

Good Morning and welcome to our services! We hope you are doing well. Alison is doing much better and we appreciate your prayers. Please be sure to pick up an October calendar on the youth bulletin board. Have a safe week and stay healthy!

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“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of GOD which is in CHRIST JESUS our LORD.” Romans 8:38-39 NKJV

Bible Classes on Sunday and Wednesday have been suspended due to low attendance.

**The Covid19 virus has had a big affect on our attendance.
Faith over Fear**

**H.O.P.E.
Hold On, Pain Ends**

LET'S BE DEVOTED

The disciples we read about in Acts 2 were not half-hearted Christians who had to be begged to attend worship assemblies of the church or get involved in the work of the Lord. After a Christ-centered and fearless sermon that confronted hearers with their sin and guilt (2:14-36), there was a heaven-sent, Holy Spirit-guided answer to the question of what to do to be forgiven and saved from that sin (2:37-41). Some churches and preachers today won't raise or answer this question, and others change the inspired answer Peter and the other apostles gave. But on that day long ago about 3,000 believers repented and were baptized for forgiveness of sins under the terms of the Great Commission (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:18-20). And talk about changed lives! Read Acts 2:41-47! What a church and what church members! Verse 42 says they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." The New International Version says "they devoted themselves" to these things. These were devoted disciples! These things came first in their lives. The Greek word for "continued steadfastly" or "devoted" means "to be earnest towards a thing, to persevere, be constantly diligent; to attend assiduously all the exercises, or to adhere closely to; to give self continually upon" Christians devoted to Bible study, preaching, fellowship, and worship assemblies! Does your own approach to discipleship resemble that level of devotion? ADAPTED

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class
10:30 AM Worship
6:00 PM Evening
Wed: 7:00 PM

Get On Track and Stay There

A man bought a new hunting dog. Eager to see how he would perform, he took him out to track a bear. No sooner had they gotten into the woods than the dog picked up the trail. Suddenly he stopped, sniffed the ground, and headed in a new direction. He had caught the scent of a deer that had crossed the bear's path. A few moments later he halted again, this time smelling a raccoon that had crossed the path of the deer. Then a turkey, a rabbit, and so on, until finally the breathless hunter caught up with his dog, only to find him barking triumphantly down the hole of a field mouse.

One of the things for which Paul prayed was for his brethren in Colossae to be able to "approve the things that are excellent" (Phil. 1:10). He used a word here that was common among metallurgists. As they tested the quality of metal, they "approved" in the metal that which was genuine. It is used in this passage of testing that which is good or evil. That is not always easy. Easy or not, it is the thing responsible Christians must do.

Our faith gets involved in this. We should test the Excellency of our personal faith. Peter informed his readers that "for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials" but also told them how beneficial such would be. He concluded, that "your faith, which is more precious than all the gold in the world, may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed" (1 Pet. 1:6-7). The word "proved" here is the same as in Col. 1:10). Often Christians start out with high resolve, putting the kingdom of God first in their lives, but their attention is soon diverted to things of lesser worth. One pursuit leads to another until they've strayed far from their original purpose. Let us do our best to put first things first. So, take the divine admonition and stay on track and let nothing cause you to deviate from the straight and narrow way.

"Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you" (Prov. 4:25).
SELECTED

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matt. 6:33).

Please remember those of our number who have Covid19 and the others on our prayer list.

From Dan's desk:



Thank all of you for your well wishes, prayers, calls, cards and genuine love shown to me over the last three weeks. I always knew how blessed I have been to work with fine Christian brothers and sisters in Christ over the last 49 years. Thank you from the depths of my being for your kindness and understanding during my battle with Covid19. It has been one of the toughest, if not the toughest battle that I have been engaged. With God's help, a loving, caring wife, wonderful brethren, friends, great physicians, who have gone so many extra miles, I am winning the battle. Thanks for all the help you have given Audrey, through running errands, picking up medicine, etc. We will never forget the cards, calls that tell us who real friends are. We are blessed. We serve a mighty God. He has promises made and promises kept. I am sorry I cannot be with you again today. I am so thankful to those who have stepped in once again. Your labors of love will always be treasured in heart and I will never forget. Thanks for all you have done and we hope to be back with you soon.

Our Love,

Dan and Audrey

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

DAN MANUEL coronavirus.
DALE SPARKS coronavirus.
ANN SPARKS coronavirus
DENISE CARROLL coronavirus.
ALISON RADER coronavirus.
MIKE WHITLEY coronavirus.
KATHY & GARY CHAMBLESS coronavirus.
BETH FREEMAN continues tests on her lungs.
MAGGIE COVINGTON, daughter of Rodney, is very ill.
Several people are out today as they are in quarantine because of exposure at school and elsewhere.

Remember that we have a prayer list available in the foyer with updates each week.

WELCOME VISITORS

A big hearty welcome to those visiting today. Allow us to meet and greet you following the worship service this morning. At the end of the service today you will be given a gift bag from our congregation. "It is a small gift, but it comes from big hearts." Thanks again for coming.

SYMPATHY

MYRON MITCHELL, former member, died Thursday the 24th. His funeral services were held in Sulphur Springs.

"A Cold Hard Look In The Mirror"

One of the most difficult things in life is to see ourselves for who we really are. Someone has said, "If we could see ourselves as others see us we would probably deny it." This has been a challenge for religious people throughout time. Jesus was regularly in conflict with the Scribes and the Pharisees, and He called them "hypocrites." In Luke 18, Jesus told about a Pharisee and a Publican who prayed. One big difference between the two is the Publican was able to see himself for who he really was, while the Pharisee was in the same spiritual drought if not worse, yet he thought highly of himself and looked on the Publican with disgust. It's very difficult to see ourselves, know our own strengths and weaknesses, when we are constantly eyeing others. Thus Jesus talked about a hypocrite with a beam in his eye while trying to judge a brother who had only a peck in his eye. I'm reminded of the following poem.

"The Insult"

A lady with one of her ears applied
To an open key hole heard inside
Two female gossips in converse free
The subject enraging them was she."I think," said one, "and my husband thinks, That she's a prying, spying, eavesdropping minx!"

As soon as no more of it she could bear,
The lady, indignant, removed her ear.
"I will not stay," she said with a pout,
"To hear my character lied about!"

Tim Woodward

October 4, 2020

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Dan Manuel-coronavirus
Dale Sparks-coronavirus
Ann Sparks-coronavirus
Alison Rader-coronavirus
Mike Whitley-coronavirus
Denise Carroll-coronavirus

Kathy & Gary Chambless– coronavirus
David Carder-surgery
Cecil Stanaland-tests

Beth Freeman– continuing tests on her lung
Linda Lippold, still undergoing tests and doing better.

Gary Missildine- Lung issues
Gerald Wilcher, kidney disease & COPD
Kenneth Holland-COPD

Carol Bolt (sister of Harold Johnson) Lung and Brain Cancer
Maggie Covington (daughter of Rodney) very ill
Leonita Wimberly (aunt of Cheryl Ellis) cancer
Hannah Glenn, is undergoing Leukemia treatments in Dallas
Elizabeth Attaway (Beth Freeman’s daughter-in-law) cancer
Howard & Maurine Ellis (father & mother of Sam Ellis) Howard-
back in the nursing home, Maurine-drain in gallbladder
Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer
Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer

Please remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers.

They need our prayers. Millie Baur, Billie Bedford, Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kyser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Ruby Merritt, James and Irma Ray, Margaret Richardson, and Marlene Thompson.

NOTE: We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office.

THE ELDERS