

December 31, 2023.

### Schedule of Assemblies

#### Sunday

Worship 10:00 AM Classes 11:15 AM

#### Wednesday

Early Class 4:30 PM Ladies Class 7:00 PM Mens Class 7:00 PM

Mens Class7:00 PMBilingual Class7:00 PM

Childcare for age newborn to 3-years-old is available during Worship on Sundays & Wednesdays. For transportation to Worship and other assemblies, call (405) 672-1311, M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.



# LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024

"THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION. THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY;

BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME."

2 Corinthians 5:17

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### **WORSHIP ORDER**

Song, <b>Come Let Us Sing</b>	Tim Holt
Welcome	Tim Holt
Song <b>#167</b> , <i>Hosanna</i>	Tim Holt
Song <b>#60</b> , <b>He Is Exalted</b>	Tim Holt
Song #849, Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer	Tim Holt
Prayer	Terry Craghead
Song, Wonderful Merciful Savior	Tim Holt
Communion	Colin Russell
Song #31, Blest Be The Tie That Binds	Tim Holt
Offering	Colin Russell
Scripture Reading, Acts 2:42-47	Richard Leary
Song <b>#448</b> , <b>The Greatest Commands</b>	Tim Holt
Message, They Devoted Themselves	Garrett Marshall
Song #662, I Surrender All	Darrel Sullivan
Closing Announcements	Garrett Marshall
2023 in Review	Video Presentation
Prayer	Chad Barney
Song #877, Won't It Be Wonderful There	Tim Holt

### **FAMILY UPDATES**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Kathy Robinson | Dec. 31 Anne Livesay | Jan. 1 Judy Finch | Jan. 2 Dennis Roofe | Jan. 5 Michael Thompson | Jan. 5 Mark Haynzs | Jan. 5 Margaret Teague | Jan. 6 Aniya Marchbanks | Jan. 6



Don't forget to notify the church office if you have an address or information change. We also love to know member birthdays and anniversaries so we can celebrate with you!

#### **SERMON NOTES**

#### "They Devoted Themselves"

In the book *In Search of Excellence: Lessons from America's Best Run Companies*, the authors do a deep dive into the strategies, culture, and work ethics of what they considered to be the best run companies in the country. They found that one of the most promising indicators for success was that they did "the basics well, almost all the time." In Acts 2, we see the beginning of the movement that would be called Christianity; a movement that would span continents, go on for thousands of years, and transform the world. And yet today, by most metrics, it is on the decline, especially in "post-modern" cultures. What happened? Perhaps our congregations have forgotten what successful companies have now discovered, to do the basics well. Let's get back to basics.

How can we as a congregation more fully devote ourselves to:

#### I. The Apostle's Teaching (learning)

#### II. Fellowship

#### III. Breaking of Bread

#### IV. Prayer



## EN ESPAÑOL

En el libro En busca de la excelencia: lecciones de las empresas mejor administradas de Estados Unidos, los autores profundizan en las estrategias, la cultura y la ética laboral de las que consideraban las empresas mejor administradas del país. Descubrieron que una de las señales más prometedoras de que una empresa tendría éxito es que hiciera "bien lo básico, casi todo el tiempo". En Hechos 2 vemos el comienzo del movimiento que se llamaría cristianismo; un movimiento que abarcaría continentes, continuaría durante miles de años y transformaría el mundo. Y, sin embargo, hoy en día, según la mayoría de los indicadores, está en declive, especialmente en las culturas "posmodernas". ¿Qué pasó? Quizás nuestras congregaciones olvidaron lo que ahora han descubierto las empresas exitosas: hacer bien lo básico. Volvamos a lo básico.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Our Community Cupboard which distributes food and household supplies to area families in need served 1,079 families in 2023 - an average of 90 families per month. Of those individuals served, 897 were adults and 571 were children.
- Our Whiz Kids program is serving more than 30 students each month, helping them to become stronger readers and better students while introducing them to the love of Jesus.

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

- Jan. 1 Church Office Closed, New Year's Day
- Jan. 4 Wednesday Night Meals resume
- Jan. 5 Keenagers Game Night,
- Jan. 7 Baby Shower for Paige Marshall, 2 PM, FLC
- Jan 7 DCYG Parent Meeting
- Jan. 12-14 DCYG Winterfest, Fort Worth, TX
- Jan. 18 Community Cupboard Distribution, 2PM 5 PM
- Jan. 28 OBI Blood Drive, Gym, 8:30 AM 12:30 PM

#### MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

12/24 Worship Attendance	285
12/24 Bible Class Attendance	191
12/24 Contribution	\$15,615.82
YTD Regular Contribution	\$807,367.34
Weekly Average	\$15,526.30
Weekly Budget	\$14,866.74

#### **EDITORIAL**

### You are Hearby Invited

Scott Stallings, a three-time PGA winner, was hoping for an invite to the Masters after a good performance the previous year. The Masters golf tournament held each year at the Augusta National Golf course is one of the most exclusive golf events in the world. So Stallings had, as he said in a recent post, "been checking his mailbox five times a day," yet he had not received an invite.

Then he received an unusual message. It was from Scott Stallings. This Scott Stallings also lived in Georgia and had a wife with the

same name as the pro golfer. He was letting him know that he had received a FedEx package that day with an invitation to play in the Masters that year. Now the other Scott Stallings played golf, but not at that level. Yet here in his hand was a package with everything he would need to attend. He was, however, happy (ish) to send it to the person it was intended.



What would you do if you got that invite? A chance to play at golf heaven? Sure, you don't belong there but yet you have the invite. A chance to be part of one of the greatest events ever.

Yet you do have that. And it wasn't a mistake.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Chris just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will (Ephesians 1:3-5).

Though none of us are of the caliber to go, God offers us a place in heaven. It's because of a name, the name of His Son. By His Son, we are offered a place in His Kingdom. He was prepared and invited us to join Him.

What do we do with that invitation? Do we wear the name of his Son and join in?

**Barry Haynes** Hope church of Christ Hope, AR

#### **FEATURED EVENTS**



Join us for a fun Baby Boy Shower for Paige Marshall on January 7th.



The deadline to sign up for Winterfest is tomorrow!
Reach out to Justin
Ogletree with questions.

