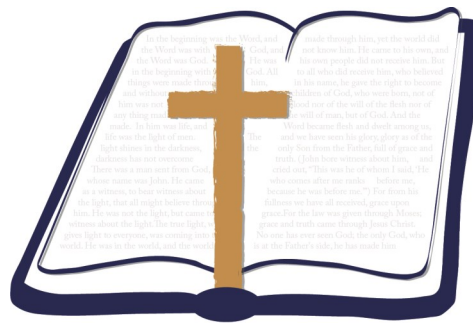


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Sun, Dec 1st

5:30 pm - Lottie Moon Coffee Shop

Sun, Dec 8th

5:00 pm - RA/GA/Mission Friends Night

Thurs, Dec 12th

SonShiners

Sun, Dec 15th

11:00 am - Preschool/Children's Nativity

Wed, Dec 18th

6:00 pm - Children's Choir Concert
 followed by Deacon Family Christmas Party

Sun, Dec 22nd

11:00 am - Sanctuary Choir Presents *The Sounding Joy*
 5:00 pm - Candlelight Lord's Supper Service

Wed, Dec 25th

Merry Christmas



- 1 CD Self
- Jason Nail
- 5 Sandra Self
- 6 Dan Duncan
- Brenda Brasfield
- 8 LeeAnn Powell
- 10 Emma Nix
- 18 Melissa Click
- 21 Donna Poe
- David Bunn
- 24 Pam Carney
- 25 Rick Poe
- 29 Cora Ann Singleton



Budget Report
 (through November 24, 2024)
Receipts
 Month - \$15,135.00
 YTD - \$169,601.69
Budget
 Month - \$18,496.17
 YTD - \$203,457.87

Dear Church Family,

Instruct one another
 I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. (Rom 15.14)

While Paul is reminding these believers boldly of some things in this letter (Rom 15.15) he makes clear that all of them as Christians have the knowledge and therefore ability to instruct one another.

Yes God has given Elders/Pastors/Overseers to the church to "give instruction in sound doctrine and rebuke those who contradict it" (Titus 1.9). But while the Elders/Pastors/Overseers (3 titles, one office) lead in this, and that responsibility rests ultimately on them, the congregation as a whole has a responsibility to instruct one another.

Colossians 3.16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in your richly teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom" which is the same thing Paul said was his job as an apostle "Him [Christ] we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. (Col 1.28)

Are we all instructing one another with sound doctrine? Are we instructing one another with the truth about Christ? Are we teaching one another to obey all that Christ has commanded? Are we frequently building one another up with the word of God, which is profitable for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness? That may look like you teaching a Sunday School class. It may look like you and one other believer sitting down over coffee or lunch and opening your bibles together and instructing one another from the word.

One of the many reasons why we all need to be continually growing in our knowledge of the scriptures, is not just for our own growth, but so that we can be faithful to obey the Lord Jesus and be able to instruct one another from the scriptures.

In Christ,
 Pastor Landon

