honor of Gary Amos by The Calvary Baptist Church Choir
*In Memory of Dr. J. W. Colinger
Hugh & Peggy Barker
David & Jane Burgner*

Sheldon & Tina Roark

