

Tabernacle Times

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Words of Life Tabernacle

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Wise men still seek Him!



What is Christmas?

Many Christians around the world will celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25. When God gave us the greatest gift by giving us His only begotten Son so that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life (John3:16). What great joy knowing that Jesus came to save us as the prophets of old prophesied! Jesus came to finish what was He started and to give everyone HOPE and a new life. We should celebrate the hope we now have. We can live with joy, peace and power. We now can have a relationship with Jesus. We don't have to perform sacrifices to be forgiven but we have a direct avenue to the Father through Jesus. The story of Christmas is what Jesus did for us and the love God shows us. Jesus left His throne to come to earth to show us how to live a victorious life through Him and have the promise of everlasting life. He came as a little baby knowing He would suffer and die on a cross for our sins. Because of His birth we can have everlasting life. What love God has shown us and what a precious gift was given that first Christmas morning! Christmas is more than about a baby being born. Celebrate the hope through Jesus this Season and give others this gift of hope, JESUS!



Welcome!

We would like to invite you to join us in worship here at Words of Life. It is our desire to minister to the vast needs of families in today's fast paced world. We believe the success of the church depends on the success of the family. We have a dedicated team to minister to the needs of adults and children, as well as teens. Bring your family and join us as we experience Jesus Christ in an exciting atmosphere of worship and praise.

Pastor Carl and Linda Bishop

Upcoming Events

Christmas at Restoration Center

Friday, December 2 – 5:30 pm

Ladies Christmas Party

All Ladies Welcomed to Attend!

Tuesday, December 6 – 7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall, bring a dessert and \$5 wrapped gift

WOLT Christmas Dinner

Everyone's Welcomed!

Saturday, December 10 – 6:00 pm

Please bring a meat, vegetable, drink and dessert to share.

Watch Night Service

New Year's Eve Watch Night Service will be

December 31 – 8:00 pm – until?

Preaching and special music to bring in the new year!

Services

Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 am
(Classes for all ages)
Preaching 11:00 am
Children's Church 11:00 am
Preaching 6:00 pm
Special Service Dec. 23 7:00 pm
No Service Dec 25
Watch Night Service, Dec 31 8:00pm

Wednesday

Preaching 7:00 pm
Youth (7th grade & up) 7:00 pm
Children's Church 7:00 pm
(Pre-k to 6th grade)

Nursery is available for ages 2 and under.

A Happy Home Recipe

4 cups of Love
2 cups of Loyalty
3 cups of Forgiveness
1 cup of Friendship

Take Love and Loyalty.
Mix it thoroughly with Faith
Blend it with Tenderness, and
Kindness, and Understanding
Add Friendship and Hope,
Sprinkle abundantly with Laughter
Bake it with Sunshine
Serve daily with generous helpings.

Ms. Annie Metcalf

Library is Open!

Library is located in the small church building.

Hours: Sundays from 5:00 - 5:45 and 20 minutes after each service.

Services available on CD (\$3) or DVD (\$5)
Please see Rick and Darlene Robinson for more information.

Newsletter Deadline

If you would like to submit items for the newsletter please submit to

newsletter@wolt.org

by the 3rd week of each month.

Ministers

Carl Bishop, *Pastor*
Greg Pippin, *Outreach Pastor*
Scott Graham, *Youth Pastor*
Gerald Wilkie, *Evangelist*

December Elders

Wilson and Niece Bishop
Home: 684-2739

Wilson's cell: 691-1572

Elders are available to offer prayer and spiritual guidance, as well as assist with any need that arises.

Special Projects

This month's special project is the "Heat Project". Donations to this fund will help individuals in need this winter with heating bills. If you would like to donate to this project, please place offering in envelope and mark "Heat Ministry".

Outreach Ministries

Here at Words of Life we have numerous ministries established to meet the needs of our church family and the community.

Street Ministry- being a light to those who are experiencing unfortunate circumstances and need some guidance and a caring hand.

Many individuals committed to giving \$2.00 per week to this ministry. Please place money in "house" located inside the sanctuary. The donations will be used to purchase urgent needs such as, food and necessity items for homeless men, women, and children. If you would like to contribute please see Sister Gail, Tami and Diane.

The Least of These Ministries- devoted to offering assistance to those who need help with physical needs such as fuel oil or making sure the electric bill gets paid. Please mark donation envelopes "Least of these ministries".

Drug Rehab Outreach- travels several Sundays a month to minister and give hope to those in rehabilitation. Please see Greg Pippin for more information.

Nursing Home Ministry- focuses on touching the hearts of the elderly and bringing joy to their lives. Please see Linda Meece for more information.

Blue Ridge Retirement "Restoration" Center - ministers every Friday evening to those struggling with sickness and loneliness. There is a **need for guest speakers, singers and musicians**. Please see Joe and Victoria Adams for more information or if you would like to help.

Testimony

Who can estimate the value of one soul? Only God! When I think back over my life, I could tell you a lot of stories, as most of us could: Some happy, some not so happy, and some sad. But, if I placed them all in a pile I would call it life.

The older I get the mellow I have become about life. The things I once thought were most unfair have become my best teachers, and most of these, so called unfair, experiences I brought on myself.

By the world's standards, I haven't accomplished great things, nevertheless, from the time I can remember; my whole goal in growing up was to become a wife, mother and homemaker. I had other jobs along the way, but that one job was the hardest, yet the most rewarding because I accomplished my goal.

Looking back, I know I came from ordinary hardworking people that had a love for Jesus. Not all of them, by any means! But we must remember it only takes one. One sold out Christian that really loves Jesus that can and will make the difference. That person in my life was my Grandpa Coy, my Dad's father. He was lovingly called "Poppie". They lived on a farm outside a little place called Milford, Missouri, actually, it was two stores and a post office, as I recall.

Dad, Mom and I lived close to them the first three years of my life. Although I don't remember that time in my life, as they say, we have the pictures, and they surely remembered me!

I was their first granddaughter and my grandpa, I thought, was a little partial, to say the least. Patti, as he always referred to me. I hope he tried not to be partial, but I didn't help matters any. I soaked it all up. For once I felt important.

We moved back to North Carolina in 1945, so for the next 14 years, up until I was 17, I saw my Grandpa 2 weeks a year which totals to be a little over 9 months. Nine months that changed my eternity. As it turned out, it wasn't so much how much he loved me, but how much he loved Jesus. It wasn't even what he would say to me. All he really did was ask the blessing especially at breakfast for those two weeks. Poppie was a crier, and I mean a real crier! Tears, handkerchief and all that went with it (if you know what I mean). The prayer went on-and-on for a while. He knew so many people and he had so many requests. So every morning Grandma would wait patiently then kindly whisper, "Poppie, the eggs are getting cold". It wasn't what he prayed, it was how I felt when he prayed. I knew it was real and he meant what he prayed, and he knew this Jesus he was talking to, and I knew he would get what he asked for.

My whole purpose in reliving this particular story, out of the many, is to remind me most of all, and all of us that somebody's watching. Not just when we're at our best, but, most of all, when we're just living our everyday life. After all, that's who we really are. We may not be the Holy Spirit, but we are the temple and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit of God- the light of God. If we keep the temple clean that light will shine through. It has been said, the eyes are the window to the soul. So again, I ask who can estimate the value of a soul? Only God! To sum this up, what is the great lesson I've learned in life so far? Don't let your windows get dirty!

*My love to all of you,
Pat (Pattie Coy) Pippin*