

THE CENTER POINT

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THOMAS' TIDINGS

PRAISING THE LORD...

David writes, "Praise the Lord, O my soul! While I live I will praise the Lord; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being." (Psalm 146:2)

Read Psalms 145-150 carefully and prayerfully. These psalms are psalms of praise and thanksgiving. Oh, how we need to praise God at all times — in difficult times and in delightful times. It is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant and praise is beautiful.

JOY AND SADNESS...

Both joy and sadness filled our hearts Sunday. The Lord blessed with Jonathan and Ethan Leonard coming to join on their profession of faith and baptism. Then at the close of the service a young couple, Justin Comer and Alexys Griffin, accepted Jesus as Savior and came for baptism.

Then our hearts were greatly touched when Bro. Wint shared with us that he was going to retire as our Minister of Music. His last Sunday as our Minister will be November 19th. This announcement has touched me greatly. Wint and I have served together for over 44 years and he is a dear friend.

Pray for Wint and Betty in this transition. Pray for guidance as we seek to fill his position. This will be a tremendous work. God will guide us as we look to Him and trust Him fully.

Beloved, I hope to see you this Lord's day for another great day of worship. Invite a friend and come with expectancy. God is going to bless.

Trusting Jesus...
Bro. Herb

CAIN'S CORNER

Bible Study Update: As you read this, Taffy & I will be on a family trip in Europe! Because of that, we will NOT have College & YA Bible Study tonight (Wednesday, November 15). We will also have no churchwide services the week of Thanksgiving (Wednesday, November 22).

College & YA Christmas Fellowship: Join us at our house (1145 Brookhill Road) on Wednesday, November 29, at 6:00 PM. We will enjoy a *HUGE* Christmas Celebration with great food, games, prizes, and MORE! This will give our students plenty of time to prepare for their exams.

Blessings, Rob

FROM DONNA'S DESK



Families are the most influential teachers in children's lives. Spiritual teaching and learning can and should begin in the early years of a child's life. We read

in Deuteronomy 6:6-7 God's words to Moses and the Israelites: "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

Spiritual teaching is to be woven into every facet of our children's lives. As parents we are called to teach, guide, model, and lead so that our children and grandchildren will come to know and love the Lord.

Practice your weaving this week as you use daily activities to share God's Word with your child!

Joyfully, Donna

Looking Ahead:

Children's Chorus and Petite Praisers...
Rehearsals each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
Christmas Concerts are just around the corner!



NELSON'S NEWS

Thanksgiving is probably my favorite holiday and it is next week! I love gathering with family and eating delicious food. It's great to share the things we are thankful for before eating. I enjoy watching football and taking a nap after the meal. But, I think what I like most is taking home leftovers. I like to compile those leftovers into a "Thanksgiving Sandwich" and enjoy them for the next few meals! Recently, I had an "ah-ha" moment as I realized that those leftovers would be sealed in a Tupperware container to keep them safe and secure. The Lord used this to remind me of the safety and security we have in our salvation. In John 10:27-28 Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." In Christ, we can rest easy knowing that we are sealed in salvation and we are safe and secure. This week, let's rejoice in that truth and have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

In Christ, Steven

RECORD - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

(Due to the printing schedule of *The Alabama Baptist* newspaper, the Sunday Record is one week behind.)

Budget Offering.....\$30,578.77
Honduras Missions.....\$30.00
And The Lord Added.....4

By Profession of Faith:

(4) Justin Comer, (5) Alexys Griffin, (6) Ethan Leonard
For Baptism:
(7) Jonathan Leonard

Dr. Herbert Thomas, Pastor
Winton Patterson, Minister of Music
Rob Cain, Associate Pastor
Steven Nelson, Student Minister
Donna Cicero, Children's Minister

SYMPATHY

Christian love and sympathy is shared with:

- Cynthia Lovell and family in the death of her mother, Gail Ray
- Mike Henry and family in the death of his nephew, Matt Frye



OCC PROCESSING CENTER DAY TRIP

to Atlanta is Monday, December 4th. The bus will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. This is for ages 13 and up. There are lots of jobs to do — sitting or standing. Participants will need to bring a lunch and money for supper out and wear comfortable clothes and shoes! A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center in the church foyer.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES

We are collecting staple goods...
canned foods, sugar,
flour, meal, etc....
for the Christmas Food Boxes.



Collection boxes will be in the foyer, near the Choir Suite, and at the entrance to the Christian Life Center.

Please begin bringing these items THIS Sunday, November 19th. The deadline for these items is Sunday, December 10th. Thank you for blessing others!



CHURCH-WIDE THANKSGIVING MEAL

This Sunday, November 19th
Christian Life Center
Following the Morning
Worship Service

Meal provided by the church.

MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

Tossed Salad, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Pear Salad, Broccoli Salad, Pasta Salad, Congealed Salad, Deviled Eggs, and a large variety of yummy desserts!

Invite your family and friends!