

2018 GOAL #1, MATURE IN JESUS

Step one

We are committed to helping every member understand the Bible in greater depth.

*Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone **mature** in Christ.*

Colossians 1:28

I have been thinking about my goals for 2018. I made a list. Some of the items were really "bucket" items, the things to do before I die, such as visit Israel and the Grand Canyon. While it would be great to visit these places, seeing them would not satisfy me for long. My deepest longing is not to visit a part of God's creation. My deepest longing is to draw closer to Jesus. We can do that in DeSoto county in 2018. We can draw closer to God in 2018 by following the practices that God's people have been engaged in for thousands of years.

Worship. God-centered worship is one of the greatest blessings that our creator has given to us. It reminds us that we are not the center of the universe, nor are we the center of worship. God-centered congregational worship dispels the darkness of the world from our minds and it cleanses the sin of selfishness from our hearts. God centered congregational worship realigns our hearts and minds to God who is the center of creation, the cosmos, and time.

Bible Class. God has revealed himself to his people for thousands of years, in various strange and distance lands and in numerous settings and circumstances. God has blessed us with the Scriptures, his record of his self-revelation to his people. We are blessed to study the Bible together and to drink deeply from the well of God's self-revelation.

Daily Bible reading. We are also blessed to drink from God's Word at our own pace and in our own place. We can read for a few minutes and meditate on the wonder and beauty of our God as he reveals himself in a few verses. We can read for thirty minutes and see God in chapter after chapter after chapter.

Private Prayer. First, we listen to God in worship, in Bible class, and in daily bible reading. Then, we speak to God. First, we fill our minds and hearts with God's Word, and then we speak to God in prayer, with words that have been blessed and shaped by his word.

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

Colossians 3:16

**Grace & Peace
Derek**

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244
YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE

Family News & Notes

- **Joanne Brusseau** is dealing with blood pressure issues.
- **Albert Hayes** and **Randy Denton** are recovering from surgery.
- **Doug Behl** and **Helen Denton** are at Baptist DeSoto.
- **Danny Jackson** is in Baptist East.
- **Larry Mehr** will have surgery on **Friday, December 15.**
- **Jerry & Jane Winstead** as they pursue stem cell treatments.
- Keep **Betty Walker, Dean Hasler, Robert Coleman and Herman Davis** in your prayers.
- **Sonia Henry's** fiancé passed away.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Cindy Caldwell, Herman Davis, Jim Hertter, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Donna Meadows, Peggy McGowen, James Neal, Jerry Richardson, Jamie Vorhof, Betty Walker, Linda Weatherford, Eddie & Margaret Whalen, Lula Whittle, Jeanette Williams, Jane Winstead

HOSPICE CARE: Katie Culley, Robert Coleman

SHUT-INS: Valeria Canada, Lorene Edge, Cora Epperson, FM Hylander, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Louise Schmittou, Helen Weathers

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Mike Hasler, Zayden Huffman, Melanie Keffer, Judy Lee, Terrance Simmons, Ray Yearwood

SYMPATHY

Goodman Oaks would like to extend our sympathy to **Don Bennett and family** at the passing of Don's mother, Kathryn Bennett.

THANK YOU

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to all of those that helped with the Paragould's Angels. From the angel tree gifts, the kitchen crew, down to the clean-up crew, we are very appreciative of the time and effort that was put into this event to make it a complete success.

KFC CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CAROLING

On **Sunday, December 17** following the morning worship the KFC's will meet in the FLC for pizza and games followed by caroling at friends, neighbors, and shut ins. We need a couple of parents to volunteer to drive a vehicle and help with caroling. Please see **Alan** if you can help.



Reminders . . .

Tonight and December 17 we will meet in the auditorium for PM service.

Invite a friend to worship

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24

No PM Service

Monday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS, Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Office Opens at 9AM

Sunday, December 31

5th Sunday Fellowship

YOUTH NEWS

TEEN GROUP

Tonight, we will be at the McCormick's house for teen groups. Show up as early as **4:45PM.** We end at **7PM.**

TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

On **Sunday, December 17** we will be having our annual Progressive Dinner Christmas Party. We will be at church at **5PM.** Once that ends we will head to Alan and Jennifer Davis's house at **6PM** for soups and salad, then to Darrell and Helen Wright's house at **6:45PM** for the main course, then to Phillip and Sally Hammett's home at **7:45PM** for desserts and a gift exchange. We will wrap everything up at **10PM.** Parents please be watching your emails for more details.

POINSETTIA'S FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one, please fill out the form below, cut it out, place it in an envelope provided on the desk in the Welcome Center and deposit it in the poinsettia box. The cost will be **\$8** per pot. All orders must be received by **today, December 10.** If you have any questions please contact the office.

NAME _____

QUANTITY \$8 each _____

IN MEMORY OF _____



WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are honored with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God today.

- We have attended **nursery** for **0-2 year olds** available off the foyer.
- **Children ages 3-5** will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper for Children's Church in **room # 19**.
- **Hearing assistance** is available at the sound booth.

If you are not a member of a church and would like to learn more about the Church of Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions you may have. Please fill out an ivory visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate. If you would be interested in a home Bible study please call **Derek McNamara** at 662-349-3600.

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Class	9:00AM
Morning Assembly	10:00AM
Evening Assembly	5:00PM

Wednesday:

Bible Class	7:00PM
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MINISTERS

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SHEPHERDS

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Today's Sermon by Dr. Derek McNamara

"THE GIFT OF PEACE" Colossians 3:15—17

THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contributions:	
Sunday Offering	\$ 24,648
Weekly Budget	\$ 22,900
Attendance:	
Bible Class	345
Morning Assembly	541
Midweek Class	NA

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ORDER OF WORSHIP December 10, 2017

Singing - Isaac Walker

810 "Listen To Our Hearts"

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara

"Wonderful Merciful Savior"

Prayer - Art Shumway

375 "Oh, The Depth And The Riches

The Lord's Supper and Offering

Matthew Crowe

678 "More About Jesus"

449 "Thy Word"

Message - Dr. Derek McNamara

"THE GIFT OF PEACE" Colossians 3:15—17

Invitation Song:

543 "Wonderful Words of Life"

Shepherd's Prayer - Jimmy Eddlemon

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everyone mature in Christ.
~Colossians 1:28~

