

Daily Bible Reading

DECEMBER

1. 2 Peter 3	Ezekiel 40, 41	O
2. 1 John 1	Ezekiel 42, 43, 44	O
3. 1 John 2	Ezekiel 45, 46	O
4. 1 John 3	Ezekiel 47, 48	O
5. 1 John 4	Daniel 1, 2	O
6. 1 John 5	Daniel 3, 4	O
7. 2 John	Daniel 5, 6, 7, 8	O
8. 3 John	Daniel 9, 10, 11	O
9. Jude	Daniel 12, 13, 14	O
10. Revelation 1	Hosea 1, 2, 3, 4	O
11. Revelation 2	Hosea 5, 6, 7, 8	O
12. Revelation 3	Hosea 9, 10, 11	O
13. Revelation 4	Hosea 12, 13, 14	O
14. Revelation 5	Joel	O
15. Revelation 6	Amos 1, 2, 3	O
16. Revelation 7	Amos 4, 5, 6	O
17. Revelation 8	Amos 7, 8, 9	O
18. Revelation 9	Obadiah	O

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

19. Revelation 10	Jonah	O
20. Revelation 11	Micah 1, 2, 3	O
21. Revelation 12	Micah 4, 5	O
22. Revelation 13	Micah 6, 7	O
23. Revelation 14	Nahum	O
24. Revelation 15	Habakkuk	O
25. Revelation 16	Zephaniah	O
26. Revelation 17	Haggai	O
27. Revelation 18	Zechariah 1,2,3,4	O
28. Revelation 19	Zechariah 5,6,7,8	O
29. Revelation 20	Zechariah 9,10,11,12	O
30. Revelation 21	Zechariah 13, 14	O
31. Revelation 22	Malachi	O

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
AND POTLUCK LUNCH
NEXT SUNDAY**

**Remember the student preachers in your prayers whom we support at B.I.M.:
[Jordan Allen](#), [Isaac McCutcheon](#), [Evan Welch](#).**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Carol Chenier 8th
Jim Leatherman 10th**

GIFTS FOR THE LINCOLN CARE CENTER

The Guild of the Lincoln Community Care Center is collecting inexpensive gifts (chocolates, small jewelry, word-search puzzle books, candies, after shave, flash lights with batteries, gloves, hats, house slippers, etc. These are provided for the residents to have a small gift to give to family members who come to visit during the holidays.

If you would like to help in this please have the gift, or monetary contribution in by December 12th.

See the letter on the board or you may contact Carol Brewster for more information.

ONE LOVE

Love is the only treasure on earth
That counts when you are
down and out
Love is the magic and
splendor of God
No heartaches of earth can rout;
It mellows and grows—and
deepens with time
Through struggles and heartaches
that mount -
When fortunes and friend are lost
Or astray
One love is the treasure that counts.

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"I am the light of the world, he who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." — (John 8:12)



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Service Times

BIBLE STUDY 9:30 am

WORSHIP 10:30 am &
6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 pm

RADIO PROGRAM

KAYQ 97.1 FM

9:30 am Sundays

"House to House, Heart to Heart" published and mailed by-monthly

SUNDAY TV PROGRAMS

Channel 10, Springfield, MO

"In SEARCH of the Lord's Way"

7:00 am

"The Living Word" 7:30 am.

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God's Abundance

Charles R. Rose,

Unlike most whom I know, I love winter. Deep cold such as hit us Wednesday night reminds me somewhat of the two winters I spent in Alaska. Even under all the ice and snow there are wildflowers just waiting for the sun to warm the earth to a certain point and then that wild Alaskan tundra, like the Missouri prairie, bursts forth with a profusion of color that only God, the Master Artist, could create.

One may not have really paid much attention to it at the time, but most of us have seen the tiny little crocus flowers in early spring, up and blooming, when a late snow covers the ground and the little pink and blue marvels just keep blooming right through the snow.

About 10 miles north of Lincoln is a three hundred plus acre area called "Paint-Brush Prairie," named for the wildflower known as "Indian Paintbrush." In a couple months "Paintbrush Prairie" will burst forth like the Alaskan tundra, covering the earth with purple and white and yellow and red and orange and blue. I am amazed that those delicate flowers can survive with no gardener to water, fertilize and care for them. AH, but they do. Jesus said, "*My Father is the husbandman*" (John 15:1 KJV).

It is so easy for us to see the winter snow, and fields of wildflowers in springtime as a mass of color, and never stop to appreciate the beauty of an individual snowflake or flower petal. And think, no two snowflakes or flower petals are exactly alike, but when you hold one snowflake or flower in your hand, studying the design and detail of it, then look across the field and realize that God has scattered His glorious perfection in such wild and glorious profusion, we should be reminded of the difference between God and us. He is the Creator, we are the created (Ephesians 2:10). And like the wildflower and snowflake, He created each of us different one from the other. The only thing we all have in common is our need for salvation! And God has provided that through His Son and our Savior Jesus Christ. And as long as we seek Him and His righteousness, in His kingdom, He will supply our needs. That is the promise Jesus made as He looked upon the fields of wildflowers and the birds. "*Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so cloths the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?*" (Matthew 6:26-30). He then said, "*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you*" (Matthew 6:33).

Notice in that reading that the flowers simply wait upon the Lord to supply all their needs to survive. However, we humans must seek! We must do that which the Lord has told us to do in order to receive His salvation. Thus, we must believe (John 8:24; 3:16), repent (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30), Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9-10) and we must be baptized (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). Have you done that which God requires in order that the beauty of Jesus may be seen in you?

TO OUR VISITORS

We are so glad that you are with us today, and hope your visit will be such that you are blessed by it. We encourage you to come again at every opportunity. Our service times are: **Sunday Bible classes for all ages at 9:30 A.M., Worship at 10:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. and Wednesday Bible classes at 7:30 P.M.** Please leave a record of your visit by filling out a visitor's card and just drop it in the collection plate.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING AS YOU PRAY

Dave Rushton, Bruce Rushton, Cathy Dalke, F. L. & Pat Morrison, Melissa Dewitt, Naomi Parriguet, Maggie Kyle, Chester Reynolds, Donna Boney, Telia Brown, Melissa Smith, Lois Strader, Kim Francis, Larry Tadlock, Mathias Williams, Lawrence McCloud, Shirley See, Arshar Blackwood, Jim Blackwood, Danny & Sharon Nothwehr, Amy Harper, Jan King, Linda Scull

THOSE OF THE LINCOLN CONGREGATION INCLUDE: Jimmy & Darlene Coggins, Ethel Davis, Jody Clymer, Kenny Coggins, Mollie White, Doug Rose, Carol Chenier, Jim Leatherman

Lois Emond is now at her home in Warsaw. She will have surgery on her shoulder in the near future.

New Year's Eve Lock-in

The South Hwy. 5 Church of Christ at Lebanon invite young people 7th—12th grades to a New Year's Lock-in on December 28th at 9 am and will conclude at 8 am the following morning.

We need to contact them by December 28th with a count of those going. Please read their letter on the bulletin board.

From Last Sunday's Business Meeting.

In the business meeting last Sunday Charles informed the men that due to his physical condition and pain since the fall he suffered in 2014 it is obvious that he can no longer do all that must be done as a full-time preacher. At the same time, **Brother Kevin Smith**, and his wife **Tammy** are moving to this area from Dora, Missouri. Kevin is employed with "REGAL" whose factory is south of Lincoln. He has been the preacher at the Elijah Missouri church of Christ for 18 years, and has been coming to Lincoln on Wednesdays for about four years, and presently teaches our Wednesday evening Bible class. He has agreed to work with Charles as co-ministers for the congregation **beginning the first of February 2017**. The discussion has been for Charles to continue doing the radio program, editing the bulletin, writing articles, etc. and teaching classes and Kevin do most of the pulpit preaching, with Charles filling in as needed.

The men have asked Charles and Kevin to present them with details as to what each of their responsibilities would be under this arrangement by next Sunday.