

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Ushers</u> Ethan Brown Scott Nokes Jamie Taylor Charles Meeks		1  Church Office closed	2 <u>Community Group</u>	3 CCS Students return to School	4	5
6 <u>Nursery</u> <u>Community Group</u>	7	8	9 <u>Fellowship Supper</u> <u>6:00 p.m.</u>	10	11	12
13 <u>Nursery</u> <u>Community Group</u>	14	15 <u>Birthdays</u> Polly Ash Parker Sanford	16 <u>Men's Bible Study</u> <u>Lunch 12:00 p.m.</u> <u>Community Group</u>	17	18	19 <u>Birthdays</u> Ali Ellis Clif Hastings, Sr.
20 <u>Communion</u> Congregational Meeting <u>Nursery</u> <u>Community Group</u>	21 <u>CCS closed Holiday</u>	22 <u>Birthday</u> Dena Pennington	23 <u>Fellowship Supper</u> <u>6:00 p.m.</u>	24	25 <u>Birthday</u> William Morgan	26
27 <u>Birthday</u> Janet Foshee <u>Nursery</u> <u>Community Group</u>	28 <u>Birthday</u> Tommy Crawley	29	30	31		

The Modern Reformer

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Weekly Activities

Sunday

9:00 a.m.	Session Prayer
9:30 a.m.	Worship Team Practice
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship

Wednesday

12:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch & Bible Study
5:00 p.m.	Worship Team Practice

Wednesday Supper:

January 9 th	6:00 p.m.
January 23 rd	6:00 p.m.

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Church office will be closed January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

From the Pastor...

The beginning of a New Year is a good time to assess your priorities. So much of life is about doing the next thing that days can pass with little reflection. We spend roughly a third of our life resting, a third working, and then, we have a third for everything else. Each day is a gift from God. What we do with this gift is important. This year try to be more purposeful with how you use your time. If the two great commandments are to love God and to love others, then our use of time should reflect these priorities.

First, spend time everyday with the Lord.

To know the Covenant God, to experience His love and to pursue His will is of extreme importance. Seek His Kingdom and His righteousness before all other things. Make it a priority to gather for public worship. It is too easy to miss worship because of conflicts. Let other things slide before you put them before the Worship of the living God. The fourth commandment is not a suggestion, but rather a commandment.

Secondly, purpose daily to prioritize the needs of others.

Show the love of Christ to others. It is a privilege to encourage and help others in their time of need. They will know a disciple of Christ by the love you show to others. Pray for others, reach out to them, demonstrate the love of Christ. If all Christians purposed to do this daily, the impact would be great.

Start this year by purposing to live for the glory of God each day. No matter what the day brings, look for how you can respond in that circumstance for others' good and His glory.

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Diaconate Meeting:

Sunday, January 20th, 8:30 a.m.

January Deacons:

Adam Sanford Tim Lewis

January Ushers:

Ethan Brown Scott Nokes

Jamie Taylor Charles Meeks

January Nursery:

January 6th

January 13th

January 20th

January 27th

WIC News

Monthly Ladies Circle: Will meet Monday, January 7th at noon in the fellowship hall. Please bring your brown bag lunch and join us!

Ladies Lunch & Study: Meets weekly, contact Kelly for details.

Other Activities & Updates

Communion: Communion will be observed during the morning worship service on Sunday, January 20th. Donna Gilliam is responsible for set up and clean up in January. Volunteers to set up and clean up communion are needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall by the kitchen.

Wednesday Suppers: Please plan to attend & invite a friend! Wednesday, January 9th and January 23rd. RSVP by noon on the **Monday** before each Wednesday with the church office. \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 maximum for family, to help cover the cost of the meals.

Bible Study: Each Sunday morning at 9:45. It is a good way to get to know others while studying God's Word.

Men's Bible Study and Lunch: Wednesdays from 12-1. Come if you can. We are currently studying I Timothy.

Officer Nominations: Nominations for officers will be received from January 20th - February 17th. The forms will be available in the fellowship hall.

Congregational Meeting: The Congregational meeting to review the budget will be January 20th.

**Monthly Profit & Loss Report****Month Ending November 2018**

Monthly Budget / \$16,531.67
 Monthly Income / \$27,725.95
 Monthly Expenses / \$15,388.23
 Monthly Gain or Loss / 12,337.12
 Year to Date / -12,038.27

Friends of RUF

There is a handful of students that we have been able to connect with this semester because of your financial and prayer partnership with us. Some of the students who have been involved in our Freshmen Small Groups wanted to celebrate by having a pizza party and play board games. So we hosted them at our house. These types of get-togethers are definitely one of the highlights of campus ministry here at JSU!

After a few weeks of much-needed rest and recharge, students will be back on campus for the spring. We have a lot planned for next semester—winter conference, a mission trip to STL, a shrimp boil on campus, and much more! God is the one at work on this campus—apart from him, we can do nothing!

As always, thank you so much for your partnership! We could not do this ministry without you. God is using you in a big way at JSU!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
 Daniel Hightower

February Newsletter: Please have any information for the February Newsletter to the church office by Tuesday, January 29th.



January Birthdays

15th Polly Ash
 15th Parker Sanford
 19th Ali Ellis
 19th Clif Hastings, Sr.
 22nd Dena Pennington
 25th William Morgan
 27th Janet Foshee
 28th Tommy Crawley

WOMEN'S PRAYER PARTNERS

...be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18)

Prayer partners are a special ministry for the women of our church. This is a time for you to visit or share on the phone any needs you and your prayer partner may have.

Be sure to contact your monthly prayer partner.

Dovie Cutchen	Martha Ellis
June Spivey	Jill Carter
Jacqueline Harris	Lauren Crawley
Vivi Pacheco	Maree Milner/Jennifer Moody
Dean Walley	Brooke Sanford
Polly Ash	June Rose
Dena Pennington	Linda Windham
Donna Kendrick	Alicia Morgan
Abbie Lewis	Donna Gilliam

Carolyn A. Brantley	Lyndsay Taylor
Brenda Colvin	Pam Carden
Louise Ingram	Kristy Drinkwater
Gina Hastings	Kelly Alsup
Adormie Hoopes	Laura Grice
Jana Elliot	Wendy Bailey
Nancy Rogers	Lauren Brown
Aundrea McLendon	Jan Foshee
Emily Ellis	Judi Hightower

COVENANT



January 3rd – Students Return
January 21st – School Holiday



