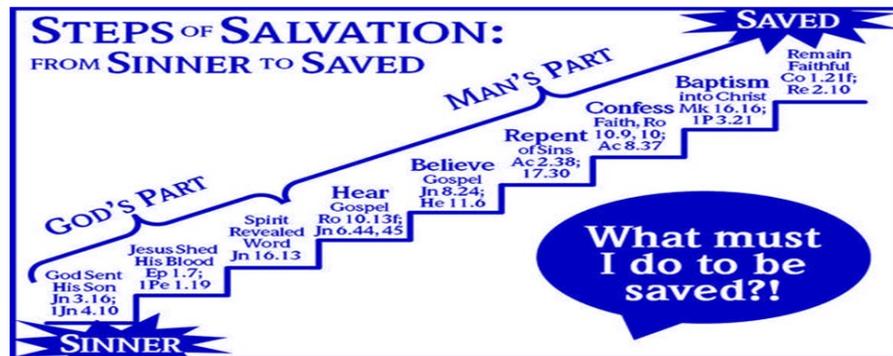


ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES

- ◆ Thursday, December 28th: Bible study at the Brown's at 7:00. Be ready to discuss John 13. We look forward to seeing you there!
- ◆ There is still a need for class teachers for the winter quarter. Let us know if you are interested in teaching.
- ◆ Sunday, December 31st: The Slegee family invites everyone to their home after Sunday evening services. Soup and baked potato bar will be served. Please bring snacks and games to share.
- ◆ There will be a pot luck on January 7th with a men's meeting at 4:30 that afternoon.
- ◆ Saturday, January 20: Area-wide sing at Westside church of Christ. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

PRAYER LIST

- ◆ Prayers for safety of those traveling in the coming days.
- ◆ Praise the Lord! All the Bass family is together at home.
- ◆ Prayers for Madison Arechiga as she will be having surgery to repair her ACL over the winter break.



DECEMBER: BIRTHDAYS

08 Tanner Wallis
 11 Jacob Fentress
 15 Madison Arechiga
 31 Elizabeth Thompson
 31 Anna Wallis

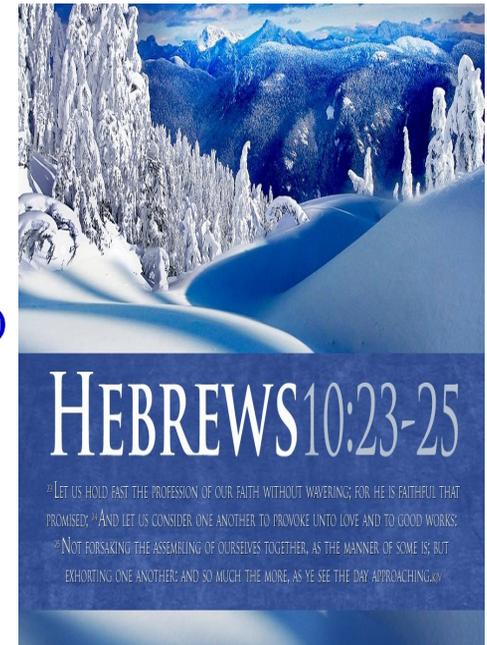
ANNIVERSARIES

20 Troy & Kayla Wallis
 28 Mark & Jennifer Knaack



CENTER POINT ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, December 24, 2017



We are a family whose purpose is to glorify God, lead others to Christ, minister to people's needs, encourage each other to grow in faith and in His word so we may enjoy eternal life with Him.

We welcome our visitors and hope you stay after services so we can meet you!!

Assembly Times

Sunday
 9:30 AM Bible Classes (All ages)
 10:30 AM Congregational Worship
 6:00 PM Congregational Worship
 Wednesday
 7:00 PM Bible Classes (All ages)

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THOSE PRIVILEGED

TO SERVE

Today am (12/24) Next Week am (12/31)

Greeter	June McGowan	Kim Sleege
Song Leader	Mark Knaack	Jason Thompson
Prayer	Ben Bass	Joe Castro
Table	Troy Wallis	Albert Brown
	Joe Castro	Ben Bass
	Steve Haugsted	Kim Sleege
	Andrew Sleege	Ty Wallis
Scripture Reading	Ty Wallis	Andrew Sleege
	<i>John 1:29-34</i>	
Speaker	Albert Brown	Albert Brown
Closing Prayer	Kim Sleege	Steve Haugsted
Lord's Supper Prep	Joyce Haugsted	Joyce Haugsted
	Tonight PM (12/24)	Next Week (PM) (12/31)
Speaker	Albert Brown	Albert Brown
Wed. Song Leader	(12/27)	(01/03)
	Jason Thompson	Mark Knaack

BIBLE TRIVIA: Who commissioned Ezra to teach the law to Israel?

Answer to last week's Bible trivia question: Genesis 14:18 - "Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High"

FOR THE RECORD

AM Worship (last year): 44 (43)

Contribution: \$ 2,323.55

Weekly Budget: \$2,160.00

I Was Reminded

by Albert Brown

This past week reminded me of several important truths in my life. On Wednesday the 20th I experienced the third anniversary of the death of my first wife Winnie. I was reminded of my loss and Winnie's gain, of my grief and her eternal joy, of my short time as a widower and my finding Julie and now blessed with another wonderful godly wife.

On Thursday the 21st a dear brother and sister in Christ, George and Brenda Robinson, were in a terrible car accident. Brenda went to be with the Lord, George went to the hospital and is in ICU. I was reminded of the time that I spent with George and Brenda while in preaching school, of their love for the Lord and for each other, of times of laughter and times of scholarly stress, of the fact that it was one of the best times of my life and the busiest.

On Friday the 22nd I learned that the Bass family was able to bring the triplets home from the hospital. They are set to enjoy their first Christmas together as a family of seven. There will be love and laughter in their home as well as feeding times and lack of sleep times. There will be times of quiet and times of much noise. There will be rushing about trying to get things done and times of exhaustion trying to relax for the moment.

This past week I experienced life as we know it. We live in an imperfect world that God gave us perfect and we messed up, that God had designed to be our home and is now working to get us to our future eternal one, that we see as something to be grasped and God sees as something we must be willing and ready to let go of. Let us not forget what is truly important, what is truly worth planning for, what is truly eternal. Life here is the most wonderful thing there is, save one thing more wonderful...and that is eternal life with God. Live for the eternal while you enjoy what God has given you on earth.