



*“In the heart of the community;  
with a heart for your family”*

**A Pastor’s Ponderings**

**December 4, 2016**

Back in 1988, a screaming woman was trapped inside her car, which was about to plunge over the edge of the road in East Los Angeles. A 1/2 dozen passing motorists stopped, grabbed some ropes from one of their vehicles, tied the ropes to the back of the woman’s car, and hung on until fire units arrived. A ladder was extended from below to help stabilize the car while firefighters tied the vehicle to tow trucks with cables and chains. One of the rescuers later said: “Every time we would move the car, she would yell and scream. She was in terrible pain.”

It took almost 2 and 1/2 hours for the passersby, police officers, tow truck drivers, and firefighters (about 25 people in all) to secure the car and pull the woman to safety. All through the episode, the woman continued talking, repeating a phrase over and over to her rescuers. “It was kinda funny,” the fire captain recalled later. “She kept saying: *I’ll do it myself. I’ll do it myself.*”

Isn’t that the way of this world? Isn’t that the way most of *us* can be from time to time? Though we can become trapped in our sin and filled with pain from our sinful decisions, we continually resist the help God freely offers; choosing instead to try do it ourselves. My friend, God wants to help fix your situation. Instead of being hard-headed and saying *“I don’t need any help. I’d rather do it myself”*, try surrendering control to only One who has the power to fix it.

**Weekly Schedule for December 4 to December 11**

**Today** Sunday School .....10:00 am  
Morning Worship .....11:00 am  
Evening Worship .....6:00 pm  
(Kids In Action rehearsal @ 6pm)  
Following evening worship:  
Birthday/Anniversary Social & Choir Practice

**Monday** WMU Week of Prayer Dinner .....6:00 pm

**Tuesday** Men’s Breakfast .....9:00 am

**Wednesday** Fellowship Supper .....5:30 pm

<i>Group activities begin at 7:00 pm</i>	Kids In Action Rehearsal in Sanctuary  The Experience* Junior High Small Group* (* meets at <u>The Spot</u> )  Adult Prayer & Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
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**Thursday** Fellowship of Truth ..... 6:00 pm  
(Dinner & Bible Study with leader, Marlene Simpson.)

**Friday** OCC Mission trip to Boone ...leaving @ 7:30 am

**Saturday** Men’s Ministry Fellowship .....8:30 am  
Ladies’ Lunch @ Linda King’s home ...1:00 pm  
(*Sign up with Nancy Gillis.*)

**Next Sunday** Sunday School .....10:00 am  
Morning Worship .....11:00 am  
Children’s Christmas Musical .....6:00 pm  
**“David’s Dynasty”**  
Following the K.I.A. program:  
Church-wide Fellowship with Snack Foods & Gift Exchange  
*Bring your favorite Christmas snack and come be part of the fun!*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Dan Kennedy .....Wednesday Ally Norton .....Thursday Keith Patton .....Friday David Holley .....Saturday	<b>None this week...</b>

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	
TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
AM - Pam & Patrick Mitchell & Janice Cunningham	AM - Bo, Noel, & Lilly Shell



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**

This week’s menu:  
**Soup beans, sauerkraut & wieners, fried potatoes, slaw, cornbread, dessert & drink.** ( A sign up sheet is in the foyer.)  
Meals are **\$4.00** each or **\$12.00** for families.  
Supper will be served from **5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**URGENT MESSAGE:** Cooks need to know how many meals to prepare. ***Please sign up no later than Monday @ noon!***  
*Need more information? Call Lavon Jones @ 426-8105.*

**WMU WEEK OF PRAYER**

Our annual Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions will be **Dec. 4-10.** There will be a meal provided on **Monday, December 5,** at **6:00 p.m.** *All ladies are invited to attend.* (A sign up sheet is in the foyer.)

**MEN’S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP**

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>,** at **8:30 a.m.**  
Breakfast with time of fellowship and spiritual growth.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

A **Sign-up sheet** is still available for our last work day at the warehouse in Boone, NC. (**Dec. 9.** leaving church @ 7:30 a.m.)

**CHRISTMAS PARTIES & FELLOWSHIPS**

Friday, **Dec. 16:** Home Builders Sunday School Class @ **6:30 pm**  
Saturday, **Dec. 17:** Choir Dinner @ **5:00 pm** (& rehearsal)  
*Need to reserve the church fellowship hall for your group, classes or family activities? First come. First served. Sign up on the kitchen wall calendar in the fellowship hall.*

**JOURNEY THROUGH BETHLEHEM**

Meet at the church on Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. for this outdoor, interactive experience at First Baptist Church in Fall Branch. Travel back to Bethlehem and walk through the streets & marketplace. Experience the time & events when Christ was born. (The church van will stop at McDonald’s on the way back.)

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY: SUNDAY, DEC. 18**

Kids will be released at very beginning of church service to allow them time to enjoy their annual Christmas Party. We will be providing food, fun time, and a ‘special’ Christmas gift. We love you kids and wish you a Merry Christmas!

## Keep in Your Prayers

...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

(James 5:16)



### Sickness & Hospital

Bernice Bailey  
Tommy Bailey  
B.F. Barker  
Lorene Barr  
Lois Broyles  
Tony Broyles  
Ronnie Bryant  
Bill Carpenter  
Wade Cole  
T.J. Crawford  
Steve Cutshall  
Mary Davidson  
Charles Ellis  
Doug Fox  
Emma Harrod  
Cash Hicks  
Ray Holtsinger  
Pauline Hensley  
Cash Hicks  
Joann Holley  
Ray Holtsinger  
Lisa Justice  
Katrina Mausolf  
Jim McNamara  
Sharon McQueen  
Matthew Millsaps  
Teresa Monteon  
Pastor Kevin Morris  
Sherrill Phillips  
Peggy Roberts  
Jordan St. John  
Art Simpson  
Larry & Judy Smith  
Mildred Snapp  
Betty & Elmer Taylor  
Bob Tibble  
Cameron Whitaker  
Gene Wilcox  
Jack Young

### Other Requests

American Military  
*Radio Ministry*  
*The Spot*  
The families of our community  
Washington County Jail Ministry  
Issac Cutshall  
Unspoken requests  
FISH Ministry  
Amanda English  
The young couples of our church  
Jerrell Elwell  
Donald Wood  
Doug & Barb  
Weberg's travels  
Job situations for many  
Gatlinburg communities and churches

### Praise the Lord!

The much-needed rain  
First responders

### Shut-in & Nursing Home

Rena Hensley  
Lou Shelton  
Eric Starner  
Christine Kyker  
Brownlow Yarbor  
Millie Yarbor

### Salvation

K. Adamson  
Kevin Ayers  
Michelle Ayers  
Jo Bartlet  
Robin Booth  
Charles Bowers  
S. Branstractor  
Kathy Brooks  
Karen Burgin  
Rick Burgin  
Mary S. Carter  
Heather Crumb  
Jessica Curtis  
John Dowdy  
Ben Franklin  
Karen Ingram  
Patton Jervis  
Donna Laws  
Betty Lewis  
Scott Lewis  
Diane Miller  
John Nichols  
Jim Norris  
Becky Norton  
Harry Norton  
Kenzie Nunley  
Jennie Reasor  
Larry Richardson  
Amy Roberts  
Dustin Roberts  
Sue Roberts  
Bill Shelton  
Rita Shelton  
Kelly Shoun  
Tammy Waterhouse  
Kevin Whistine

**KIDS IN ACTION:** Only 3 more rehearsals remain for the Kids in Action Christmas play. Parents, please make every effort to ensure your children are in attendance at these final rehearsals:

1. Sunday, **December 4** at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
2. Wednesday, **December 7**, at 7:00 p.m. in Church Sanctuary with all Props and Costumes
3. FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL: Friday, **December 9**, from 6:00-8:00 in Church Sanctuary. *Pizza will be provided to children and helpers at 6:00 prior to starting rehearsal.*

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

*"David's Dynasty"* will be presented on **December 11** at 6:00 p.m.

### 2016 CHRISTMAS CARD MINISTRY

The New Salem "post office" is open! To send Christmas cards to church families, we encourage you to consider donating the money you would normally spend on postage toward our **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** and send your cards through the church "post office". Simply put the family's corresponding number in the upper right corner of the envelope *where a stamp would normally go* and drop them off before **Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**.

### CARD MINISTRY UPDATE

Spelling correction: **Jenifer Carter** has only one 'n'. If you know of any additions or corrections for the list, please contact **Tonya** (423-737-5343), and we will add them to the bulletin.

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Note: If a name needs to remain on the prayer list for longer than one month, just let Pastor Craig know.

**CHOIR CANTATA, "COME LET US ADORE"**

Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 6:00 p.m.