REMEMBER IN PRAYER

JEH Nursing Home: Jean Ferguson, Catherine Loadholt, Rose Manuel, Buddy Craddock OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

PVT. Sara Armstrong U.S. Air Forse Major Lindi Kirkland, U.S. Air Force Friends & Family:

Raymond Bennett, Paula Billingsley, Peggy Boleman, Shelli Beach, Leigh Brabham, Jo Ann Brabham, Oranne Brunson, Katie Champagne, Larry Cribb, Joyce Davis, James Deer, Michael & Martha Ann Donahue, Charlie Drawdy, Ralph & Elaine Elliott, Carrie Grubbs, Todd Grubbs, Linda Kearse, Betty Jean Kinard, Lib Loadholt, Lisa Mole, Doug Monts, Jean Morris, Kenny Morris, David Murphy, Rhett Oswald, Frankie Padgett, Chris & Tammy Page, Ralph Payne, Lizzie Porter, Reid Porter Jr., Dr. Raman, Shirley Robinson, Libby Smith, Steve Sullivan, Elaine & Jerel Teems, Jan & Glory Thomas, Jean Thomas, Bobby & June Thomas, Debra & Sara Beth Thomas, Tina Tuten, Kim Trabue, Keitha Walls, David & Marsha Ann Wiley, Sherry Williams, Elbert Windham, W. K. & Elese Windham, Billy Woolridge, Jule Young, Janice Zissette, Charlie Young.



Wishing to Be Healed

When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

-John 5:6

Jesus asked a man a question that appears to have had an obvious answer! He came upon a man who had been lame for thirty-eight years and who was sitting beside a pool of healing. Jesus asked him if he wanted to be healed. Why would Jesus ask such an obvious question? Perhaps the answer was not so clear. Bartimaeus was blind, yet when he cried out for Jesus to have mercy on him, Jesus asked what he wanted Him to do (Mark 10:51). It would have seemed apparent that the foremost concern of a blind person would be to receive sight. There were times, however, when Jesus considered it important for people to verbalize their need and specifically ask Him to heal them.

Just because we are spiritually sick, or just because we are near a place of healing, does not necessarily mean we want to be made well. We may attend church regularly, but choose to remain sinful. Our generation has taken many of the activities that the Bible identifies as sin and has labeled

them as addictions or character flaws or the result of an abusive upbringing. We act as if having an addiction is sufficient excuse for disobeying God's commands. As Christians, we are no longer helpless victims of our sin. There is no sinful habit or past hurt that is beyond the healing touch of our Lord.

Have you gone year after year without receiving spiritual healing? God is capable of freeing you, but you may have become comfortable in your sin. You may not want to be healed. If you really want to receive spiritual health, God can give it today. He wants you to ask Him.

Henry T. Blackaby and Richard Blackaby, <u>Experiencing God Day by</u> <u>Day</u> (Nashville, TN: B&H Books, 1998).

We are beginning to update the Church Directory for 2026. If you know of any information that needs to be updated, such as an address, phone number or email. Or a name that should (or should no longer) be included on a ministry, please call or text Mary Jean at 803-686-1195. Thank you.



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office. Cost is \$30 this year.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal is \$4000.00 Receipts to date \$1394.25 Needed \$2605.75



OUR RECORD SPEAKS 12/14/25Enrollment/Attendance37 /25Morning Worship......67Sanctuary Carpet100.00

 Cemetery Fund
 300.00

 Lottie Moon
 834.00

 Poinsettias
 30.00

 Budget Offering
 4745.00

 Budget Needs (weekly
 4339.00

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 12/21	
Coffee & Christ	9:00am
Sunday School	10:00am
Morning Worship	11:00am
Business Meeting	12:00pm
Discipleship Training	5:00pm
Behold Your God Study Group	6:00pm
Tuesday, 12/23	6.00
Handbells	o:uupm
Wednesday, 12/24 -No Activities-	

Merry Christmas

SERVANTS December 21, 2025

Tellers Jonathan Wiley, Joey Oswald

<u>Lord's Prayer</u> Jonathan Brabham

Church Monitor Jonathan Wiley

<u>Greeter</u> Charles Carlson, Neal Shramek

<u>Ushers</u> Jacob Oswald, Addison Williams

Nursery Cindy