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Prayers and condolences for the following families:

Sydney Clanahan and family on the death of her grandmother Jerilee Hostetler. She was 90 years old at the time of her heavenly homegoing.

Mary Grobe and family on the death of her sister, Charline Middleton

Greg Clanahan and family upon the death of his brother, Robert Hudson.



**Men's Fellowship**  
Thursday, January 26th  
6:00 p.m. at Burger King

## BLUFF CITY CHRISTIAN SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is that time of year again! The subscriptions are due for the Bluff City Christian. The newsletter will be published twice each month. Each family unit who receives a Bluff City Christian is asked to contribute \$10 each year. This still in no way covers the cost, but it helps to defray the expenses.

The newsletter is very important to each of us. It keeps us in touch with what is going on in the life of our church. It gives us dates and times of meetings, dinners, programs. It keeps us posted on those who are ill, visitors in church, and birthdays. It gives us a place to voice our thanks and our congratulations to each other, and much more.

You may pay for your subscription by writing a check and designating it for the Bluff City Christian or pay by cash, just make sure it is noted for the BCC. Please mail it to the church office, bring it to the church office, or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. Let's all help support the church newsletter.

## FEBRUARY

### Upcoming Opportunities

#### SUNDAY, February 2, 2020

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship & Children's Church  
**FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH**  
**EMS Appreciation Lunch**

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5:

3:00 p.m. Youth

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6:

Next issue of *The Bluff City Christian*

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12:

3:00 p.m. Youth

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10:

6:00 P.M. Elders' Meeting

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13:

6:30 p.m. Worship Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship & Children's Church

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17:

Presidents' Day - Office Closed

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18:

11:30 a.m. Senior Fellowship, Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. Daycare Board Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19:

3:00 p.m. Youth

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

Next Issue of *The Bluff City Christian*  
6:00 p.m. *Thursday Women at Applebee's*  
6:00 p.m. *Men's Fellowship at Colton's*

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship & Children's Church



## Serving Schedule

February 2, 2020

### Worship Leader

Pat Fowler

### Children's Moment

Stephanie Oliver

### Communion Prayer

Steve Fowler

### Offertory Prayer

LaVerne Matthews

### Van Driver

Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson

### Communion Preparation

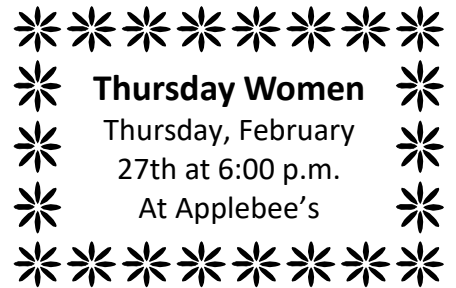
Ed Lewis

### Diaconate

Marion Parks, Stan Pinkston,

Carol Swafford, Linda Casey

Kim Wagganer



### **Thursday Women**

Thursday, February

27th at 6:00 p.m.

At Applebee's

## Serving Schedule

February 9, 2020

### Worship Leader

Steve Fowler

### Children's Moment

Kathy Richardson

### Communion Prayer

Pat Fowler

### Offertory Prayer

Steve Fowler

### Homebound Communion

Steve & Pat Fowler

### Hospital Visitation

Gail Doss

### Van Driver

Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson

### Communion Preparation

Ed Lewis

### Diaconate

Rob Blackwell, Carlos Hicks,

Jim Hillis, LuWanna Forister,

Shirley Kearbey



## In Loving Memory

### Irma Brannum

By: LuWanna Forister

Gene & Anne Roberts

### Charline Middleton

By: Gene & Anne Roberts

### Robert Hudson

By: Steve & Pat Fowler

Gleta Gorman

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**ATTENDANCE REPORT**  
*January 12, 2020*

**ATTENDANCE:**  
 Worship ..... 42  
 Children's Church ..... 3  
**TOTAL WORSHIP ..... 45**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**  
 Elementary A/B ..... 5  
 Homebuilders ..... 6  
 Men's Class ..... 6  
**Total ..... 17**

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**  
*January 19, 2020*

**ATTENDANCE:**  
 Worship ..... 42  
 Children's Church ..... 3  
**TOTAL WORSHIP ..... 45**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 Elementary A/B ..... 3  
 Homebuilders ..... 7  
 Men's Class ..... 4  
**Total ..... 14**



**SIGNS ALONG THE WAY**

Two months before his assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke to his congregation at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta about his death in what would oddly enough become his eulogy. "Every now and then I think about my own death, and I think about my own funeral," Dr. King told his congregation. "If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell them not to talk too long. Every now and then I wonder what I want them to say. Tell them not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize, that isn't important. Tell them not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards, that's not important. I'd like someone to mention that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to give his life serving others. I'd like someone to say that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to love somebody. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try, in my life, to clothe those who were naked. I want you to be able to say that I did try to visit those in prison. I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity." Dr. King concluded with these words: "I won't have any money left behind. I won't have the fine and luxurious things of life to leave behind. But I just want to leave a committed life behind."

Did Martin King have that level of commitment when he first began his ministry? It's doubtful. He had youthful enthusiasm to be sure. He had strong convictions. He was well brought up, with an outstanding Baptist preacher as a father. But people who are truly captured by the spirit of Christ do so generally after years of walking in Christ's footsteps.

Our faith is validated and grows as we "come and see." William Willimon notes that in many churches there is a little brass plaque attached to the preacher's side of the pulpit. It is not something the people in the pew can see, but something that no pastor can miss as he or she prepares to speak. It is a reminder of why people have come to church that morning.

It simply reads: "We would see Jesus."  
 And it's true, isn't it? Isn't that why people come to worship? Take Oscar for example. He had been in the church most of his life. Like many, he attended more or less regularly, gave as he could, and enjoyed the company of a few friends he had there. But when his wife was diagnosed with MS, his presence in worship took on a different thrust. He came wanting answers for his questions, peace amid life's uncertainty, healing for his wife's brokenness. He came wanting to see Jesus. And we know how that is, don't we? We too want to see Jesus. But you know what I've noticed? A lot of the time we want to see Jesus, but we prefer to do it from a distance.

Take the two followers of John the Baptist, John and Andrew. They are standing with their teacher when Jesus walks by. John recognizes Jesus, points him out to them, and announces that Jesus is the Lamb of God. Now one would think they would do exactly what they did that they would drop everything, leave John and follow Jesus. But they do so at a distance. They hang back. They seem to want to watch from afar to get close, but not too close.

That's the way a lot of us may look for Jesus.

See you Sunday,  
 Pastor Frank

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 Butch Shakleford, Ramona Sutton,  
 Norma Stevenson

[Names will remain on our Prayer Concern list until the Church Office is notified to remove them.]

First Sunday  
 Brunch  
 Following Worship on  
 February 2, 2020  
 Hosted by: Christian  
 Action/Stewardship/  
 Growth  
 EMS Appreciation Lunch  
 will be held during this  
 time.

**Looks who's having a Birthday in**

**FEBRUARY**

**Megan Richardson 10**  
**Zachary Vincent 12**  
**Vicki Blackwell 13**  
**Billie Hillis 14**