

FAMILY CONCERNS

CHURCH FAMILY:
Dale and Mary Beck (Joint Heirs)
Annabelle Chumney (Joint Heirs)
Kimberly Davis (Joint Heirs)
Billy Evans (Lifesavers)
Gennie Flake (Joint Heirs)
Lea Ann Flatt (Joint Heirs)
Scotty Little
Devoe Mack
Emogene Moore (Singles Blended)
Brad Oster
Dave Robbins (Joint Heirs)
Jessie Taylor Sanders (Joint Heirs)
Jerry Blair Schlosser
Michael Semore (Joint Heirs)
Doris Watson (Singles Blended)
Rhee Williams (Joint Heirs)

FAMILY & FRIENDS:
 Ashiona Baker
 Jo Barber
 Virginia Barron
 Carolyn Batey
 Jim Bradley
 Sheila Cason
 Julie Chester
 Alicia Clark
 Jimmie Clements
 Polly Cox
 Brooks Dobson
 June Powell Emerson
 Margaret Floyd
 Shirley Sternberg Geiger
 Jimmy Huey
 Karen Johnson
 Mary Ann Lazar
 Janet Mitchell
 Don Morris
 Kristen Pack
 Judy Richardson
 Jaime Sanderson
 Dennis Smool
 Dennis Taylor
 Von Verner
 David Walker
 Faith Wicks
 Chuck Wilcox
 Willie Williams
 Kathy Wise
 Russell Young
 Ruth Young

IN THE MILITARY:
 John Berger (Army National Guard)
 Quadrell Brumfield (Airforce)
 Jeffrey Cigrang (Navy)
 Major Jennifer Conk (Airforce)
 Major Ryan Conk (Airforce)
 James Cooper (Army)
 Major Lauren Cotney (Air Nat. Guard)
 Colonel Whitney Gardner (Army)
 Brooks Gatlin (National Guard)
 Sgt. Tommy Glasscock (National Guard)
 John Grady (Army National Guard)
 Major Aaron Hines (Air Force-abroad)
 Major Stefan Lockton (Army)
 Jesse James Lucas (Airforce)
 Gerri Ripple (Navy-abroad)
 Jacob Robinson (Army)
 Paul T. Robinson (Army)
 Shawn Royer (Army)
 Col. Clarence David Turner (Army)

ON THE MISSION FIELD:
 Bruce, Janet, and Annie Bates
Cumberland, RI

Caleb, Fran, Abigail, Elizabeth, Ruth,
 and Mariam Borchers
Providence, RI

Colette Daugherty
Meudon, France

Arlin and Pamela Hendrix
Mezzieu, France

William and Helena Horace
Providence, RI

Frank and Gladys Hotorwoshie
Accra, Ghana

Ananias Moses
Gaborone, Botswana

Ralph and Twyla Williams
Moduli, Tanzania

Huffard Bible Land Tours to Greece or Israel

The deadline is **December 31st** to register for the tour to Greece and Ephesus (July 10-20, 2019). For the trip to Israel (July 1-10, 2019), the deadline to register is **February 15th**. For more information, contact **Ileene Huffard** at ihuffard@harding.edu.

Sing, Choirs of Angels...

(Not literally, but the Harding University Chorus is coming in January)

The Harding University Chorus, under the direction of Cliff Ganus, will present a concert at White Station on **Sunday, January 13th, 2019**. On that Sunday, there will be a church wide fellowship meal after the morning worship services. Following the fellowship meal, the Harding Chorus will perform in concert around 12:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. The Chorus will be on a brief tour following their participation in the Christian College Choral festival in Montgomery, Alabama in early January, and the concert at White Station will be their final concert before they return to Searcy.

The Chorus will arrive in Memphis on Saturday afternoon, January 12th. We will need families to host the members of the Chorus on Saturday night. Host families will pick the Chorus members up from the building around 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Host families will provide dinner on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday morning, as well as transportation back to the church building on Sunday morning. The students pack in pairs, so please consider volunteering to host a pair of either male or female students. If you can help with this housing need, please contact **Steve and Danetta Townsdin** at townsdins@gmail.com. Please put "Chorus Housing" in the subject line of the email.

Next Blood Drive is Saturday, January 19th

December is a time of giving and receiving gifts. It is a busy time for everyone. The busyness causes some things to go undone or be postponed. Historically blood donations decrease in December and throughout the winter months even though the need doesn't decrease.

Please make plans to schedule an appointment for the Vitalant (formerly Lifeblood) blood drive on **Saturday, January 19th** from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Children's Worship Room. The link to schedule a donor appointment is bit.ly/cocws01-19-19.

For more information, contact **Ken Kyle** at 901-491-8278 or kennisonk@yahoo.com.

Jack P. Lewis Christian Studies Seminar

Mark your calendar! The Jack P. Lewis Christian Studies Seminar will be held on **Saturday, January 26th** from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A lunch will be provided for \$5. The speaker is Dr. Harold Shank, who served for 32 years with the Highland Street Church of Christ in Memphis, as professor at both Oklahoma Christian and Harding School of Theology, and as President of Ohio Valley University. He is currently a consultant and is the national spokesperson for Network 1:27. He will speak on the book of Isaiah, and we will use his material in our adult Bible classes next spring.



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To our guests...

Welcome to White Station. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray you will be uplifted by the worship assembly, challenged by today's lesson, and find connection in one of our Bible classes.

If you want to learn more about White Station and how you can join us as we serve God & our city, join us at our next Discovery Worship.

For more information: donmkinder@gmail.com.

This Week at White Station

Fellowship Every Weekday from 8 a.m. to Noon in the Coffee House

MONDAY (12.24)
 ♦ CLC, Church Office, and Coffee House closed

TUESDAY (12.25) - *Merry Christmas!*
 ♦ CLC, Church Office, and Coffee House closed

WEDNESDAY (12.26)
 ♦ CLC, Church Office, and Coffee House closed
 ♦ All Wednesday activities and services are cancelled

THURSDAY (12.27)
 ♦ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 ♦ Devotional @ 9:30 a.m. in the Coffee House
 ♦ Community Exercise @ 10 a.m. in the CLC Gym
 ♦ Volleyball Free Play from 7 to 9 p.m. for ages 18+

FRIDAY (12.28)
 ♦ Men's Prayer Group at 6:30 a.m. in the Education Building Conference Room
 ♦ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 ♦ Pickleball from 9 a.m. to Noon in the CLC Gym
 ♦ Open Half-Court Basketball from 2 to 4 p.m.

SATURDAY (12.29)
 ♦ Walking Track open from 9 a.m. to Noon
 ♦ Open Half-Court Basketball from 9 a.m. to Noon

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS	ATTENDANCE:	CONTRIBUTION:
	Sunday, 12.16	Sunday, 12.16
	AM Worship Services..... 494	Weekly Actual.....\$20,148
	AM Classes 364	Weekly Budget.....\$27,500
	PM Worship Service 85	
Wednesday 12.12 168		

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A staffed nursery is provided for children 0 - 36 months. The nursery is located on the green hallway, room E112 in the Education Building. There will be no Children's Worship today or next Sunday due to the holidays, but it will resume on January 6th.

Sunday Morning Worship

AUDITORIUMWorship Leader: Leon Sanderson
 Welcome/Scripture Reading [Luke 2:8-11]/Prayer Earl Manning
 Songs: 1018 - Joy To The World
 1001 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
 "The Point?"Rodney Plunket
 Response Song: 41 - Mighty Is Our God
 Songs: 997 - O Come, All Ye Faithful
 998 - What Child Is This?
 995 - It Came Upon The Midnight Clear
 1003 - Silent Night
 382 - Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?
 Lord's Supper and OfferingDevon Conley
 Song: 996 - O Little Town of Bethlehem
 Good Samaritan Offering
 Announcements/PrayerBroque Lingerfelt



FELLOWSHIP HALLWorship Leader: Caleb Cranford
 Welcome/Announcements/PrayerEddy Efaw
 Songs: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
 Jesus, Name Above All Names
 Lord's Supper and Offering Scotty Boone
 Bread and Cup: O Holy Night (v. 1, 2)
 Offering: O Holy Night (v. 3)
 Good Samaritan Offering
 Christmas Reading: Luke 39-66 (Abridged)
 Songs: Magnificat
 O Come, All Ye Faithful
 "The Point?"Rodney Plunket
 Songs: Joy To The World
 Whom Shall I Fear
 Prayer/Blessing Marty Leavell

Sunday Evening Christmas Service

CHAPELWorship Leader: Leon Sanderson
 Introduction/Prayer Rodney Plunket
 Reading from the Jesus Storybook Bible Lawre Nell Pope
 Advent: Hope David Jordan
 Songs: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
 Silent Night
 Advent: PreparationAllie Chester
 Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel
 Advent: Joy David Jordan
 Songs: Joy To The World
 Hark, The Herald Angels Sing
 Advent: LoveAllie Chester
 Song: O Come All Ye Faithful
 Away in a Manger
 Prayer Hank Wynn

WHAT ABOUT WEDNESDAY?

All evening activities on December 26th, including the 3:00 Chapel devotional, will not meet. The elders encourage all to use that evening to remember, reflect and praise God for His work this past year. Even in loss or difficult circumstances, our Father is faithful. We also know that all good things come from Him. Please celebrate our Savior with the people you are with on Wednesday night, December 26th.

2018 Holiday Schedule

TONIGHT: Sunday Evening Christmas Service at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel
 The Christmas service will take the place of our regular 5 p.m. Chapel service.
 Communion will be served immediately after tonight's service in the Library.

Monday, December 24th - Wednesday, December 26th

Church Office, CLC, and Coffee House are Closed

Wednesday, December 26th

All Wednesday activities and classes are cancelled.

Sunday, December 30th

Regular Sunday Morning Schedule all venues - No Children's Worship.

Tuesday, January 1st

Church Office, CLC, and Coffee House are Closed

Wednesday, January 2nd

Regular Wednesday Night Class Schedule
 The Wednesday night meal will be served.

Your Year-end Giving Makes a Difference

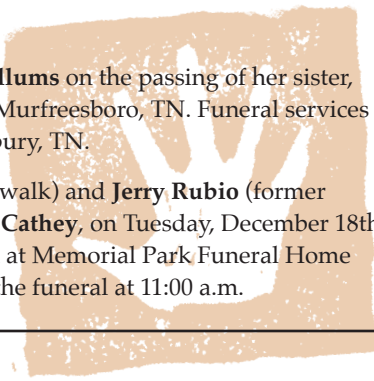
Whether for gratitude, the joy of the season, catching up on a commitment or excitement about exceeding your commitment, we are grateful for your year-end giving. Here are the dates to remember in planning your year-end gift. Only gifts completed by December 31st help to reduce taxes you may owe next April. December 30th will be the last Sunday to make contributions for the tax year 2018. You may also bring your gift to the church office by **Monday, December 31st**. If you choose to mail your check, it has to be written, mailed and postmarked by December 31st in order to qualify as a 2018 tax deductible contribution.

Thank you for considering a year-end gift to the work at White Station!

Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the family of **Carole Nellums** on the passing of her sister, **Rachel Smitty**, on Thursday, December 13th in Murfreesboro, TN. Funeral services were held last Sunday, December 16th in Woodbury, TN.

We express our sympathy to **Ronn Rubio** (Faithwalk) and **Jerry Rubio** (former member) on the passing of their mother, **Aileen Cathey**, on Tuesday, December 18th. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 28th at Memorial Park Funeral Home (5668 Poplar Avenue) at 10:00 a.m. followed by the funeral at 11:00 a.m.



Thank You Note

We received a thank you note from **Pam Byrd**. Her note along with other news is posted on the Community Bulletin Board in the CLC.

Wednesday Night Men's Class

On January 2nd, our Wednesday Night Men's class will begin a video series. Join us and let the story of Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand inspire you as we study how God helps His followers faithfully serve in the face of extreme difficulty and opposition. In this study, you will see real-life examples of the kind of biblical discipleship to which we all aspire. God's power is sufficient to overcome every obstacle we face, and His grace will transform the most sinful among us. Study materials will be provided. The class meets on the second floor of the CLC in room G206.

FROM AMBER TURNER

Strangers in Mangers

A Christian friend of mine once said, "You know, there's nothing inherently noble about being homeless." The cynicism of his statement put me on my heels. Of course there's not. In turn, there's nothing inherently noble about sleeping in the same house every night. Or having cheese in your refrigerator. Or a pair of shoes that actually fits.

My friend's statement was a misguided response to what he perceived as an over-celebration of a homeless man's journey. But here's the thing about cynicism. It's a well-fed beast, and it grows morbidly obese as of late. Being cynical is like looking at the world through a damaged Polaroid camera that never runs out of film. It's a little machine that can print out an automatic dismissal to every good inclination within, because it gives you a fuzzy, dimmed picture of another person's motives and worth. The Bible has a clear answer for the Christian who finds himself looking at the world through such a filter. "Do not quench the Spirit," 1 Thessalonians 5:19 commands us. In other words, don't let your cynicism extinguish the things I'm telling you.

Think on these words: **Displaced. Uncertain. Vulnerable. Matchless. Eternal.**

This time of year, you might say that I just described the infant Jesus.
 You might also say I just described every homeless person in Memphis.

Jesus was at one time a stranger in a manger, unrecognized by most of the world. As Christians, we are unique in our belief that this child was inherent nobility incarnate, that because of His birth and life and death and rising, we are also candidates for noble son-ship ourselves. Consider this question, as you celebrate the Incarnation this week: Knowing what you know now about that baby, what part would you like to go back and play in the original nativity scene thousands of years ago? A shepherd following a star? A wise man bearing a gift? Or perhaps you'd write in a role as an innkeeper who worked a little harder to make room for the vulnerable, matchless boy.

Every week at Room In The Inn here at White Station, we are met with twelve displaced strangers who've grown accustomed to their mangers. The Bible teaches us that where there are twelve heaven-born sons and daughters of a King, inherent nobility abounds. We try to honor that in doing for them what we wish we could have done for our Lord. We hope you will join us in that work.

My daughter attends a school where every year, the assembly gathers and sings "Good King Wenceslas," a Christmas carol that tells a story of a wealthy king who braves harsh winter weather to give aid to a poor peasant. During the journey, the king's page is about to give up the struggle, but he is enabled to continue by following the king's footprints, step for step, through the deep snow. I'm ashamed to say that, before the school exposed me to the song, I'd only known it as a jingle on an old Sprite commercial. Boy was I missing out.

Consider this. What if the page had turned to his master in the midst of the fourth stanza and answered, "Sire, you know there's no inherent nobility in being poor." End of song. Just an empty tune for a Sprite commercial. But the real carol is this. In his lowly state as a wriggling baby, our Creator and King Jesus brought nobility with Him and permeated history with it. By making us co-heirs of His promise along with every single person we cynically dismiss, he introduced the concept of our nobility being from within, regardless of ill-fitting shoes. Or our ill-fitting definitions of worth.

Pry the film out of the camera. This season, let's mark our master's footsteps, and tread in them boldly. Perhaps we'll find the winter's rage freeze our blood less coldly.

HST Pie Auction

The Women for Harding will host their annual Pie Auction on **Saturday, January 26th** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be available for \$10 at the door, and all proceeds will benefit students at Harding School of Theology.

Join the "Monday Crew"

Do you enjoy handyman-type jobs? Have you a bit of a green thumb? Do you know your way around spackling and paint rollers? Maybe you are looking for something to get you out of the house? The Monday Crew is looking for a few new victims, er, volunteers, with time during the day to help keep up with the many odd jobs and light maintenance here on the White Station campus. Despite the name, the crew gets things done any weekday they can and aren't limited to just Mondays. Please contact **Clay Fowler** (cfowler@cocws.org, 901-435-9480) for more info and to volunteer.