

## Putting Christ First

by Joel Stephen Williams via afn.org

An old Chinese woman with bound feet, balancing herself on a cane, listened to a missionary tell about Jesus. She was very interested in this new story, but she wondered if it was true. She did not trust the foreign missionary's word all by itself, so she asked a Chinese woman who was a Christian. "Yes, it is true," she was told. "I will come and see you and tell you more." The next day the woman arrived with a Bible and told her more of the story. The old Chinese woman believed. She was now in the conversion process, but that conversion meant the changing of many allegiances. She knew that she must put Christ first and renounce her idols and false gods. As she struggled with this, one night she had a dream, which was but a reflection of the internal struggle already going on in her heart. In her dream the idols on the shelves of her room began to shake. A light fell across the floor and a figure entered the room. The idols began climbing down off the shelves. The old woman asked her idols: "Where are you going?" They replied: "When Jesus comes, we have to get out."

There are some things in life to which we can have dual allegiances. We can have more than one child and love every single one of them completely. We may love two or three types of dessert equally as our favorite dessert. But other allegiances are different, being exclusive in nature. They will allow no competitors, no equals, and no partial loyalties. As a young nation the Israelites were told, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me" (Ex. 20:2; Deut. 5:6). Similarly, Jesus stressed the futility of dual allegiances: "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters" (Mt. 12:30). "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Mt. 10:37). We give honor to whom honor is due, but first honor goes to God.

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## Sunday, December 29, 2019

<p><b>Prayer List Updates</b></p> <p><b>Frankie Towell</b> – appointment January 21</p> <p><b>Gwen Woodall</b> – mass on kidney; appointment in Little Rock last week</p> <p><b>Dakota’s uncle</b> – procedure in Memphis last week</p> <p><b>Conner Penix</b> – evaluation to see if ankles are developing appropri- ately</p> <p><b>Birthday</b></p> <p>Lucas Salley                      January 3</p>	<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p>January 20    Children’s Home truck runs; needs are lasagna noodles, sweetened condensed milk, sugar, non- aerosol deodorant, hair gel/mousse, and salad dressings.</p> <p><b>Announcement</b></p> <p>There is a new sign-up list on the back table for building cleaning in 2020.</p> <p><b>Memory Verse</b></p> <p>“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”</p> <p>Matthew 11:28</p>	<p><b>January Haiti Needs</b></p> <p>sanitary napkins toothbrushes</p> <p></p> <p><b>Last Week’s Attendance</b></p> <p>Sunday morning: 46 Sunday evening: 34</p>
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## Weekly Service Assignments

<p>Sunday Morning</p> <p>Bible class: 9:45 am worship: 10:45 am</p>		<p>Sunday Evening                      6:00 pm</p>	
<p>First Prayer</p>	<p>Rudi Cagle</p>	<p>First Prayer</p>	<p>Rudi Cagle</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Rudi Cagle</p>	<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Ken Beach</p>
<p>Second Prayer</p>	<p>Dakota Crossno</p>	<p>Lord’s Supper</p>	<p>Matthew Sills Rudi Cagle</p>
<p>Scripture Reading</p>	<p>Matthew Sills</p>	<p>Wednesday Evening                      7:00 pm</p>	
<p>Lord’s Supper</p>	<p>1. Ed Young                      3. Ken Beach 2. Matthew Sills                      4. Justin Beach</p>	<p>First Prayer</p>	<p>Dakota Crossno</p>
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Larry Towell</p>	<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Larry Towell</p>