



Birthdays

Lila Beth Davis 12/14  
Brian Bailey 12/19  
Kacy Patterson 12/19

Anniversaries

David and Laurie Davenport 12/17  
Dak and Cory Jones 12/18

December Assignments

Welcome/Prayer: Ricky Patterson  
  
Song Leader: Jim Barnes  
  
Scripture Reading: Harold Achimon  
Mark 15: 16-20  
  
  
  
  
Lord’s Table:  
Bread Prayer – Bob Reed  
Fruit of the Vine Prayer – Cliff Nevins  
Contribution Prayer – Kerry Jones  
  
Closing Prayer: Tommy Blackburn



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18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 29:18-20

TO:

Be sure to tune in to “**Let the Bible Speak**” Sundays 6:30 am on KTEN NBC 10 and 9:30 am KTEN ABC 9.

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# Collinsville Messenger

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TIME OF SERVICES

Bible Class: 9:30 am  
Worship 10:30 am  
Evening 6:00 pm  
Wednesday pm 7:00 pm

Many Will Seek to Enter and Will Not Be Able

Jesus “went through the cities and villages” of Perea and was “teaching,” while He was “journeying toward Jerusalem” for the last time ([Luke 13:22](#)). There were many things He needed to share with the people in these closing weeks of His life.

One message that resonated with “one” of His hearers was when Jesus spoke of “few” who would be “saved” (13:23). Perhaps this follower heard Jesus say, “Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are **few** who find it” ([Matt. 7:14](#)). Perhaps He heard Jesus say, “For many are called, but **few** chosen” ([Matt. 20:16](#)). The response of Jesus is striking when the man asked, “Lord, are there few who are saved?” Jesus did not say, “No! What are you talking about?” In fact, Jesus emphasized the point even more.

The words of Jesus in [Luke 13:24](#) are sobering! He answered the querist intensely, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.” Jesus emphasized that the way to salvation is “narrow” (i.e., difficult to navigate), and that one must “strive” (Greek word is *agonizomai*) or “agonize” in every way to enter that narrow door. So, the first part of Jesus’ response to the man is affirmative: “Few will be saved!”

The second part of Jesus’ response in this verse is just as affirmative. Jesus plays off of the word “few” who will be saved and focuses on the “many” who will not. Consider carefully what Jesus says: “Many (not a few!), I say to you (not someone else!) will seek to enter (a true desire and endeavor) and will not be able.” How sad! How tragic! How sobering! Many will seek to enter into heaven but will not. Why not?

Some seekers will not enter heaven because they have been deceived by human doctrines and are following manmade religion ([Mark 7:6-13](#)). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they do not have a love for the truth and have instead believed a lie ([2 Thess. 2:10-12](#)). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they think that their own goodness or the goodness of their family will secure their entrance ([John 8:31-59](#)). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they are led astray by the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches ([Matt. 13:22](#)). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they are gradually hardened by the deceitfulness of sin in their lives and don’t even realize it ([Heb. 3:7-18](#)).

This is no joking matter! This is no “the preacher is too strict” matter! This is an eternal matter that caught a man’s attention to ask, “Lord, are there few who are saved?” Jesus said, “Many will seek to enter and will not be able!”

~[David Sproule](#)

Prayer List

**Juvean Snell** went to the doctor and it was decided to wait for the surgery until the cases of COVID come down.

**James Jones** passed away November 18<sup>th</sup> from COVID. Please pray for Dorothy and family.

**Dorothy Jones** is now in The Legacy Willow Bend, 6101 Ohio Dr., Room 5305, Plano, TX 75024. Dorothy’s cell phone number is (972) 679-7847.

**Wade Kennedy** is now on a heavy dose of chemo. Pray for him.

**Adell Thomson** had basal cell carcinoma removed from her nose. Continue to pray for her.

**Rosina Magana**, mother of Julita Huddleston, fell and fractured her pelvis.

**Brian Vannoy**, Martha Beaver’s son went to the Doctor and needs a heart catheterization. It is scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>. Pray for his quick recovery.

**Ronna Payne**, (Lila Beth Davis daughters) sister-in-law passed away. The funeral was Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Jamie’s Dad, who has dementia, was found and was returned home safely.

**Charlene King** has been placed under hospice care in her apartment.

**Jason Achimon’s** doctors changed his medicines and the new medicines are making a difference.

**Mimi Tate**, Tammy’s mom, had knee surgery Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Outcome of surgery was a success. She still need several weeks of recovery time.

Those to continue to remember in Prayer:

Sylvia Goodman	Lila Beth Davis	Rebecca Denton
Linda Fry	Shirley Walker	Elizabeth Fry
Melba Welch	Alex Johnson	J.D. Pruitt
Rosina Magaña	Shelby Ansley	Terry Butler
Bobbie Caruthers	Bill Schindler	Chad Ettelbtick
Kristin Ettelbtick	Robbie Davis	Charlene King
Carter Rosard	Kelsey Rogers	Bob Rushing
Rajonia Carnley	Cavender Family	Linda Clark
Lainey Garner	Dallas Parker	Lois Petty
Alicia Tracy	Cody Higgins	Billy Don Smith
Wade Kennedy	Randall Butler	Ladonna Jones
Ricky and Penney Johnson		Marjory Grady
Todd Spencer	Ann Butler	Jason Achimon
Chase Reed	Lambert Family	Cindy Schindler
Dan Fallon	Tommy Blackburn	Cindy Price
Ann Beavert	Tammy Sides	Jeff Thompson
Chase Reed	Tiffany Brothers	John Wolf
Eddie Baker	Casey Jones Family	Keith Welch

Continuation of Prayer list:


**Don Graham** passed away November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please pray for Betty and the family.

**Laurie Davenport’s** young niece, **Dallas Jane**, had her thyroid removed on Monday. Pray for her full recovery.

**KJ Barnes** and his family, **Janelle and Aubrie**, are quarantined. Janelle has COVID-19.

**Stephen Fields**, friend of Lisa Renzelman, was involved in a hit and run wreck in Whitesboro on December 5<sup>th</sup>. He is in very serious condition and Lisa is asking for our prayers for his recovery.

**Ann Beavert** has been having issues being very shakey. The doctor thinks it could be related to her kidney and feels she may need to begin dialysis eventually. She fell last Sunday. Please pray for Ann to help find out for sure what is causing her being so shakey.



Military

J. R. Lance	Matt Frizzell	Zack Turpen
Chad Lorenz	Trea Baker	Matt Upton
Logan Nielsen	Seth Rodriguez	Brock Murray
Madalyn Baker	Garrett Brewer	Hunter Brewer

Thank you notes to our congregation.

A special thank you to everyone for all of the cards and phone calls during our time of grief. This has been very difficult for us both in the loss of both of our brothers. We are so proud to be a part of this congregation.

Love to you all,

Betty and Eddie Baker

I meant to write this much sooner. I want to thank all of the people of this wonderful congregation for all of the support and prayers for me and my family especially this year after the passing of my mother, Icey.

The funeral was beautiful and we appreciate the meal in the fellowship hall allowing all of our family to get together. Thank you, Linda Miyashita

Calendar of Events

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 AM Worship inside the building.** For those homebound or with weakened immune systems please go to: [www.collinsvillecofc.org](http://www.collinsvillecofc.org) and click on “view live” on Facebook.com/CollinsvilleChurchofChrist.


**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM Worship** continues online through Facebook.

**Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM Zoom** classes resume. Please go to “Resources” on our website for the material for the lessons as well as the sign-in and password for the classes.

**Tuesdays - Ladies Bible Class** is postponed until after the first of the year.


**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM** class continues on Facebook on “The Story of the Bible in Luke”.

Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM Zoom Classes resume. Please go to “Resources” on our website for the material for the lessons as well as the sign-in and password for the classes.



Vital Statistics

Sunday Morning Assembly.....	63
Online viewership .....	271
Sunday Evening Online Viewership .....	284
Wednesday Evening Online Viewership .....	128
Weekly Budget.....	\$4,643
Contribution Last Sunday.....	\$4,304



Sunday Sermon Titles

**Sunday AM: “A Look At John Series”**

**Lesson 12**

**“Jesus, The Giver of Living Water”**

**John 4**

**Sunday PM: “Receiving The Word with Meekness”**

**James 1:19-21**

Bible Class Opportunities

All Bible classes, Sunday evening services and Wednesday evening services within the building have been suspended temporarily due to COVID-19 outbreak. More information to follow. We will continue with our Facebook classes as well as Zoom classes. Sunday AM worship at 10:30 AM will continue.

We have provided online class lessons for our children. These are in continuation of our in - person classes so the children do not miss anything while out during this time. Simply go to our website: [www.collinsvillecofc.org](http://www.collinsvillecofc.org) and look for Bible Classes. Pick the one you are looking for and download that week’s lesson.

4 and 5 year old’s

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Teens



The Church from house to house

The Food Pantry is open to our community bi-weekly. Open from 7:30 am-10:00 on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup>. If you know of anyone in our community who is in need during the meantime, please have them contact the church at 903-429-6313.