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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*We Praise Thee, O God  
Rescue Me*

Welcome..... Will Tidwell

Genesis 16:7-13 ..... Danny Phillips

*How Can I Keep From Singing  
Whom Shall I Fear  
Song of Moses  
I Need Thee Every Hour*

Prayer ..... Rodney Richardson

*Burdens are Lifted at Calvary*

Communion..... Will Case

*Kids Praise  
He Knows Just What I Need  
King of Kings*

Sermon ..... Mark Adams

*Be With Me Lord  
House of the Lord*

# Thankful for Trials

“True happiness comes as you pass the test with faith and receive the victorious crown of life promised to every lover of God!”

James 1:12 TPT

*Honestly, I wouldn't change a thing.* We have all heard this type of story-this type of testimony, haven't we? There are countless stories of people who lost everything but found hope. Their stories are inspiring, and we are touched by their courage. But honestly, we are relieved it happened to them instead of us.

I remember sitting and hearing those testimonies. I recall saying to myself, “Really? Wouldn't you change a thing? Wouldn't you rather not have suffered? That is just hard for me to comprehend.”

Yet. Something was different about them-something that just might be worth the pain. I could see and hear that life was clearly sweet to them in a way that I could not comprehend.

I am beginning to understand two years into my journey. Looking back on the tests that I have gone through and passed, I can see how life is richer-how I am wiser. I can truly feel, having lived in the midst of it and living through it to this point, how God has drawn closer to me and me to Him. And that He remains.

If I could change things and bring her back, would I? Absolutely not! Teresa is now where she lived her whole life to be. In a place where we cannot come close to understanding the peace and the love that she is experiencing.

We don't ask for trials, but having lived through them, we can honestly thank Him for them. We thank Him for the increased wisdom and a much greater measure of faith. We thank Him for holding us more than we ever thought He could, for proving our trust, and for the blessings in the midst of pain reserved for those who call Him Lord.

Blessings, Rick

## Men's Breakfast



Men's breakfast will be **Monday, December 2 at 7:30 a.m.** at McDonald's at Concord Road and Nolensville Road. We hope to see you there!

## Christmas Card Delivery



We have started gathering Christmas cards. There is a list of members in the Great Hall at the Welcome Desk. Make sure you just put the last name, then the first name of the family on the top of the envelopes. Then, put them in alphabetical order and put a rubber band around them and when it is time, you will put them in the white mail box in the Great

## Singing Night Tonight



Come and rejoice in song tonight in the Chapel at **5 p.m.** If you have a favorite song or men if you want to lead, please let Derek Robinson know.

## Remember Our Sick....

Phyllis Anderson is continues to improve, but they still request not visitors at this time. Continued prayers for her recovery are greatly appreciated.

Janice Crawford had successful bypass surgery on Wednesday. Prayers for her continued recuperation.

Wayne Fleming is at home recovering following knee replacement surgery. Prayers have been requested.

Doris Miller, mother of Ruth Fox, is at home under hospice care. Prayers are requested.

Gail Graham is at home following knee replacement surgery. Continued prayers.

Patty Augustus is still at Whites Creek Wellness & Rehab Center, Room 112, 3425 Knight Dr, Whites Creek 37189. Her infection is gone. Her arm is doing better and she is receiving treatments to calm her lupus.

## Christmas Cookie Brigade

Let's bake and share lots of Christmas cheer...with some folks we love so dearly! Think of festive or classic homemade cookies or candy, to be prepared ahead at home. Approximately 3 or more dozen cookies or candies per baker. Please bring them to the kitchen starting **Friday, December 5, and no later than 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 6**, preferably in a disposable container or wrapped paper plate. We will sort and arrange them into pretty, festive boxes. The boxes will be distributed to Tusculum shut-ins and widows and widowers by our **Carolers** on Sunday evening, **December 7** and made available for the widows and widowers to pickup on Sunday morning in the Great Hall. Please sign up through the QR code and click **Cookie Brigade**. Text or call Kim Peebles with any questions (615-969-8223).



## Children's Christmas



The benevolent Committee will be assisting families for our annual Christmas Gifts for Children again this year. If you are interested in helping by taking a family or child, donating money, or assisting in any way, please see **Jim and Mary Pomeroy**. You can call them at home at 615-338-4811 or text cell at 615-589-3005 or 559-2022. Your support is very much appreciated, as we could not do this without YOU! You make the difference! As always, keep us in your prayers. ~The Benevolent Committee

## Christmas Caroling



Everyone is invited to join us on **December 7** for an evening of caroling to our shut-ins as well as cookie delivery! **We will gather at Tusculum in the chapel at 4:30 p.m.** to assign groups. We will head out by **5:00 p.m.** to start caroling. Everyone (all ages) is invited to join us! Our goal is to have groups of at least 6-8 individuals with a plan for each group to visit 3-4 houses. (We have an estimated 30 stops to make!) If you are willing to lead a group, please let Derek Robinson know. After caroling, all are welcome to come eat together at Kume Hibachi & Wings in Lenox Village to share about your caroling experiences! Look forward to spreading some Christmas cheer with you all!

## Holiday Schedule



**December 24—No Evening Classes**  
**December 31—No Evening Classes**

# TUSCULUM YOUTH MINISTRY

## Sundays

Come join us as we are studying the book of Exodus.

## Wednesdays

We are studying the life of Jesus and watching The Chosen alongside it!

## Life Groups

We will have life groups in the TYM from 5-7 p.m. Sunday night. Bring \$5 for food and a friend.

## Tusculum/Smyrna Winter Formal

Due to scheduling conflicts with both Tusculum and Smyrna on the original date on December 6, it was best to reschedule the Winter Formal to January. No date has been set yet. If you have already paid, you will not have to pay again. If you are unable to attend and have already paid, you will be reimbursed. This will give us even more time to invite friends and sign up!!

## Mission Trip

Please sign up in the app! More details are in the app and GroupMe. The LAST DAY to sign up is **December 1**.

MAIN LINE	615-833-1660
Benevolence	615-833-1869
Counseling (AGAPE)	615-781-3000

## Deacons

Adam Agee.....	615-430-9123
Brett Byram.....	919-667-5414
Andy Flanigan.....	615-405-0324
Jeff Fox.....	615-337-1431
David Gee.....	615-479-5127
John Goode.....	615-364-4059
Jeff Lasher.....	615-300-2690
Bobby Mullins.....	615-516-2242
Adam Priddy.....	615-268-8655
Daniel Richardson.....	615-957-6998
Rodney Richardson.....	615-419-3302
Jake Shoun.....	615-925-1005
Jim Stubblefield.....	615-934-6977
Hollis Tackitt.....	629-254-5533
Charlie Watson.....	615-351-2140
Andy White.....	248-396-6985
James. York.....	615-310-9601

## Elders

P.R. Anderson.....	615-642-1363
Mike Dotson.....	615-418-3521
Rick Hatcher.....	615-210-6322
Gerald Merritt.....	615-491-0520
Sam Peebles.....	615-969-8253
Greg Petree.....	615-891-9433
Earl Santymire.....	615-319-6988
Richard Thompson.....	615-916-0838



## Kids Praise

Following communion, children ages **3-kindergarten** are invited to join us in the children's wing for Kids Praise

Children's Bulletins and color sheets are available in the racks on the left side of the Great Hall.

## Nursery

An attended nursery is available during worship for infants through 2 years old.

**November 30**—No Nursery Due to the Holidays—Parents may use the nursery or the Sprouts common area, as needed.

**December 7**—Debbie Kaatz and Doris Chandler

Email [dburgesstcc@gmail.com](mailto:dburgesstcc@gmail.com) and let her know if you would like to help.

## Attendance and Contribution

### November 23, 2025

Attendance.....	368
(includes online and Spanish)	
Bible Class.....	142
Contribution.....	\$15,951.30
Weekly Budget.....	\$16,400.00
Average YTD Contribution.....	\$16,642.14

What can we help you with?



Medical:



wifi available: TCC



assisted listening available



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Online Giving:

