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### Prison Ministry

Century Correctional Institutional:  
Sunday 8 A.M.  
(excluding 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month)

Century Work Camp:  
Sunday 2 P.M.  
(excluding 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)

### Our Record For Last Week

Sunday A.M. Bible Class	65
Sunday A.M. Worship	100
Sunday P.M. Worship	79
Wednesday	46
Contribution	\$2,894.00

“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him...”  
**1 Corinthians 16:1-2**

### Sermons for Sunday December 26, 2010

A.M.  
“Need For Evangelism”  
Jesse Claunch

P.M.  
“What is Sound Doctrine?”  
Jesse Claunch



# CENTURY MESSENGER

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December 26, 2010

### Seeking the Lost as Jesus Sought

Matthew gives us insight into our Lord’s way of seeking the lost. He writes, “But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’” (Matthew 9:36-38).

1. **Jesus saw the Multitudes.** An they are still visible today if we will see them (John 4:35).
2. **He was moved with compassion.** A lost world wandering aimlessly in sin, should move us to the depths of our being.
3. **Our Lord analyzed the situation.** His analysis was the harvest was great but the workers were few.
4. **Jesus did what He could to answer that Prayer.** He went to the lost as well as sending out others (Matt 10:1-5; Luke 10:1).
5. **Christ trained his followers.** He did this through association, example and teaching (Matt 9:35; Mark 3:14; John 14:25; Acts 4:13).

On a similar, if not the same occasion, Mark tells us that “Jesus, when he came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they are like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things” (Mark 6:34).

There is much we can learn about seeking the lost as Jesus sought them.  
**By Jim Suddeath**

### Schedule of Services

*Sunday Services*  
Bible Study  
9:30 A.M.  
A.M. Services  
10:30 A.M.  
P.M. Services  
6:00 P.M.

*wednesday Services*  
Bible Study  
7:00 P.M.

*Radio Program*  
WPFL FM Sundays  
at 12pm

*Other Services*  
Century Care Center  
Last Tuesday of  
each  
Month @ 6pm

### Personal Notes:

## THOSE TO SERVE DECEMBER 26, 2010

### Sunday Morning

Announcements.....Bruce Godwin  
 Opening Prayer Bible Study.....Rennie Jenkins  
 Closing Prayer Bible Study.....Wally Booker  
 Opening Prayer.....Loyd Lynn  
 Song Leading A.M. ....Lloyd Hayes  
 Song Leading P.M. ....Austin Autrey  
 Closing Prayer.....Sawyer Hudson  
 Lord's Table.....Lewie Joe Smith,

**Wednesday Night**  
Austin Autrey

**Hoomesville Church  
Of Christ**  
Clifford Dixon

**Century Correctional  
Institute**  
Jerry Brantley, Rummie  
Tetter, Jesse Claunch,  
Johnny Burkhead

### ILLINOIS TOWN TAKES CHRISTMAS OUT OF SCHOOL

This is was the title in an e-mail sent to me by the American Family Association. Apparently, the town of Oak Lawn, Illinois had decided to remove any mention of special recognition of the Christmas holiday because of the protest made by an Islamic mother of two students in the Oak Lawn district. She felt that if the Muslim holy day of Ramadan was not memorialized by the schools then Christmas should not be either. In fairness, I researched this and found on CBS 2 Chicago's website (this is the local CBS affiliate in Chicago) that the town decided, after protests in a school board meeting by Protestant and Catholic parents, to still acknowledge Christmas but also acknowledge in some way Ramadan.

Let me say that there is as much authority in the Bible to recognize Christmas as a holy day as there is to recognize Ramadan as a holy day. In other words, there is no authority to recognize Christmas as the birthday of our Lord and celebrate it as such. I am in no way suggesting that we be outraged for the simple fact of the school originally saying that Christmas would not be observed.

What we as Christians do need to be concerned about is the removal of Christ from everything in the public. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the **nations** that **forget** God" (Psalm 9:17; emphasis mine, BW). Our nation has taken prayer out of school, God out of science and made many other efforts to get God out of our minds.

I am not suggesting we be mad about removing Christmas, but we should be mad about the attitude and desire that is behind this effort. The effort and desire is not simply to take Christ out of Christmas, something which is impossible to do because He was never in Christmas, but to take Christ out of everything. To the Christian, Christ is our life (Galatians 2:20). He is to be a part of everything that we do because we are living for Him. He is to be the one we imitate (1 John 2:6).

It should offend Christians whenever Christ is attacked in things that concern truth. There is an effort being made to make America a godless nation and that should scare us to death. As Christians, we are to be salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16). We must speak up at every opportunity to let people know about Jesus and about truth because when He is gone, the nation will be gone as well.

**By: Ben Wright**

## Century's News and Notes

### Announcements

\* All Teachers and anyone interested in our Bible Class programs remember to be coming up with idea to help our attendance and with the successfulness of our teaching.

\* We will be trying to get a new directory printed up early next year. If there are any changes or additions that need to be made there are forms in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall that need to be filled out and given to Rennie.

\* The Milestone Church of Christ will be having their Lectureships on February 20-24. The theme is "Epochal Events of Sacred History."

\*Hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas, and we wish you a Happy New Year!

### Prayer List

<b>Jack Brantley</b>	<b>Gene White</b>
<b>Danny Calhoun</b>	<b>Zane Burkhead</b>
<b>Walterine Kelly</b>	<b>Stacy Todd</b>
<b>SalterMartha</b>	<b>Rita Evans</b>
<b>Derek Gray</b>	<b>Wilma Turner</b>
<b>John Brinton Rice</b>	<b>Lucille Scott</b>

**Dianna Salter**- Cancer  
**Austin Cagle**- Leukemia  
**Jessie Boatwright**- cancer  
**Yancey Zellers**- recovering from back surgery  
**Edwina Reeves**- cancer  
**Mark Shelton** - Burn victim (in Mobile)  
**Gary Courtney**- cancer  
**Jane**- (Brittany's grandmother) had a stroke  
**Nikki Pierce**- gall bladder removed  
**Robin Criswell**- fell and broke pelvis and both hips  
**Kim Morris**- (member at Leonard St.) has cancer of the colon and liver

Our Sympathies and Prayers are needed these families for the deaths of their loved ones...

\*The Family of **Terry Kelley**  
 \*The Family of **Houston Kelley**

### Happy Birthday!!

Georgia Lewis (28<sup>th</sup>), Cathy Peterson (29<sup>th</sup>), Cindy Jackson (30<sup>th</sup>), Loyd Lynn (31<sup>st</sup>), Jesse Claunch (31<sup>st</sup>) Robert Carden

### Happy Anniversary!!

Jerry & Walterine Kelley (26<sup>th</sup>), Zane & Sherre Burkhead (31<sup>st</sup>)