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SYNOPSIS

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Announcements

To our guests...

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5  Jeff Lasher
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1  Mark Hayes
2  James York
3  Glenn Petty
4  Rick Clark
5  Matthew Clark
6  Jonathan Davidson
7  Landen Davidson
8  J.R. Mullens

If you are unable to serve any week of the month, PLEASE CONTACT:
Am Ponderoy (615) 927-3305
Pat Fritts (615) 406-5023
Eli Keyley (615) 414-4277

5:00 Worship
Speaker—Bill Price
Opening Prayer—Mary Edwards
Preside—George Hunt
Closing Prayer—Don Reeves

If you are unable to serve, please call Charles Parker (615) 924-1555 or Rodney Richardson (615) 414-5850.

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