

# Highway 36 Church of Christ

January 1, 2023

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the One who created us,  
The One who calls us,  
The One who equips us,  
The One who loves us without end.  
With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

## Remember These in Your Prayers

James & Sylvie Conner  
Johnny Hayhurst  
Lawton and Leslie Heatley  
Brian King  
Donna Lee Lawrence  
Lee Knox's nephew,  
Joseph Knox  
Jimmy & Billie McElreath  
Garry & Alisyn Smoot  
LaJuanda Smoot  
Pam Yeaman & family  
Our shut-in members

Wanda Stayton's sister,  
Claire Bell  
Family of Gerald McCoy  
Billy & Jan Berny's friends,  
Morrow, Napolitano, Ashburn  
and Hart families  
Daphna Chrane's dad,  
Frank Owens  
Sarah Hunter's sister,  
Paula McCord  
T.J. Hunter's sister,  
Megan Wright  
Brian King's dad Clarence  
King; and Brian's boss's dad,  
Wayne Turner  
Christie King's friend, Megan  
Lee Knox's friend,  
Hunter Williams  
Ranee' Knox's friend, Lisa  
Jimmy McElreath's brother,  
Ricky and aunt,  
Denise Davison  
Billie McElreath's sister,  
Barbara Evans;  
great-niece, Embrylynn Kiser,  
friend, Kathy Scarborough  
Melinda Miller's sisters great-  
granddaughter, Lainey Roby  
Jay Don Poindexter  
Patti Stennett's son, Dylan

January Worship Schedules are on the tables in the foyer and can also be found on the church website [hwy36churchofchrist.com](http://hwy36churchofchrist.com)

## Welcome Visitors

We want to take a moment to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who's visiting us this morning. Whether you're just passing through town, or are searching out for a place to worship and serve God and fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters, we're delighted you're here.  
May you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship. We hope you feel welcomed by God's family at Hwy. 36! We invite you to come back anytime you can!

From the shepherd's pen:

## Happy New Year!

The beginning of a new year is an exciting time! New calendars hang on the wall waiting to be filled in with life. We mark dates that are happy events to look forward to, weddings, baby due dates, vacations, and birthdays. Eventually we write in harder events, anniversaries, diagnosis, surgeries, and funerals.

What we can't write in is the unexpected. What we sometimes call "life's curveballs," it's the tests, the trials, the temptations OR it might be the opportunities, blessings, or surprises.

Over the next 2 months we will wrap up the final 500 years of the Old Testament. The last of the prophets will speak the promise of Jesus and then grow quiet. The people will return to Jerusalem and Judah and begin again. What is called 400 years of silence is actually very active and busy with empires rising and falling.

It's actually 400 years of waiting. God was waiting, The people were waiting. Jesus is waiting. Satan is waiting. Then Gabriel is dispatched.

Today we know the rest of the story and we are back in a time of waiting. Even though we have been freed of slavery, we are still waiting on a Savior. His return in not a date that can be written on a calendar. It's not known but not unexpected. It's a promise.

May we live each day as that's the day He returns. May we speak the Good News. May we never grow silent as the prophets did.

May you find your voice this year, calling into the world, "Prepare the way for The Lord!"  
Come soon, Lord Jesus.

## Hwy. 36 Meeting Times

**Sunday A.M.**  
Bible Class at 10:00  
Worship at 11:00

**Sunday P.M.**  
Worship at 6:00

**Wednesday P.M.**  
Bible Class at 7:00

## Adult Bible Classes

**Sunday Morning Auditorium**  
Terry Chrane  
Old Testament Lessons

**Classroom #6**  
Greg Melton/Steve Ellis  
For College and Young Professionals

**Wednesday Night Auditorium**  
Various Men  
Digging Deeper into OT

## Greeters Today

Janice Conway  
Reid T. and Emily M.

## Men Serving This Morning

Song Leader: Greg Elston

Lord's Supper  
David Shaner, Billy Berny,  
Jimmy McElreath, Paul McGuire,  
Robert Oglesby, Matthew McGuire

Ushers: Gatlin and Bodie Broyles  
Reading/Prayer: Eddie Moudy  
Sermon: Greg Melton  
Giving Baskets:  
Johnny Hayhurst, Graham Hunter,  
Carson Southall, Barret Wilson  
Closing Prayer: Billy Gee

## Men Serving Tonight

Song Leader: Gatlin Broyles  
Reading/Prayer: Brady Broyles  
Sermon: Greg Melton  
Closing Prayer: Cody Gee  
Communion: Tony Thompson

**Men Serving This Wednesday**  
Announce/Prayer: Brady Broyles

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 10—Ladies Bible Class resumes  
 Jan. 23—Men's Quarterly Area-wide Fellowship at Buffalo Gap church of Christ at 6:00 p.m.



7th through 12th Grades  
 Jan. 8—Cross Connect in Brownwood  
 Jan. 15—Youth Devotional

### Well Done Good and Faithful Servants

We are so thankful to David and Melissa Shaner for being the financial administrators here at Hwy. 36 for the past 11 years. We honor you for your hard work, dedication, and trustworthiness in the many tasks of this job over the years.

David and Melissa are in the process of training Janice Conway to be the new financial administrator. Please pray for this to be a smooth transition and for us to be good stewards of the funds that God has blessed us with to further His kingdom.

### Christian Homes of Abilene

Three times a year we do a collection to support the women and children under the care of Christian Homes. We will be collecting these items the month of January and a box is available in the foyer.

Shampoo	Conditioner
Body Wash	Liquid Hand soap
Trash bags	Toilet paper
Paper towels	Magic Erasers
Mr. Clean, Lysol or Fabuloso cleaner	

The next men's quarterly area-wide fellowship will be at Buffalo Gap Church of Christ (741 Litel Street, Buffalo Gap, TX 79508) on January 23rd at 6:00 PM. As usual, we will enjoy dinner together and blend our voices together in singing!

Sign up on the sheet in the foyer by Sunday, January 8th so that a head count for food can be given to the Buffalo Gap church on January 9th.



Jan. 5—Donna Lee Lawrence  
 Jan. 7—Chris Smoot



**Congratulations to Trent and Denise Gee as they celebrate their 28th Anniversary on January 7th.**

**We are so thankful for you both and the love you display to all those around you.**

### HIGHWAY 36 EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The mission of the Highway 36 church of Christ Response Team is to ensure the safety of the congregation in the event of an active shooting, fire or other emergency.

During all services we will have two or three team members moving through the foyer and classroom areas and other team members strategically located throughout the auditorium to cover any incidents that may arise and to lead any evacuations that are needed. We ask that you follow the directions of the team members as they will be communicating with all other team members via radio and will know what actions should be taken depending on the situation.

In the event of an incident, please remain in your seat until further instructed by a Response Team member. DO NOT call 911. The Response Team is prepared with all information that dispatch needs and will call 911. Dispatch can only handle a limited number of calls. Multiple calls to 911 will cause confusion and increase response time by law and medical officials.

We will be locking all exterior doors with the exception of the front foyer doors at approximately 15 minutes after the beginning of all services so that we may provide better security.

We ask that any non-Response Team individuals keep their time spent in the foyer to a minimum during classes and worship as this causes a distraction and puts everyone at greater risk in the event of an emergency. This does not pertain to normal use of the restrooms and water fountains. For child care, we ask that you use the nursery located at the east end of the hall north of the auditorium.

The Response Team thanks you for your cooperation.

Response Team Members are Jeff Barton, Brad Barron, Brady Broyles, Terry Chrane, Darrell Conway, Steve Ellis, Trent Gee, Jimmy McElreath.

### 2022 Budget Information

2022 Budget Total—\$303,805  
 Weekly Contribution Goal—\$5843.00  
 Year-to-date Contribution Avg.—\$6523.89  
 Contribution Previous Sunday—\$4927.50  
 Year-to-date Actual Contribution—\$339,242.35

Do you need to access your Bible on your wireless device? The Hwy. 36 wifi password is Acts2:38 (no spaces and case sensitive)

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