

## Announcements – Bulletin News December 24th, 2017



**Sis. Elnita Johnson;** I want to thank the church for your prayers and concerns. My procedure went well.

**Bro. Manuel Edwards;** thank you for your thoughts, cards and all acts of kindness while I recuperate from my surgery Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

### December Schedule

**Ladies Baptism:** Youlanda Adams, Shawna Wooden

**Bereavement:** Teresa & Kim Pelton

**Medical Staff:** Dacia Hightower

**Brothers;** the Order of Worship is available on line on Fridays after 3pm

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**Blood Pressure Check;** First Sunday of the month. (Ladies Lounge).

### **Membership 2017**

Baptized 13 /Placed Membership 14



### **November Report**

**Open Pantry;** 96 Families, 362 persons served. **Homeless** 160 meals served.

### **5 Suggestions for a Better Life**

When you hear a kind word spoken about a friend, pass it along (Proverbs 3:27; Galatians 6:10). If it's a negative word, keep it to yourself.

*As a man, spoil your spouse, not your children (2 Samuel 12:3, 8; Proverbs 5:18–19; Ephesians 5:25; 1 Peter 3:7).*

*It is not our job to get people to like us. It is our job to like people (John 13:35; Hebrews 13:1; 1 Peter 1:22; 2:17).*

*To help your children turn out well, spend twice as much time with them and half as much money on them (Genesis 44:30; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 5:16; 6:4; Colossians 4:5) (H. Jackson Browne).*

*Focus on others, not on self (Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:3–5). Someone wrote, “How to Be Miserable.” It reads, “Think about yourself. Talk about yourself. Use ‘I’ as often as possible. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others. Listen greedily to what people say about you. Expect to be appreciated. Be suspicious. Be jealous and envious. Be sensitive to slights. Never forgive a criticism. Trust nobody but yourself. Insist on consideration and respect. Demand agreement with your own views on everything. Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them. Never forget a service you have rendered. Shirk your duties if you can. Do as little as possible for others.” —Daily Walk, June 29, 1993*



**MAY GRACE AND PEACE**  
**BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE.**

2 PETER 1:2, NRSV

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### Up Coming Events



Year End  
5th Sunday Fellowship

**December 31<sup>st</sup> after am service**  
**Today is the last day** the committee will be in the foyer so you can sign-up or make a donation.. In addition to Italian and Mexican food there will be American food as well, so there will be something for everyone. The program will follow after morning service and dinner will follow.  
**There will be no evening service.**

**Ladies Committee Chairpersons**  
There will be a meeting on Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 immediately following morning worship in the auditorium. Bro. Lifsey and Sis. Billye Hamilton, Ladies Coordinator.

**Madison Ave. Church of Christ;**  
Power, Praise, Prayer;, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30pm-8pm.

**Minister's Institute Conference;** Jan. 13-18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.  
Information is on the table in the foyer.

**Announcements for Sunday's bulletin, December 31<sup>st</sup>, need to be in by Tuesday December 26<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

### **PULLING ON BOTH OARS**

An old Scotsman operated a small rowboat for transporting passengers.

One day a passenger noticed that the old man had carved on one oar the word Faith, and on the other oar the word Works.

Curious, he asked the meaning. The old man replied, “I’ll show you.” He dropped the “faith” oar and pulled the “works” oar. The boat went around in circles. Then he dropped that oar and pulled the “faith” oar. The little boat went around in circles in the opposite direction.

After this demonstration, the old man picked up Faith and Works and began plying both oars together. The boat sped swiftly over the water.

The old man explained, “You see, that is the way it is in the Christian life. Dead works without faith are useless, and faith without works is dead also, getting you nowhere. But faith and works pulling together make for safety, progress, and blessing.” (Read James 2:14–26.) —Brett Petrillo, Denver, Colorado