

## Schedule of Services

### **Sunday:**

Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening - 5:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday:**

Bible study - resumes 1/3/18  
Evening Bible Study and  
Devotional - 6:30 pm.

## Supported Works

Truth for Today  
Search Program  
Wilburton Bible Chair  
Durant Bible Chair  
Ada Bible Chair  
Honduras Missions  
Hope Harbor  
Tipton Home

## Privileged to Serve

Announcements: Steve Brewer

Song Leader: Sunday Morning-Steve Weeks  
Sunday night and Wednesday night - Mike O'Neal

Closing Prayer:  
Mike O'Neal

## Lord's Supper a.m.

### FRONT

Jim Kelley, Gaylon Tribbey, Bobby Vaughan  
Mark Cates, Randy Walters, Ryan Walters

### REAR

Greg Steidley, David Brewer, Keith Yount,  
Matthew Ware, Oben Weeks, Larry Whinery  
(Alternates: Avery Williams and Dean Wood)

## Lord's Supper p. m.

Mike Maffeo and Devon Chen

## Shepherds Prayer

Jim Kelley

## Greeters

This week (12/10)— Randy Hughes and Rhonda Vaughn  
Next week (12/17)— Harry and Shawna Williams

## Wednesday Night Devotional

Cole Crabtree

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## *God's Infinite Power*

*El Shaddai*, the Hebrew name that means "God – the Powerful One, God – the Almighty". It's a commonly used name in the bible for God, but descriptions of that name are illustrated all throughout the bible: the Creator of heaven and earth (**Gen 14:19**), Builder of everything (**Heb 3:4, Eccl 11:5, Gen 21:33**), the King of heaven (**Dan 4:37**), the only God (**Jude 1:25**). Paul says it this way in **Eph 3:20**, "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."

A God who can speak things into existence, and with just a word can do the impossible, is a God that we should find comfort in when we have troubles arise in our life. He wants to save us, he wants everyone to repent and turn to him for that help (**2 Peter 3:9**). It's our pride that keeps us from simply turning to him, and that was the story of the Israelites from Egypt on – their pride. Yet at the height of the Israelite nation David finally brought back the Ark to reside in the temple; and that box represented God's mighty power. It had been with them during the years of conquest in Canaan, it had been there at the presence of God on the mountain or in the camp, it was a powerful symbol of what God could do. David says at the return of the Ark ceremony, in **1 Chron 16:28-35**, "O nations of the world, recognize the Lord, recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong. Give to the Lord the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his presence. Worship the Lord in all his holy splendor. Let all the earth tremble before him. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice! Tell all the nations, "The Lord reigns!" Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy! Let the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Cry out, "Save us, O God of our salvation! Gather and rescue us from among the nations, so we can thank your holy name and rejoice and praise you."

Those words were true, God is powerful and we can rejoice because of that. So, when the angels made the announcement that Jesus was arriving to the earth (**Luke 2:10-11**), those same words of David's could have been said about Jesus. Jesus modeled for us what faithful love really is. Therefore, we like the angels, should praise him for coming in the name of *El Shaddai*, the almighty God, to save us from sin.

**Isaiah 9:6-7** were God's word to share with a people that had been walking in darkness. Jesus, the promised one, would bring light to the world (**John 1:1-5**) so they could see God's power in an entirely new way.

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity."

*Kelley*

## Our Elders

Buddy Cable  
Mark Cates  
Butch Good  
Jim Kelley  
Dean Wood

## Our Deacons

Steve Brewer  
Robert Carey  
Ryan Crabtree  
Chuck Glover  
Richard Peckio  
Jimmy Roberts  
Randy Walters  
Steve Weeks

## Our Minister

Kelley Benson  
Pulpit Minister

## Our Secretary

Gloria Reeves

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Dec. 17 Adult Christmas party after evening services at Butch & Cathy's  
You're encouraged to wear an ugly Christmas sweater
- Dec. 24 AM Services only
- Jan. 7 Combined Worship at the Expo 10am

December lock-up Mike O'Neal, back-up-Mike Maffeo  
December 10 & 13 van drivers-Richard Peckio-AM  
Gloria Reeves-PM and Wed. Todd Smith

The Church offers free Bible Correspondence Courses and individual Bible study. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested in either of these, call the office.

### Daily Bible Reading for December

10 --	1 John 5	Dan	7-9
11 --	2 & 3 John	Dan	10-12
12 --	Jude	Hos	1-3
13 --	Rev 1	Hos	4-7
14 --	Rev 2	Hos	8-11
15 --	Rev 3	Hos	12-14
16 --	Rev 4-5	Joel	1-3

### RECORDS

#### Sunday

Bible Class	128
A.M. Worship	250
P.M. Worship	108
Contribution	\$ 7874

#### Wednesday

Bible Class & Devo	104
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## Family News

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Please take a minute to sign up the many lists on the back bulletin board!



### Prayer Requests

Pray for Sue Peckio, Ron Hightower, Joni Crawley, Lanora Owens, Benny Powell, Larry Wood, Regina Higgins, Barbara Dugger, George Martin



Come sew with us everyone Monday afternoon at 1:00pm in Room 101. Donations of sewing supplies and fabric are appreciated. Please join us! There is work for everyone.

New youth activity - we will be making decorations for the shut-ins. We will be making the ornaments today after morning services.

If you would like to host a SUNDAY EVENING DEVO IN YOUR HOME, PLEASE SIGN THE SHEET LOCATED ON THE BACK TABLE.



We are collecting names and money for Christmas baskets. Please get with Jim Kelley or Frankie Brewer.

**JANUARY 7, 2018, 10AM  
COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICES  
@ THE EXPO!**



WE REJOICE WITH THE LORD IN THE BAPTISM OF HAILEY BENSON. HAILEY WAS BAPTIZED SUNDAY DECEMBER 3, 2017. HAILEY'S ADDRESS IS 1511 E. CHICKASAW, McALESTER, 74501

## Please Keep in Your Prayers

- Pray for Barbara Allen, Naomi Elwell, Shirley Petcoff, Arlon Rowe,

### OUR MEMBERS

Georgia Beck	Skylar Elwell
Carole Clagg	Bobby Vaughn
John Cook	Joyce Morris
Connie Cook	Ruth Wood
Joyce Day	Melba Self
Marion Goode	Bobbie Sheppard
Sherrie Handley	Richard Sudduth
Arteen Henry	Judy Sullivan
Lola Westfall	Hoot & Pauline Holman
Larry Wood	Terry Yount
Ron Hightower	Sue Peckio
Karen Vaughan	Neva Green
Joe Ware	Kathryn Maxwell

### OUR FRIENDS

Gloria Broom	Gloria Cook
Les Ferguson	Keith Stuart
Cash Chambless	Beverly Morris
Joni Crawley	Bob Pate
Norma Sullivan	David & Joyce Manning
Tammy Mathis	Lori Noe
Ladessa Winter	Gene Jarvis
Kathy Bryant	Clint Warnock
Jamie Smith	Jennifer Cunningham
Pat Smith	Millie & Marvin

Please call the office and give us an update on the Friends and Military List. Thank you



### Remember our Military

Rachel Elwell, Nathan Elwell, David Long, Ty Osborn, Mike Stevens, Rodney Scott, Anthony Lara, Gannon Beck and Clifton Eggleston

## Youth Activities

**Dec. 10 Make decorations for Shut-ins after morning services  
6:15 pm Devo and dessert at the Van Buren House**



## Adult Classes Available

### Sunday A.M.

Auditorium: Philosophies Against the Church  
Teacher: Bob Cates

Old Education Bldg: The Life of Christ  
Room 201 Teacher: Team Teachers

### Wednesday A. M.

Auditorium: Romans  
Teacher: Frank Wilson

### Wednesday P.M.

Auditorium: Galatians  
Teacher: Dean Wood

Old Education Building: Ladies' Class  
Room 103 Teacher: Tammy Ware