

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**Sunday, January 17**

9:00 Early Worship Service  
9:45 Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 Morning Worship Service  
5:00 BCCL Com in Friendship classroom  
6:00 Youth  
6:30 Evening Worship Service

**Monday, January 18**

6:30 Sea Scouts/Cub Scout  
7:00 Adm. Council  
7:30 Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, January 19**

7:00 Celebrate Recovery

**Wednesday, January 20**

5:30 All Stars  
5:30 Youth  
6:45 Bible Study  
7:45 Choir Practice

**Thursday, January 21**

6:00 Presch. Advisory Com  
6:30 Missions Com. In Parlor

**Friday, January 22**

7-10 Church Family Night in gym

**Saturday, January 23**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

**Sunday, January 24**

9:00 Early Worship Service  
9:45 Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 Morning Worship Service  
5:00 Worship Com  
6:00 Youth  
6:30 Evening Worship Service



*The purpose of Steele Memorial United Methodist Church is to enable people to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; to nurture them in their journey of faith; to offer opportunities to express their relationship with the living God through love, example, and service.*

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LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Early Worship Service: 44                      Sunday school: 140  
Morning Worship Service: 250    Evening Worship Service: 20

**STEELE MEMORIAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

January 17, 2016

Welcome to Worship!

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This is a time to share the work of the church and recognize the community of believers as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship the Lord.

**\*HYMN**            "Wonderful Words of Life"            No. 600 (vs. 1-2)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**                      2 Timothy 3:16-17

**CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

Pastor's Prayer

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*HYMN**            "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"            No. 277 (vs. 1-2)

**SERMON**            "Contradictions in the Bible"            Pastor Kevin Lantz  
2 Kings 22:8-13

**\*CLOSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

The Worship has ended; Let the Service begin!

The center arrangement is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday today of Roxie Feese by Jim and Sandy Boggess.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bryan Turman's birthday on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Paul Turman's birthday on the 20<sup>th</sup> and in memory of Minnis Yeager whose birthday would have been on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Kevin Lantz                      Associate Pastor: Rev. Ralph Sager  
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Pastor's Home: 304-736-6474                      Music Minister: Johnna Adkins  
Pastor's Cell: 304-638-4840                      Organist: Becky Chenoweth  
Pianist: Lynette Call                      Lay Leader: John Call

**JANUARY SERMON CALENDAR:** Pastor Kevin has begun a new series trying to answer the question for believers, "I don't understand the Bible. What does the Bible mean?"

2. The second message discusses whether the Bible contradicts itself or whether it is the inspired Word of God! Then we affirm four things about the bible: 1. It is God's Revelation; 2. It is Inspired by God; 3. It is Truth; and 4. It is Relevant!

3. The third sermon explains that "the fear of God" is more than awe or respect. Those who met God in the Bible were terrified. So this helps explain or understand why we are called to "fear" God – and to hear God from out of that posture of fear, who says to those He meets, "Fear not!"

4. The fourth message affirms that the only way to understand the Bible is to believe that the Bible is God's Word, a tool He uses to teach us, counsel, and instruct us. God uses the Bible to relate to us! If we have faith in the Bible as God's word we will conform our lives with expectancy and anticipation!

5. The final sermon answers the faith paradox, "The first will be last and the last will be first," as we examine what it means to serve and sacrifice our will in order to want the will of Christ! We naturally lean toward serving our own ego needs, but Christ is turning us to serve His kingdom and His love, as we think of others!

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER:** The youth will have a fundraiser on Sunday, January 31 after church. We will be serving chili, baked potatoes and dessert. All donations will go towards a ski trip, Newsboys concert and mission work. The SOS Youth group thanks the congregation for all their past support and hopes to see you for lunch!

**LET'S CELEBRATE** "SOUPer Bowl" Sunday by donating a can of soup to help feed those less fortunate! Girls of Faith will be collecting cans of soup at Steele Memorial on Sunday, February 7, 2016. In case you forget your can of soup, there will be a soup pot located in the narthex for cash donations. The girls can make a grocery store run on the way to deliver the soup! That is what I call service! God Bless! Miss Becky

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - Men of the Church are invited to join together on Saturday mornings, 8 – 9 AM downstairs in the old fellowship hall for a study and discussion group using a simple daily devotion, *Men of Integrity*.

**REFIT** class will not meet Monday, January 18. Class will begin again on January 20.

**OPEN GYM:** The Church gym will be opened on Friday nights for basketball play, from 7 – 10 PM beginning January 15. Members and friends are invited to take part.

**FINANCIAL PEACE:** Classes for the 9-week class will begin Thursday, January 28, in the Old Fellowship Hall. There is still time to join the class. Contact the Church office at 304 736-4583 to reserve a membership package for \$93. (Assistance is available with the purchase price.) Our young couples are especially invited to take part in this valuable experience, learning how to take control of your money. Child care will be available upon request.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** The Celebrate Recovery group will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning with a dinner at 6:30 PM in the Old Fellowship Hall. Join us for this important social time as we prepare with a "start-up" plan, reflecting the program of the Celebrate Recovery prior to opening up to the public.

One of the roles for the Church is in the after-care for those who have suffered from substance abuse or been through treatment and are getting their lives restarted in a new direction. Too often, those who return from treatment fall back into the old patterns, not because they wanted to – but because they didn't find the support they needed to succeed. Celebrate Recovery allows the Church to become the "third place" in the lives of others, the place where everyone knows your name, that cares about you and loves you!

**THANK YOU** Kroger card users. The church has received a check from Kroger for \$302.63 which will go into the Building Fund Principal fund.

### Prayer Concerns

Teresa Blake	Sandy Boggess	Julia Dickens
Clay Johnson	Shawn Kelley	Peggy Morrison
Lori Godfrey	Wendell Argabrite	
Kimball Family in their transition		

### Friends and Relatives

Brother of Jan Foss  
Ethan (Grandson of Peggy Hicks)  
Family of Barbara Vaughan  
Pollyanne (Sister of Rev. Sager)  
Kathy Adkins (Friend of Amy Jarvis)  
Guy Burgess (Cousin of Dick Jimison)  
John Day (Friend of Bill Dutton)  
Ed Lombard  
Cindy Keefer (Daughter of Whit & Virginia Keefer)  
Carl Merritt (Father of Chip Merritt)  
Mary Ramey (1<sup>st</sup> cousin of Lou Jimison)  
Anna Ratcliff (Mother of Bob Ratcliff)