

**From the Preacher's Pen...** If you knew Kristi Martin or attended her funeral you would know how much she loved shoes. And it was her love of shoes that caused me to remember a little story. Think about it for a moment:

## What Kind Of Shoe Best Describes You?

Often we hear: "If the shoe fits, wear it!" or "I'd hate to be in his shoes!" Perhaps each of us would fit one of the following styles:

**Loafer:** "Thou wicked and slothful servant" (Matthew 25:26). "Be not slothful in business" (Romans 12:11).

**High Heel:** A person is not "to think of himself more highly than he ought to think" (Romans 12:3).

**Overshoes:** Puts on Christianity only when the going gets rough. Wants the prayers and visits of others only when in trouble.

**House-shoes:** This person wants things easy, comfortable. He is scared off by building programs, mission work, benevolent work, etc. He can't worship in bad weather. "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion" (Amos 6:1).

**Sandal:** Just a skeleton of a Christian. Has not grown in service. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1Peter 2:2).

**Sunday Shoes:** Once-a-week Christian. "If any one will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

**Work Shoes:** The active Christian who is always on the job for the Lord. "I must work the work of Him who sent me, while it is day: the night comes when no man can work" (John 9:4). "Son, go work today in my vineyard" (Matthew 21:38).

We should all remember: "Now (today) is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). May I ask you again: "What kind of shoe best describes you???"

— Author Unknown

So, what kind of a servant of Jesus Christ are you? Just like those shoes, God many times uses the illustration of clothing and what we wear as a lesson about Godly living. So, how does the shoe fit you?

There are so many opportunities for us to give of our time and our love. Where can you serve? Is there someone you can invite to study God's word? Someone you can invite to worship? Someone who's struggling that you could encourage? Someone who needs a friend and a kind word that you could help?

Just like you don't want to be caught with the wrong shoes or inappropriate clothing for the occasion, make certain that you are always prepared to be a servant for Jesus. As Peter puts it, *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.* (1 Peter 3:15-16)

Get your correct shoes on and the right attire, and serve the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength this week!

— Lester P. Bagley

### Opportunities to worship, study & serve:

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY ..... 10 AM

WORSHIP ..... 11 AM

EVENING WORSHIP ..... 6 PM

WEDNESDAY ..... 7 PM

THURSDAY LADIES' BIBLE CLASS ..... 10 AM

Congregational Potluck 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
each month after morning worship  
(except June, July & August)

**Welcome to all!**  
**We are glad you are here!**

**Enter to Worship...**  
**Leave to Serve**

**Welcome to our visitors today!** We hope & pray you'll be blessed by your time with us & will join us again soon!

**Our Prayer List:** Keep the following in prayer this week as you "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17): Matthew Odom, Heather Ries, Hunter Shirley, Ruth West, Everett Martin, Anna Mae Hardin, the Najera family, Bill Hall, Reta Wallace, Jim Holder, Wally Myers, Cindy Turpin, Millie Cunningham, Ray Stephenson, Barbara Harrison, and...

**Our Missionaries:** Jack Farber and Aaron Knotts and families; Cesario Espinosa, Jr. (Philippines); the Jorge Mora family (NM Christian Children's Home)

**Previously Announced Family & Friends:** Robin & Marc Estabrook (Julie Evan's sister & nephew), David Reffner (Flora Doster's grandson with MS), Art Stoneking & wife (friends of Carl Catozzi, cancer), Jeremiah Haller (Flora Doster's grandson), Annette (Cindy Turpin's sister), Cole Myers (grandson of friend of Myers), Sheila Simpson, Lillian Wilhite (relative of Lynn Shirley), Teresa Acosta, Rosemary Glasier (Crystal Mora-Landroth's mother), John Hoover's relatives with personal difficulties, Shelly Cooper (friend of Carl Catozzi), Lucas Espinoza (Brian Campbell's friend), Kaesha Raffterfer (Gene Pinkston's cousin, cancer), Chuck Keels (friend of Grubbs with cancer), Terri Fillipski (cancer, Julie Evans' cousin).

**Special Requests:** WBS & WEI Bible study students; Kevin & Nancy Chambers & World Christian Broadcasting; Judy Hagner, son Preston, daughter Angela & son James. Brandi Schroeder (Flora Doster's granddaughter with MS); Dallas Purcella's mother; Julie's father; Laurel's father.



**OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Nate Panka (Cleo Wise's grandson); Javier Najera; Fernando Najera, Frank Torres (Javier's brother & cousin); Eric Shirley; Trevor Farrow (Allen's son); Scott Hoover (John's son); Ariel Gomez; Ismael Lopez; Robinson Goldman (Cindy Turpin's son-in-law); Nathan Bagley.

**New:** Jason: Carl Catozzi's son in need of prayers; Michael Lightheart: son-in-law of Flora Doster, health problems; Jim Hartdegen: friend of David Davis following a stroke; Sean & Vickie: Carl Catozzi's friends with struggles in their lives; Terri Hoover: John's daughter-in-law with serious health issues; Monica Lopez: Jorge Mora's aunt with breast cancer; Jacob Shirley: struggles; All our former Muslim converts: in danger for their faith; Jimmy Davis: friend of Mike Evans with melanoma; Adele Fink: recovering from colon cancer; George Ponter: Brian Campbell's cousin with multiple struggles; Anna Price: via Kimberlee Myers; Chuck Hedrick family: with multiple health problems; Kathy Gonzalez: grandmother of Heavyen & Tatum with cancer; LaVerne Jackson's mother; Sandra Watson, Sue Shepperd & Elzie Shirley: Lynn's family with illnesses; Tom Hoover: (John's brother).

Steve McDonald: Jean Grubbs granddaughter's husband, tests.

Donald Helton: on dialysis until he has a kidney transplant.

Kirrin Kerby: (Jean Grubbs grandson).

Bob Harrod: cancer

Carolyn Fisher: multiple health issues (via Cleo Wise).

Dena Lara: complications of Valley Fever.

Ken Price: friend of the Halls with kidney disease.

Rick Richarson: Cheryl Campbell's brother with heart problems.

Don McCaully & his son: friends of Carl Catozzi.

Ayanna Rodriguez: friend of Sarah Evans with brain cancer.

Jeannie Lewis' brother-in-law: recovering from lung transplant surgery.

Lonnie Akins: brain cancer.

Malakye Didelotte: continues to have kidney problems and tests.

Kandy Cunningham: Mickey Didelotte's mother having tests.

Doyle Wise: Flora's brother & Cleo's brother-in-law; bone cancer.

Charlie Stephenson: having tests for his headaches.

Terry Lara: friend of Davis family with pancreatic cancer.

Amy Vestal: in treatment and rehab.

Archie Stutenroth: recovering from an auto accident.

The family of Kristi Martin: at their loss of Kristi.

Katheryn Haddad & family: at the loss of her twin brother.

Brian Campbell: medical tests.

Verna Whitloc: friend of Cleo Wise with cancer.

**Also Our New Christians, those travelling and especially those with spiritual struggles.**

## Help Update Our Prayer List!

If you have someone listed in our *Previously Announced Family & Friends* prayer list & would like them to REMAIN on the list, please fill out one of the *Prayer Request* cards in the foyer & give it to Lester.

A BIG thank you to those that have given updates! It really helps keep us all up-to-date.

## Upcoming Events...

Monthly Singing: December 30 at 2:30 here.

Men's Business Meeting: January 13 after evening worship.

*January potluck will be a congregational picnic. Details coming soon!*

2 5th Wednesday Prayer & Song Meeting: January 30.

**Men's 2019 Budget Meeting**  
**Saturday, 29 December**  
**9 AM in the Fellowship Hall**

**NO MEN'S TRAINING  
CLASS TODAY**

Remember your assignment of preparing  
two prayers for use at the Lord's Table.

## **New Year's Eve Party... Food, Games... Young & Old!**



**December 31 at 6 pm until New Year's**  
**(or we all get tired 😊)**

**Join the fun in our fellowship hall & bring finger foods  
& games to join in a good time.**

### **Church TV Program Reminder**

**In Search of the Lord's Way**

Cox Cable channel 13 @ 7:30 am

Dish channel 239 @ 4 am

DirecTV channel 307 @ 4 am

[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

**Getting to Know Your Bible**

DirecTV channel 377 weeknights @ 7:30 pm

### **Congregational Projects**

**Project 1: Cottage fund for George & Chantelle @ NM Christian Children's Home.**  
*Use the marked envelopes to contribute*

**Project 2: T-shirts & pillowcases to make  
diapers & dresses.**

*To help, patterns are on the table in the foyer  
along with brochures about Healing Hands.  
Plastic bins in foyer for t-shirts & pillowcases.*

### **Last Week: 6+ Pew-Packers**



**Be "in the picture" every week!**

✓ **Checkup** ✓  
*How are we doing?*

*Attendance Last Week:*

*Sunday Morning Bible Class = 75*

*Sunday Morning Worship = 123*

*Sunday Evening Worship = 58*

*Wednesday Evening = 50*

**Giving**

*2018 Weekly Budget = \$3,015.00*

*Contribution Last Week = \$3,343.00*

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**TO:**

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday Morning December 23

Adult Bible Class: • *Acts of the Apostles* ..... Greg Huffman  
Announcements: ..... Mike Evans  
Song Leader: ..... Tom Haney  
Prayer: ..... Jerry Odom  
Serve Communion: ..... Brian Campbell, John Hoover, John Daugherty, Frank Campbell, Gary Pierce  
Sermon: • ..... Albert Bailey  
Closing Prayer: ..... Bill Hall

*Count Contribution: Curt Odom & Max Compton*

### Sunday Evening December 23

Song Leader: ..... Albert Bailey  
Prayer: ..... Derwin Jackson  
Sermon: • ..... Jerry Odom  
Serve Communion: ..... John Daugherty  
Closing Prayer: ..... Chuck Hedrick

### Wednesday Evening December 26

Song Leader: ..... Albert Bailey  
Prayer: ..... Chuck Hedrick  
Devo: ..... Greg Huffman  
Closing Prayer: ..... Frank Campbell

## Anniversaries



January 1: *Lester & Lou Bagley*  
January 15: *Dave & Joan Davis*  
January 17: *L.Z. & Lynn Shirley*  
January 23: *Gary & Toni Pierce*  
January 25: *Allen & Brenda Farrow*  
January 29: *Frank & Cheryl Campbell*  
January 31: *Mickey & Sharon DeWitt*

## Birthdays



December 27: *Julie Evans*  
December 27: *Michael Hill*  
December 27: *Carolyn Rouse*  
December 28: *Tatum Acuna*  
December 29: *Nancy Young*  
January 1: *Zack Davis*  
January 2: *Ricki Hill*  
January 3: *Catrina Campbell - Flora Doster*