



**W**ELCOME VISITORS! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Lord. If this is your first visit here, please honor us by filling out a visitor's card found on the back of each pew. Your prayer requests may also be made on the flip side of the card. At the close of service, please put your card in the contribution box at the front of the auditorium as you exit. Or you can hand it to any member.

During the service we will celebrate communion. (Sacraments are available on the table in the entry foyer.) This is a time that we partake of unleavened bread and juice from the fruit of the vine to remind us what Jesus has done for us. Communion is not only about Jesus' death, but his resurrection and triumph over death and sin. His resurrection is the source of our hope that God will fulfill his promise of eternal life through Jesus the Christ.

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- **Women's Bible Study (virtual)** —PAUSED until after the holidays



## Philemon's Pickle in the New World

The next period experiences not only the rise of slavery, but the rise of powerful abolitionists. The explosion of slavery took place in the New World not Europe, because the New World colonies were the economic engines of the European countries. The colonies provided furs, food, and cash crops like sugar, cotton, and indigo to the government agencies in Europe. Slavery was good for business. By 1750 there were 118,000 slaves in Jamaica, 500,000 in Brazil, 450,000 in the Non-Spanish Caribbean Islands, and 185,000 in the colonies of Virginia, Maryland, and South Carolina.

Around the time that Thomas Jefferson was waging war with the Barbary Pirates my great great grandfather, John Fowler, found himself in Philemon's Pickle. His father died leaving his mother to provide for John and his five siblings. It was an impossible situation. His mother convinced the authorities she could care for the girls, but the boys were taken away. One was taken by a family, but John was taken by a slave owner. He soon found himself wearing rags and sleeping on the ground with the rest of the slaves. When he realized that the slave owner's intention was to keep him as long as possible, he pulled an Onesimus and ran away.

Back in England a powerful abolitionist, William Wilberforce, worked tirelessly for twenty years to get the Slave Trade Act passed by Parliament in 1807. The bill virtually ended the slave trade between Africa and the Americas. His efforts against slavery ended with the Slavery Abolition Act in 1833. He died three days after the legislation was signed.

A few years later in the United States the issue of slavery was raging. Though the slave trade from Africa had ended the slave populations had continued to grow. Countries in the Americas had bulging populations of slaves. The United States had 4,000,000

slaves, but the largest slave population was in Brazil which had 4,500,000 slaves.

Government sanctioned slavery ended in the United States with the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 and the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1865 at the end of the Civil War.

Modern slavery as defined by the U. S. State Department is forced labor, debt bondage, domestic servitude, forced child labor, and sex trafficking. It is not perceived insults, or slights. It is not being born in or living in an economically distressed, depressed neighborhood.

Slavery is alive and well today. Though formally outlawed by the United Nations in 1949, it is practiced openly throughout Africa and Asia. North Korea is the worst with 10% of its population enslaved. Most of the nations with the highest percentage of slaves in 2018 were Muslim. That same year it was reported that China had a work force of 3,800,000 slaves used in construction and manufacturing. This is the reason for China's climb to an economic power. Imagine what the United States could produce if it had 3,800,000 slave laborers that were unpaid. No labor costs! News agencies around the world started reporting on July 16, 2021, that the Taliban were demanding lists of girls over fifteen and widows under forty-five from authorities in newly conquered lands. The women would be converted to Islam and married to Taliban or Jihadi fighters without consent. Finally, the Global Slavery Index in 2018 reported that in the United States there were over four hundred thousand people living in conditions of modern slavery.

Next week, the article will focus on Christmas.

**The question for next week** will be about slavery and Christmas. Who was the Christmas slave?

David Keller



# Celebrate

## December Birthdays

Joe Campbell

Dec 1

Bill Belich

Dec 3

Curtis Thompson

Dec 4

David Burris

Dec 24



Darla Thornton

Dec 25

Christy Snell

Dec 26

Jack Lisle

Dec 29

## December Anniversaries



Bob & Betty Lane

Dec 23

Max & Nita Parker

Dec 25

Bill & Sherry Jones

Dec 31

## **3rd Sunday Lunch**

**Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021—THAT'S TODAY**

Not necessarily “holiday fare” (because we like other things also), but typical delicious food furnished by our families.



Jonah Jewell is on his first military leave and is looking forward to enjoying some time with both his families—John, Samantha, Andy and Ben, but also his Westworth family. His plane

lands at 10 am this morning and the hope is they can pick him up and be here in time for lunch.

My guess is that we will do our best to ‘stall’ lunch until his arrival. So bring your favorite foods to share and stay for fellowship and to welcome Jonah home for a short visit.



## Thank you

For fear of missing someone, I won't try to name everyone who works to make our facilities comfortable, clean and pleasant. We all arrive and take for granted that we will be warm or cool and comfortable during the worship service. I believe most of us know someone who contributes to the pleasant environment we enjoy while we are here.

Then we have Trustees who are always on call for whatever the need may be—physical or spiritual. This is not an 'easy' job.

Overall—everyone seems willing to step up to whatever the need may be.

In this holiday season, please think about these who serve and take a minute to express your appreciation to one or more of them for their efforts.

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

After all the 'hooplah' of the holidays, Wednesday evening Bible Study will resume in the new year.

**Date:** Wednesday evening— January 5, 2022

**Fellowship:** 6:30 pm—bring your dinner and enjoy fellowship prior to the beginning of the study

**Study:** 7:00 pm—We will study in the book of Thessalonians

**Study Leader:** David Keller

### 2 Peter 1:4

And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious **promises**. These are the **promises** that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.



## Have you noticed our 'refreshed' shed?

Wish I had a 'before' picture and you could really see the difference.

Thank you Brian Flaherty, Eric Kreger, Curtis Dunson and Jonathan Dunson.

## **GREAT WORK**

*(And btw Jonathan got a Tetanus shot after stepping on the nail and he is doing fine.)*



## **It's that time of year again...**

The **Ukraine Mission** Change Cans are available in the front lobby.

Pick one up and begin to place your spare change (or currency) in the can.

All proceeds from this effort go to the Ukrainian Mission work.

If you have questions or want more information on this work, contact Curtis or Sherri Dunson.



If you have updated address or phone or email info please note on 3x5 and place in designated box.

Thank You.

## LONG JOURNEY PART OF GIFT

*The following article written by Milton Jones, President of Christian Relief Fund (CRF) in Amarillo, TX is shared here by permission. One paragraph (...) pertaining to child sponsorship was omitted but can be seen in the December CRF Newsletter available in the north foyer.*

A missionary at Kumba, in the Cameroon, was explaining to her class the western custom of giving gifts at Christmas. She summed it up by saying that Christmas gifts were an expression of joy to God and love for our friends because of the coming of Jesus into this world

A few days later on Christmas morning, a boy brought the missionary a beautiful sea shell as a present. The teacher was amazed and asked him where he got such a lovely shell. He replied, at the seashore.

"But," she said, "that is 30 miles away."

The young boy replied, "Long journey part of gift."

On a CRF trip, I went to a very remote area of Guatemala where Mayan peoples lived. It was a long trip. We ran out of roads, so we had to 4 wheel it there. Finally, we couldn't go any further in our vehicle and had to swim across a river to arrive at our destination.

When I arrived, the chief gave me a Coke. He had heard from somewhere that I liked Cokes. It cost him a week's wage to buy this beverage. It took a day's journey to obtain it.

I was speechless. The journey was long, treacherous and costly just to get me a Coke. I told him that he shouldn't have made the long journey just for me. But it was part of the gift.

Jesus left heaven and came to earth just for us. That was quite a journey. But it was part of His gift.

(...)

**God took a lot of long journeys to show us His love.**

**From heaven to earth.**

**From streets of gold to stables of straw.**

**From security to susceptibility.**

**Long journey part of gift.**

*Amen*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Today— December 19
Open	TBA
Usher	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Christian Lindsey
Communion	Johnny Box
Prayer	Curtis Thompson
Bible Story	David Keller
Reading	Ernie Brawley
Lesson/Sermon	John Jewell
A/V	Randy Feters

## COMING WEEKS

Date	Dec 26	Jan 2	Jan 9
Open	David Keller		
Usher	Bill Jones		
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson		
Communion	John Jewell		
Prayer	Mike Lisle		
Bible Story	Max Lisle		
Reading	Andy Jewell		
Lesson	TBD		
A/V	Christi Kreger		

Communion Preparation December: Anita Gray