

### Sunshine Baskets For 12/11/2016:

Kathy Trisdale, Ann Flatt, Crystal Maberry,  
Betty Smallwood, & Tonya Strong

### Happy Birthday!

Casey Trisdale (12/04), Rellon Burris (12/05),  
Lenora Dudney (12/09), Isabella Mabery (12/09), &  
Nellie Crabtree (12/10)

### Happy Anniversary!

Tom & Romelyn Gothard (12/05/2009),  
Cory & Jessica Dill (12/06/2003),  
Robert & Bearchie Taylor (12/09/1988)

### Pantry Items Needed: Sweet Potatoes/Yams

We have devices for those who are hard of hearing  
to help you during our worship services. If you are  
in need of one, please see Jeremy Broome.

Enroll now in the free Bible Correspondence  
Course consisting of various course lessons.  
You will find it refreshing to delve into God's Word  
& you will find out some things that surprise you.  
Give Bill Coe your name & address to get started!

### Announcements & Upcoming Events...

**TODAY:** Distribute bags to 65 & older.

**TONIGHT:** Youth Unite at Willette church of  
Christ at 5:00 p.m. We'll be leaving in the church  
vans from our building at 3:45 p.m.

**December 10:** Cookies with Santa in the fellowship  
hall at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Any age is welcome.  
Sign-up in the back if you plan to come so we can  
plan for crafts.

**December 11:** Christmas dinner following our  
morning worship service. This year's annual reports  
will be distributed as well. We won't be having an  
evening worship service at 5:00 p.m.

**Drinks & Snacks Needed:** We need to replenish our  
drinks & snacks for fellowship meals. All donations  
are appreciated!

### Privileged to Serve December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Ushers .....	Jonathan Conner
.....	Mike Martin
Announcements.....	Sjon Gentry
Song Leader .....	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading.....	Tom Gothard
Speaker.....	John Mabery
Opening Prayer .....	Tim Mitchell
Closing Prayer.....	Larry Howell
Oversee Lord's Supper..	Roy Smallwood
Prepare Trays .....	Greg Scott
Scripture Reading.....	Mike Birdwell
Serve .....	*Alan Burris
.....	*Burton Young
.....	*Jeremy Kirby
.....	Steve Hensley
.....	Blake Maberry
.....	Mark
Alternate to Serve.....	Jonathan Conner
.....	Fred Heady
Dismiss Classes.....	Chris Fox
Count Contribution .....	Charles Whitaker
.....	Earl Crabtree
.....	Harry Young
.....	Rellon Burris
Response Card .....	Keith Dodson
PowerPoint.....	Brian Trisdale
TV Program .....	Jacob Martin

### Sunday Evening (12/11/2016)

Speaker.....	Ronald Strong
Scripture Reading.....	Jimmy Strong
Song Leader .....	Jeremy Broome
Opening Prayer .....	Chris Mabery
Closing Prayer.....	Roy Flatt
PowerPoint.....	Bryce Conner

### Wednesday Evening (12/14/2016)

Song Leader .....	Nolan Young
Devotional.....	Sjon Gentry
Opening Prayer .....	Roy Smallwood
Closing Prayer.....	Randy Duke

\*Take to the sick & shut-in

Let Rellon Burris know if you can't serve.

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### Elders:

John Mabery	268.0651
Carl Call	268.2040
Sjon Gentry	268.3273

### Deacons:

Robert Crabtree	268.4417
Raymond Haney	268.2493
Rellon Burris	319.5197
Jerry Young	268.2215
Ronald Strong	267.5480
Chris Mabery	260.5017

### Ministers:

John Mabery	268.0651
Cell:	265.3835
Bill Coe	268.1777
Cell:	397.2159
Ronald Strong	267.5480

### To Be Saved, JESUS Said We MUST...

**Believe** Him (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6)

**Repent** of our sins (Lk.13:3, 5)

**Confess** Christ (Rom.10:9-10)

**Be immersed** in water for remission of sins  
(Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:3-4)

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### “When Was ‘The Faith’ Delivered?”

*by Kyle Butt of Apologetics Press*

Recently we received a very interesting question from one of our readers. It is noteworthy for two reasons. First, many of us have probably never heard the question. (I have been working for more than 20 years in Bible study and teaching of various types and had never heard it.) Second, the answer is extremely simple, but might not appear that obvious at the outset.

The question is, how could the book of Jude be a part of “the faith” (meaning the body of New Testament teaching recognized as “the faith”) if the book of Jude states that the faith “was once and for all delivered to the saints” (vs. 3)? If Jude says “the faith” was “delivered” once and for all in the past, then how could his writing, being written after the fact, be part of “the faith”? Along those same lines, how could Peter state that God “has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness” (2 Peter 1:3), if Peter was writing material after that statement was made that pertained to “life and godliness”?

The simple answer lies in the fact that when something is recorded is not necessarily when it is “delivered.” Throughout the first century, God inspired the apostles and various first century prophets to deliver “the faith” to the early church. Much of that material, however, was preached long before it was written down. For instance, God inspired Peter and the apostles to preach the Gospel on the day of Pentecost after Jesus’ resurrection and ascension into heaven. That sermon was not recorded, however, until about 30 years later by the inspired writer Luke. Since that is the case, we understand that the material had been delivered to the church long before it was preserved in written form

by the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts.

This fact is evident in the books of 2 Peter and Jude, the two books under discussion. Both authors made a special point to insist that they were reminding their audiences of material that was already out there and available. For instance, Peter stated, “I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, **though you know them, and are established in the present truth**” (2 Peter 1:12). Later in the book he stated, “Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder)” (2 Peter 3:1). Jude made similar statements when he wrote, “But I want to remind you, though you once knew this” (vs. 5). And when he stated, “remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.” These authors insist that they are reminding their readers of material that the readers had access to before they read these letters.

When we stop to consider the situation, this would have to be the case. Jesus explained that the Holy Spirit would help the apostles know what to say when they stood before rulers (Matthew 10:19). Yet we read of only a very few instances of such messages in Acts. Certainly it was the case that Matthew, Andrew, Thomas, and the other apostles preached inspired messages that we have no record of. In 1 Corinthians 14:31, we learn that certain people in the Corinthian church were prophets, but we do not have a record of their messages. The point is this: throughout the first century, the Holy Spirit was delivering “all things” (John 14:26), guiding the inspired writers into “all truth” (John 16:13), and making known “the faith” to the church in a number of ways. When we see it preserved by an inspired writer, that does not mean it had not been previously delivered in one form or another to the church prior to that.

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**It's a Girl!** Kinley Rae Collins was born December 1, 2016. She is 7 lb. 14 oz. & 20 inches long. This is the granddaughter of Brenda Collins.

**December 18:** Secret Sisters' Ornament swap following our evening worship service. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend! Please bring a wrapped ornament & finger foods or desserts. If you have any questions, see Terri Collins or Theresa Fox.

Dean Wilson	<b>Prayer List</b>	Sonya Warden Heady
Ernest Fields		Sherry Scott Arms
Betty Martin		Ann Johnson
Judy Heady		Louise Richardson
Susan Bowman		Chester Hamlet
Sarah Kilgore		Brenda Meredith
Jesse Wheeler		Billy Edward Martin
Gene Spivey		John Sparkman
Nell Haney		Micah Hart
Sandy Haney		Liddie Thomas
Dorothy Padgett		Lovia Cowgill
Mark Hammock		Herbie Fox
Charles Haney		Brenda Spivey
Mary Jean Burke		Lori Davenport
Dennis Kernutte		Edna Pauline Mocerri
<b>*If you have updates to the prayer list, please contact Rellon Burris. His contact info is on the back!</b>		

**Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:**

**Mabry:** Edna Roberts

**Masters:** Mary Pearl Judd

**Gallatin:** Octavine Conquest

**NHC:** Jesse McCloud

**CRMC Rehab:** Betty Stafford

**Bethesda:** Charles Haney

**Area Hospitals:**

**Vanderbilt:** Laycee Bryant

**CRMC:** Brenda Meredith, Brittany Collins, & Kinley Rae Collins

**Our Deepest Sympathy Goes out to the Families of:** William Mayberry, Kirstie Dyer McGill, Virginia Johnson

**“The Prophecy of Cyrus”**

*by Eric Lyons of Apologetics Press*

Imagine taking a trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, & visiting the State House where the Constitutional Convention took place in 1787. During the tour, your guide points to a document dating back to just this side of the convention—about the year 1820. The piece of parchment tells of a man named George W. Bush from Austin, Texas, who would be President of the United States within the next 200 years. But how could someone know that a man named George W. Bush would be born in the United States? And how could someone know more than a century before Mr. Bush was born that he would be President of the United States? Furthermore, how could someone in 1820 know that a man from Texas (named George W. Bush) would be President of the United States when Texas wasn't even part of the Union yet? Such a prophecy truly would be amazing, yet obviously no such prediction was ever made. In fact, despite all of the publicity that “psychic hotlines” receive, only God can foretell the future.

One of the reasons we can **know** the Bible is from God is that it contains hundreds of prophecies about individuals, lands, & nations similar to the example above. One such prophecy was about a man named Cyrus & two nations: Babylon & the Medo-Persian Empire. Isaiah vividly described how God would destroy the powerful kingdom of Babylon, “the glory of kingdoms” (13:19). Writing as if it had already occurred (commonly known as the “prophetic perfect,” frequently employed in the Old Testament to stress the absolute certainty of fulfillment, i.e. Isaiah 53), Isaiah declared Babylon would fall (21:9). He then prophesied that Babylon would fall to the Medes & Persians (Isa.13; 21:1-10). Later, he proclaimed that the “golden city” (Babylon) would be conquered by a man named Cyrus (44:28; 45:1-7). This is a remarkable prophecy, especially since Cyrus was not born until almost 150 years after Isaiah penned these words.

Not only did Isaiah predict that Cyrus would overthrow Babylon, but he also wrote that Cyrus, serving as Jehovah's “anointed” & “shepherd,” would release the Jews from captivity and assist them in their return to Jerusalem for the purpose of rebuilding the temple. All of this was written almost 200 years before Cyrus conquered Babylon (539 B.C.). Amazing!

In case you are wondering about the factuality of this story, secular history verifies that all of these events came true. There really was a man named Cyrus who ruled the Medo-Persian Empire. He did conquer Babylon. And just as Isaiah prophesied, he assisted the Jews in their return to Jerusalem & in the rebuilding of the temple.

Truly, “no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:20-21).

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**January 20-22, 2017:** Apologetics lectureship with Eric Lyons of Apologetics Press. The theme for the lectureship is “Do Not Be Conformed”. Friday at 7:00 p.m., the lesson title will be “Confronting Cultural Confusion”. Saturday at 6:00 p.m., the lesson title will be “Are You a Person of Integrity (Part 1)?”. Saturday at 7:00 p.m., the lesson title will be “Are You a Person of Integrity (Part 2)?”. Sunday at 9:00 a.m., the lesson title will be “Retaining Reverence for God in Disrespectful Times”. Sunday at 10:00 a.m., the lesson title will be “Pressing Toward the Prize”. **Prayer List (Continued):** Villary Campbell, Al Vanderlinden, Brettianee Anderson, Barbara Marrow, Ronnie Martin, & Vanessa Martin