

Scheduled to Serve: December 15, 2019
If unable to serve, call: Travis Prewitt, 577-1548
Please meet in the copy room 10 minutes before worship begins.

<u>Lord's Table</u> <u>Preside</u> Lucas Collins <u>Serve</u> Stan Bridgman Lucas Collins Carl Curtis Jerry Honey Chris Middleton Tim Pulliam Jeremy Ragland Cub Scott	<u>Prayers</u> AM Open: Raymond Stills AM Close: Chris Saunders PM Close: Richie Poe Wed Close: Jerry Honey	<u>Technology Booth</u> Audio Visual: Clint Howard Power Point: Daniel Hart
	<u>Scripture Reading</u> Nathaniel Smith	<u>PM Nursery Helpers</u>
<u>Alternates</u> John Wray Bill Youngblood	<u>Song Leader</u> P.M./Wed: Sawyer Deakins	<u>Worship Attendance</u> Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 276 6:00 p.m. – Classes: 9:00 a.m. – 171 Wed.: 6:30 p.m. – 169
<u>Usher</u> Robert Williams Scott Tennyson Richie Poe Bob Seesengood	<u>Wed Announcements</u> 12/18: Daniel Lance	<u>Contribution</u> 12/08: \$11,961.25
	<u>Wed Devo</u> 12/18: Lucas Collins	<u>Security –</u>
	<u>Greeters</u> Carol Murphy Georgie & Roger Patton	<u>Maple Esplanade Communion</u> 12/15: Sawyer & Crystal Deakins 12/22: Richie & Becky Poe

Golden Years Class meets each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Activity Building.

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It Is A Good Cause

The course on November 29th in London was in full swing, with university students and former prisoners in attendance. Usman Khan, a former convict - a man who had been involved in a plot to blow up the London Stock Exchange and create an Islamist training school in its place, leapt to his feet, brandishing knives in both hands. Before anyone could stop him, he stabbed and killed Jack Merritt, 25 years old, and his colleague, the two course coordinators.

Jack Merritt was working towards a better future for former convicts and believed passionately in dialogue. He was attempting to get input from those who had experienced life behind prison bars, and discover how best to handle the whole question of depriving people of their liberty, not only while they were in prison, but also during their reintegration into society.

Jack was a champion of underdogs everywhere and gave selflessly of his time and energy, and would not rest until improvement had been reached. He refused all easy answers, and most especially and emphatically, anything that was based on lazy shortcuts, all-embracing statements that lumped people together. For Jack, it was always about the person him or herself, never the *type* of person. The solutions he aimed for were ones of inclusion, based on love, never on locked and barred doors, on fear and hate. Jack believed in rehabilitation not revenge.

Jack's father, David Merritt, immediately wrote an impassioned article underlining how livid Jack would be if a whole cultural group was stigmatized because Usman Khan, Jack's murderer, happened to be from a different one. To the contrary, Jack gave his life to end stigmatization and to promote a more humane and understanding world.

I pause to marvel at this young man who gave his life simply because he wanted to open a dialogue between convicted criminals and students -- seeking a deeper understanding of the

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FAMILY NEWS & EVENTS

GOLDEN YEARS

Christmas dinner- The Golden Years Class will have a Christmas dinner next Tuesday, Dec 17, following the 10:30 a.m. class. There will be no meetings on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 or New Year's Eve, Dec. 31

HOLIDAY CARD BOX

Want to send holiday cards to other members at Christmas or New Years and save the postage cost? A box has been placed in the copy room until the end of the year. Members may check the adjacent box file for any cards that have been sent to them. No money or gifts please. Contact Nathanael Smith for questions or to get names of members who might enjoy getting a card at this time.

DEACONS MEETING

This Sunday Dec. 15, @ 5pm, there will be a deacon meeting.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS, HOT CHOCOLATE & GOODIES

The 6th grade and under group invites you to join them this Sunday, Dec. 15 @ 5pm in the Activity Building for goodies & Christmas carols.

THANK YOU

- Northside Family, we can't begin to thank you all for the cards, text, phone calls, food and generosity shown to us before, during, and after my surgery. The out-pouring of love given was overwhelming. Thank you especially for every prayer sent up and encouragement given. We love you all dearly. TJ, Whitney, Emeline, Wyatt & Newt Pulliam
- Thank you for your warm attentive acts of care and concern while I was in the hospital and later recuperating. The support of Church family that embodies Christ means everything. Thanks so much, Roger Cunningham

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

Our building will be open at our regular meeting times for those who wish to worship and study together regardless of the weather conditions. Bible classes for all age groups will be held if teachers are available. However, we encourage members to use their own best judgment as to whether the local roads, as well as our sidewalks and parking lot, will allow safe attendance. The Elders

PRAYER LIST

CURRENT

Jason Boernson- *cancer, back in hospital; Tim & Verna Pulliam nephew*
Bob Brown – *undergoing chemotherapy treatment for a type of Lymphoma*
William Clark and Whitney Pulliam and their families – *recovering from kidney transplant surgery*
Roger Cunningham – *recovering from abdominal surgery*
Carl Curtis-*recovering from fall*
Bonnie Hirsch-*recovering from fall*
Jerry & Bettye Honey's Daughter Kari- *In hospital with lung problems*
Judy Jones- *recovering from surgery; Eloise Williams daughter*
Morgan Keener – *recovering from optic nerve surgery*
Pat Long – *would like prayers for a critical illness*
Frank Mangrum- *blood platelets are low*
Johnny Matlock- *pneumonia*
Ruth Pratt- *moved to Hillcrest*
Wheeler and Yeager family- *Sudden death of wife and daughter Stacey Wheeler*

RETIREMENT CENTER/ NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING

Ella Dunlap
Charlotte Gregory
Shirley Jordan
Johnny LeMay
Faye McLaughlin
Phil Powers
Nelda Young Smith

ONGOING

Atkins family
Jim Bennett – *cancer*
Roy & Ricky Castellano – *cancer*
Priscilla Collier – *M.S.*
Lisa Eastridge – *cancer*
Marie Dumdey
Major Matt Eddings
Imogene & Wayne (*cancer*) Ellis
Sybil Gaskill
Danny Godfrey – *cancer*
Tom & Betty Grayson
Dawn Greer
Ronald & Mary Ann Greer
Micah Hart
Karen Helms
Carmen McCune
Virginia Parker – *cancer*
Brenda Patton
Ada Xiomara Perez
Bud Walsh
Terry Whithead – *cancer*
Mary Jo Whiteside – *cancer*
Julie Willhite – *cancer*
Jeannie Wray

AT HOME

Ann Cash
Faye Kisner
Zella Montgomery
Rochelle Powers

Names on the prayer list will generally appear for a few weeks. Please call the office if you would like for names to appear longer.

FUNERAL DINNER COORDINATORS

December:

Betty Presley, Janice Taylor, Janelle House, Vanessa Lance

YOUTH NEWS

7TH GRADE & UP

RAK “Random Acts of Kindness” Day & Christmas Party: Dec. 20 @ the Hart’s home. More info to come.

6TH GRADE & UNDER

Christmas Carols, Hot Chocolate & Goodies: This Sunday, Dec. 15 meet at the Activity Building @ 3pm to set up. Carpool to Maple Esplanade to Christmas Carol to residents. Carpool back to Activity Building for church wide hot chocolate, coffee & cookies @5pm.

HELP NEEDED:

- Funds for the Honduras Benevolent Food Program are low, if your heart is moved to give to this worthwhile humanitarian relief, please see Vickie Burlsworth.
- We are in need of workers in nursery for Sunday evening services. If you would be able to help please sign the sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

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criminal justice system and to find better solutions going forward. It was a good cause. It was a needed dialogue.

I marvel at the young man's passion, comparing it to my own, and wonder if I am generally too passive. If this young man was willing to expend his passions for the sake of a better criminal justice system, why am I often unwilling to expend mine for the sake of a much nobler cause: the betterment of people's souls? It is a good cause. It is a needed dialogue.

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Stephen Powers