

**Hillsville Christian Church  
120 Edgewood Drive  
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**DISCIPLE**

“By this all men will know that you are by disciples,  
If you have love for one another.” John 13:35

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<b>Serving December 28, 2014</b>	
Elders	Rita Smith Joyce Spence
Diaconate	Margaret Jett Kaitlyn Smith Paul Smith Donna Webb
Greeter	Lois Goad Patrick Ross
Welcome Leader	Dale Ross
Teller	Lois Jean McGrady
Flowers	CWF
Refreshments	TBA

<b>By The Numbers 12-21-14</b>	
SS Attendance	25
SS Offering	\$15.00
Worship Attendance	60
Worship Offering	\$2,177.07
Regional Offering	\$268.00
Food Pantry	\$120.00

<b>Remember Our Shut-Ins</b>	
Home	Edd Cole Dale Crowder Anita Lineberry
Countryside Manor	Mildred Cooley
Wheatland	Helen McGrady

**Special Offering**

We have received word from Rev. Lee Parker and our Regional office asking all congregations to please contribute toward our Regional ministries. Funds this year have declined and all congregations are being asked to help during this Christmas season. The Outreach department will be collecting offerings on December 28<sup>th</sup> that will be sent to the Regional Ministry. In Sunday's worship bulletin you will find an envelope and flyer labeled 'What Gifts Shall We Bring?' If you wish to donate, please place your offerings in the envelope and 100% of your special Christmas offering will stay in the Region supporting Men's and Women's ministries, Youth ministries, church camp, search and call, and other activities.

## Meetings & Events

Amanda on Vacation: Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> through Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

Congregational Meeting: Sun., Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> after worship

## This Week's Prayer Concerns

Church Members: Carl & Sandy Davis; Cassandra Donaldson; Guy Hanks; Tristan Mackey; Eugene Shockley

Family of Members: Emily Bowman; Cody Bradley; Jason Brashears; Ruth Davis; Kevin Harrod; Harlie Hubbard; Herbert McGrady; Jacob Nichols; Leah Nichols; Ernie Shockley

Friends: Linda Banks; Kim Boswell; Mary Coble; Indira Rose Edwards; Kari Edwards; Lucky Goad; Carolyn Horton; Colene Larrowe; Linda Lovell; Jane Primm; Ava Quesenberry; Ronny Robinson; Tony Robinson; Melissa Sawyers; Cody Stone

## Food Pantry

The Food Pantry items for December are tomato soup, pork & beans, instant potatoes, Treet, and Spam. Thank you for your support!

## Happy Birthday

Mark Crowder (Dec. 28)  
Eric Crowder (Dec. 29)

## Happy Anniversary

Roger & Becky Alderman (Dec. 24)  
Adam & Amy Thorne Gifford (Dec. 27)

## Amanda on Vacation

Amanda will be on vacation beginning Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and continuing through January 1<sup>st</sup>. We are very glad to welcome Rev. Bob Parvin to the pulpit on December 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be no newsletter mailed the week of December 29<sup>th</sup>; we will resume our normal schedule on January 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have a pastoral emergency while Amanda is away please contact one of the Elders.

## Called Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> after worship. We will vote on the 2015 Budget and Board Members.

## Local Benefit

Leah Russell is a local child who has been diagnosed with absence seizures petit mal epilepsy and tonic-clonic epilepsy. She had her first seizure in October of this year and is currently having over one hundred seizures a day. On Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 there will be a benefit spaghetti dinner and auction for Leah at the Hillsville VFW. All proceeds will go toward Leah's medical expenses.

## Thank You

Dear Church Family, Thank you very much for the generous Christmas gift. Every day of the year your kindness and support make me feel very fortunate to be here in Hillsville; I am so happy to be doing ministry with you. Peace, Amanda.

## Merry Christmas!

Do not be afraid—the light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. Bear the light of Christ into the world with hope and joy!