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WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY TIME CHANGE

Starting January 6th, the Wednesday night class time will change to 6:30pm for everyone.

There will be no bulletin next week. The office will be closed **Christmas Eve and Christmas day.**

We wish you a



With a blessed and



*From The Heart of
Curtis McClane*

INTEGRITY IS AT THE HEART OF MINISTRY



Is it possible for church leaders to “sell their soul” in the context of doing ministry? Kent Ira Groff says, “*We illustrate this crisis in ministry when we lead worship, but do not worship or talk love while disparaging others. The soul of ministry together is about practicing what we teach (see Matthew 23:3). It is about spiritual integrity: Can we embody our being in Christ through our doing in the world?*” [The Soul of Tomorrow’s Church: Weaving Spiritual Practices in Ministry Together, page 28].

There has to be a congruence, a match, between what we say and what we do in our Christian life. It is this lack of congruence, lack of integrity that gives the world all the ammunition it needs to dismiss the message of Jesus with a wave of the hand, responding “Whatever.”

Integrity in leadership (whatever role that might be in ministry) finds its expression in the following three ways: justice, wisdom, and humility. These three components of integrity, when practiced faithfully in the power of God’s Spirit, can go a long way toward restoring the witness of the church in the world.

Justice is the driving force behind integrity. Doing what is right for the right reasons, without regard for selfish ambition, enables us to live a seamless and integrated life with self and faith. We cannot believe one thing and live another. Integrity is about loving and exemplifying what is right.

Wisdom is the spiritual insight and spiritual discernment that comes from both living and praying before God. Such openness to His presence gives integrity its sound footing. Wisdom provides the ageless content for integrity to follow.

Humility is the perspective that gives integrity its sight. Integrity sees self as sinful, weak, and mistake prone. Confession of such brings the warp and woof of ministry into a seamless whole, which models for others how God deals with the human predicament.

Whether we are teaching, preaching, leading worship, singing, shaking hands in the foyer, praying with someone in the parking lot, etc., our doing has to match our being in Jesus. Such congruence faces head-on the crisis in ministry.

In Christian love, Curtis

NEIL’S NOTES

There will be a **PARENTS MEETING** immediately following the services THIS Sunday, December 20th in the Upper Room. We will be discussing upcoming events.



PURA VIDA—This Sunday, we will take Pura Vida on the road to support Danielle and Gabrielle, who are participating in a Christmas program at Mt. Pisgah Baptist in Oliver Springs. We will leave the church building at 5:30pm and should be back by 9:00pm.

PANTRY ITEMS TO BRING

There is a great need for Peanut Butter, Rice, Spaghetti, Tuna, and Peas

This Sunday, December 20

PEANUT BUTTER

Next Sunday, December 27

GREEN BEANS



Okay hockey fans.....mark your calendars for Thursday, January 28th at 7:30pm. We will go as a church family to watch the Ice Bears take on the Fayetteville FireAntz.

This is 2Riffic Thursday when drinks, hot dogs, and popcorn will be on sale for \$2 each! The cost to get in, will only be \$4 per person. Please sign up outside of Neil’s office by January 17th so tickets can be purchased in advance. See Erin Dodd if you have any questions.



Happy Birthday!

- December 26.....Rose Holley
David Wallace
- December 27.....Mary Woodward
- December 28.....Clay Warren
- December 29.....Robin Gaus
- December 31.....Riley Hackworth
- January 1.....James Hodges
- January 2.....Ethelene Brock
J.V. Brock
- January 3.....Eddie Warren
- January 4.....Mark Bibbee
Nigeria Phillips
- January 5.....Pearl Robinson

Weekly Worship Assignments	Sunday, December 20, 2009
Greeter(s) (Betty Wooten)	Gary & Kim Bibbee
AM Opening Prayer	Anthony Wooten
Preside—Communion	Kevin Reaves
Serve—Communion	Greg Jernigan, Trent Lancaster, Bruce Latham, Stuart Likens, Don Luigs, Erb Mowery, Bill Olsen, Ethan Olsen, Mark Pratt, Larry Reynolds
AM Closing Prayer	Johnny Moore
PM	Small Groups


Monthly Assignment (Coordinator)	DECEMBER 2009	JANUARY 2010
Close Building (Johnny Moore)	Anthony Wooten	Joe Lochamy
Communion Prep (Phil McCulley)	Phil & Alva McCulley	Phil & Alva McCulley
Bake Bread (Sandy Mitchell)	Sandy Mitchell	Tyra Lochamy
Baptismal Care (Teresa Reaves)	Vickie Haynes	Teresa Reaves
Sunday Prayer/ Table (Dennis Connelly)	Jonathan Scott	Dennis Connelly
Prayer Requests (Nancy Hensley)	Amanda VanOver (1&2) Elaine Warren (3&4)	Patti Boyd (1&2) Pat Deem (3&4) Nancy Hensley (5)

DATE	Children's Church Leaders 10:45am to 11:30am	Nursery Attendants 9:30am to 11:30am
Dec. 20	Rodney & Ginger Griffin	Stephanie Thompson
Dec. 27	Kevin & Teresa Reaves	NO ATTENDANT
Jan. 3	Paul & Amanda VanOver	NO ATTENDANT

Attendance Records	12/06/09	12/13/09
Bible Class	117	114
AM Assembly	209	218
PM Assembly	Small Groups	Small Groups
Wed. Bible Class	71	87

2009 50 Weeks	Average Weekly	Year to Date
Budget	\$9,252	\$462,600
Actual Collection	\$7,296	\$364,819
Over (Under) Budget	(\$1,956)	(\$97,781)

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS
for Ladies of the
ANDERSON COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY



Please pray for the following requests:
SHANA—That the DA and judge will be merciful and that my mom will get custody of my daughter.
ANGELA—For my two sons, Jeremy and Dylan. Especially for Dylan to accept Jesus.
JEANNETTE—For guidance and strength upon my release on December 21st.
SUZY—That God will continue to give me strength and direction to follow Him and that I will do good at Alpha House.
MELISSA—That God will give me strength and wisdom.
NANCY—For my children; my family and friends and that I get out soon.
DOROTHY—For my parents and children. Especially my daughter, Tyra as she is having premature labor at 7 months. Pray that she carries the baby for another month.
BERTHA—For me, I am going to court on December 21st.
HANNAH—For me and my husband that we may find our strength and peace in God to get through these times.
STEPHANIE—For me and my children that I will see them very soon. I go to court on December 18th.
KATIE—For me and my sister, Nichole, and my parents.
TESSA—For me to continue my walk with God. Also, for my family and fiancé who is currently in the men's unit.
WENDY—That I keep the strength and guidance that God has given me.
KATHY—For me and all of the women in here. Also, for my father, James Tharp, who is in bad health. Thank you for caring for us.
ASHLEIGH—For guidance, forgiveness, strength, wisdom and the desire to know God more.
VICTORIA—For my release to rehab and my recovery due to my love for God.
QUANTUM—For me to go home soon and strength for my family and me to get through these times.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY—Small Groups are encouraged to look over the following schedule and sign up to provide meals for groups that will be here from January through March. Here are the dates and how many in the group: January 5-9; 24 people. January 12-16; 9 people. January 19-23; 30 people. March 2-6; 20 people. March 9-13; 25 people. March 16-20; 31 people. March 23-27; 25 people. Please contact David Morgan, at 435-4388 or Jennifer Hancock at 482-7713 if you can help.

Another Ecumenical Build will start in January! Funding has come through to start on building with the McCallum family, who will be the eleventh family to call the Hickory Ridge Subdivision home. Their construction dedication service is scheduled for Saturday, January 2nd at 8:30 am. You are invited to join them in blessing the site and the construction to come.

Prayer Requests:

Contact Debbie at 483-7471 with requests and updates.

KEEP JAMES HODGES in your prayers. He is not doing very well.

Also, keep Rosie Hodges and Pearl Robinson in your prayers as they tend to his needs.



NANCY McCLANE is sick with bronchitis and needs prayers of healing.

MARILYN LATHAM is recovering from hernia surgery. Pray for a good recovery.

DARLINE ADAMS has a broken ankle and torn ligaments. Please pray that she will heal quickly.

TANNER JOHNSON will have his knee scoped in February and **TYLER JOHNSON** will see a kidney specialist this Friday. Keep both of them in your prayers.

KEEP REGENA MOORE, TOREY KIMBER and Regena's friend MIKE BEATY in your prayers as they are all sick.

MIKE SHARROW, Matt Mitchell's half brother, had surgery for cancer in his chest. One of his lungs is incapacitated from the surgery, radiation and chemo. Please keep him in your prayers.

SARA SHAW, Dana Early's mother, lost her sister last week from a long battle with a brain tumor. Keep this family in your prayers.

NATHAN SHAW, Dana Early's brother, will be traveling home this Friday from Fort Sill. Pray for a safe trip.

RON EARLY, David Early's dad, is in a nursing home suffering with emphazyma. Keep him in your prayers.

BRADLEY McNEAL, a friend of Ethan Griffin, is in the hospital from a head injury caused by falling out of a golf cart. Keep him in your prayers.

LEVI DODD has graduated with a certification in Business Education. Please pray that he will be hired in January.

SAMANTHA WALLACE, a 13 year old friend of the Widner's, returned to the doctor for testing to determine if all is well from having surgery for fluid

on her brain. The doctor was not able to see her and rescheduled for February 9th. Pray that she will undergo a MRI or CAT scan and be pronounced as fully recovered.

Please pray for: *Please pray for:* **Carlton Brooks, Kendell Brooks, Imogene Brown, Harold Cofer, Cora Cole, Virginia Collins, Levi Dodd, Emily Dodd, Dana Early, Ginger Griffin, Polly & Spurgeon Guy, Riley Hackworth, LaVonna Henderson, Nancy Hensley, James Hodges, Sue Hunter, Beth Jinkerson, Cameron Lowry, Johnnie Lowery, Ginny Malling, Daphna McAmis, Dawn McAmis, Donna McPheeters, Joy Pryor, Lurlene Roper, Selba Scott, Fannie Simcox, Fanny Smith, Harold Standefer, Cheryl Taylor, Justin Taylor, Melissa Taylor, Beata Taylor, Randy Theisen, Charlestine Thrift, Renee Thomas, Joyce Tye, Elaine Waters, Evelyn Watson, Debbie Woodward, Jo Wright.**

Remember these with cancer: **Taylor Atkins** (Emily Tye's friend), **Jerry Baker** (father-in-law of Ashley Baker) **J. V. Brock, Bill Burnham** (neighbor of Ruby Bibbee), **Mary Child, Jean Floyd** (Anthony Wooten's cousin); **Linda Grace** (VanOver's friend); **Lewis Jones, John Lawry** (Amanda VanOver's father); **Hannah Lawson** (friend of Karen Jemigan); **Jerry Malling, Erb Mowery; Sarah McKamey; Jane McCosh** (friend of the Mowerys); **Rachel Pyle; Roy Rollins** (Tracy's father); **John Schaveno** (friend of Darline Adams); **Peggy Sebring; Debbie Slagle; Carolyn Standefer; Etha Summey** (Charlestine Thrift's sister); **Alisa Ternes** (Al & Ann Williams daughter); **J. David Thompson** (Neil's dad); **David Wasilko; Mary Williams** (relative of Melissa Johnson); **Maureen Zinowski** (Orma Barrow's sister);

Also pray for: **Verna Sue Bly** (Elaine Warren's mother); **Gail Brown** (daughter-in-law Imogene Brown); **Earlene Cole & family; Cloyd & Betty Combs** (Paula Tackett's parents); **Dorothy Dismuke, Lorelle Flatt** (Ginny Malling's mother), ; **Danny Guy; Annie Lee & Terry Hall** (Teresa Reaves' mother & brother); **Angela Hazen** (friend of Dana Early); **Taryn Hensley** (Nancy Hensley's granddaughter); **Arlene Kellum** (Carol McAmis' sister); **Tommy Mathis** (brother of Kathy Henley); **Lillie McCullough** (Pearl Robinson's aunt); **Lisa Mitchell & Jim Chesney** (Paula Tackett's friends); **Ruth Mercer** (sister of Ruby Bibbee); **Arbutus & Elster Mullins; Tami Naillon** (daughter of Earlene Cole); **Grace Ollice Plemons** (Brenda Leek's mother); **Andrew Scruggs** (the Tye's grandson); **Rick Slagle; Leonard Smith** (Ann French's brother); **Willie Smith** (Bill Smith's mother); **Samantha Wallace** (friend of the Widner's); **Peggy Warren** (Eddie's mother); **Louise Welch** (Don's mother); **Sybil Waddle** (Darline Adam's mother); **Doris Wright** (Wanda Mullin's mother).

*The mission of the
Highland View Church of Christ
is to seek the lost and to teach
Christ. We are intent upon
following only Jesus' example
in our daily lives
through strengthening our faith
in Him by serving others.*

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OUR ELDERS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Small Groups meet at various times
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday: Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
FIRST Thursday of the month-Retired Men meet. 9:00 a.m.

Deadlines for Article Submission to Publications:

1. Weekly Mail-Out Bulletin: Monday by 12 noon
(illness updates can be called in by Tuesday at 11am)
2. Wednesday Handout: Wednesday by 12 noon
3. Sunday Handout: Friday by 11:00am

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