



# LET'S VISIT

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## PAUL'S CERTAINTIES

We live in a very skeptical age, an age of doubt. With events of the past few years, trust has been eroded in those who report our news, confidence in our government institutions and public officials is at an all time low and it is an era where "Doubting Thomas" might feel quite at home. To be sure, in our day and time there is a spirit of uncertainty in the air. You find this in the political, economic and social world. You also find it in the realm of religion. Yet, doubt does not bring peace nor satisfaction.

Admittedly, there are a lot of things I do not know. If you have any doubts about that, just ask Norma and she will gladly tell you all the things I don't know. Yet, just for some examples, I don't know why we drive on parkways and park on driveways, I don't know why sour cream has an expiration date when it is already sour, I don't know why we call them buildings when they are already built and I don't know if Adam and Eve had bellybuttons.

Yet, there are some things I do know. I know that God created the Heavens and the Earth and this universe was not the result of some "Big Bang" millions of years ago. I know that Jesus Christ is the son of God and He died on the cross on Calvary to save my soul from sin, and I know that He has ascended back to Heaven to prepare my eternal home.

When you turn to the Bible, you can find a man by the name of Paul who was positive about certain fundamentals. He was a man with convictions and that is invigorating. The Apostle Paul did not claim to know everything. He knew that some things unknown would be revealed and that is what he said in I Corinthians 13:12.

Paul knew Jesus Christ. In II Timothy 1:12 he wrote to young "Timid Timothy" his son in the gospel and told him "*I Know whom I have believed*". You see, Paul did not just know about Jesus Christ, he knew him personally. He had met Him on the road to Damascus.

Paul knew the terror of the Lord. He knew it would be terrible to meet the Lord unprepared. He said as much in II Corinthians 5:10-11. Paul was very aware of the severity of God. The Bible contains numerous examples of the severity of God in dealing with disobedience. Events such as Adam and Eve being driven from the Garden of Eden, the flood that destroyed the wicked world in the days of Noah, the destruction of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and the way God dealt with Nadab and Abihu when they offered strange fire unto the Lord.

However, Paul was also sure of the goodness of God. He knew that all things work together for good to those that love God. That was the promise of Romans 8:28. Paul also knew that he had a perfect Savior. When Paul wrote to Timothy, he said I know WHOM I have believed. I am quite sure Paul knew what he believed and why. Yet, he did not say that. He says, "I know whom I have believed". It was a personal matter with Paul. He had been converted to

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### In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry  
KSHV 45 - Shreveport - 7:30 a.m. Sunday  
DISH channel 239 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday  
DIRECT TV channel 307 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday

# Gathered Here and There



## A *Complicated Dilemma*

**For The Pantry. . .**

**April 12 – Spam**



**April 5, 2026  
\$ 3,365.00**

**The Lord’s plan of giving ...”as ye have prospered”**

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Christ. His faith was in a person.

Paul was also certain of “a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens”. That is what he wrote in II Corinthians 5:1. We are not certain where we will be tomorrow. The wise man tells us in Proverbs 27:1 that we are not to boast of tomorrow. James tells us in James 4:14 that our life is a vapor. Yet the faithful child of God knows where they will spend the great tomorrow. Paul was certain of that and we can be too.

Wilbur Fisk Tillet was professor of Systematic Theology at Vanderbilt University and put it this way in verse:

So when some morn you hear I’m gone  
You’ll know friends where to find me;  
In that fair land where all things there  
Of sweet things here remind me.  
The father-land beyond above  
The silent flowing river,  
Where they who work and learn and love  
All meet and live forever.

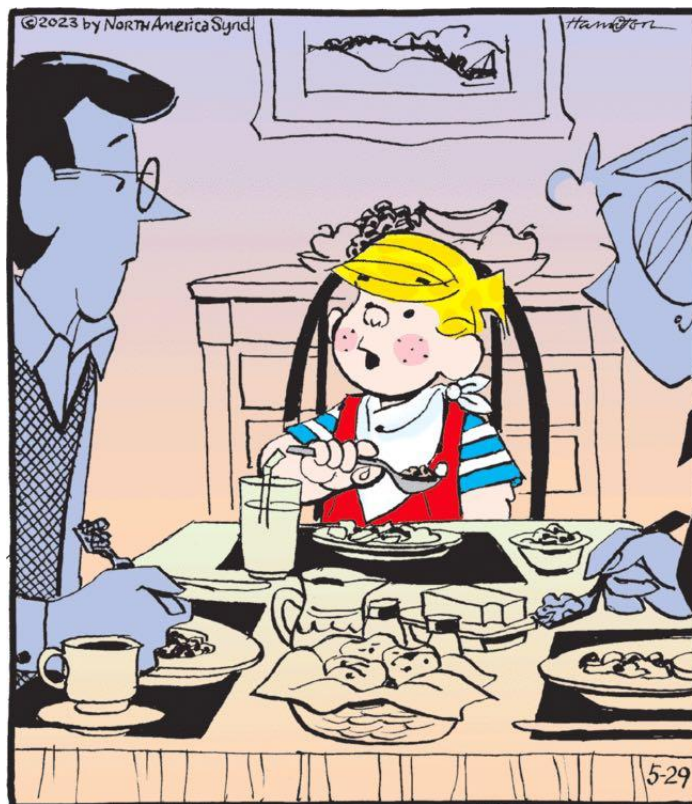
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## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026**

**Reserve these dates for important events in the life of our Church for 2026**

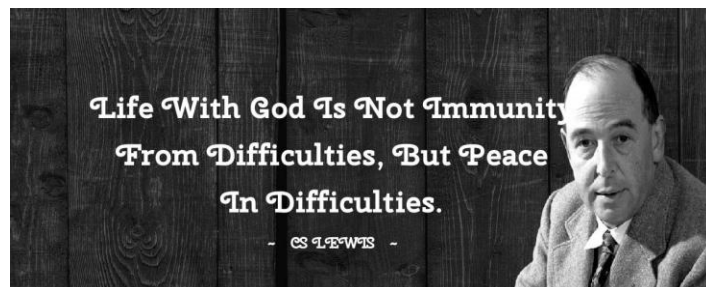
June 7, 2026 – “Friends and Family Day”  
September 13, 2026 – “Back To Church Sunday”  
December 6, 2026 – “No Excuse Sunday”  
December 20, 2026 – Annual Christmas Party

## *On The Lighter Side. . .*



**“IS MOM’S COOKIN’ THE REASON WE HAFTA PRAY BEFORE MEALS?”**

**Communion Preparation - April  
Manny & Brittany Ortiz**



- CS LEWIS -



## Annual Area Wide Singing



**Friday – April 24, 2026**

**7:00 p.m. to 8:30p.m.**

**Refreshments served following the singing**

**MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING** – Immediately following the morning worship today in the church offices. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

**AREA WIDE SINGING** – Bullard Church of Christ in Bullard, Texas. Friday, April 17, 2026 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**GOSPEL MEETING** - Angelina Church of Christ in Lufkin, April 12<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Jack Evans will be doing the preaching with services at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

**Sunday June 7, 2026**

**Make your plans to be here and invite your friends and family to come and join us!**



### OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Stanley Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Willis

### "EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) **Leslie Adams** (friend of Diedra Hughes) being treated for brain cancer; **Krista Andrus** (Tim and Norma Perkins niece) **Peggy Baylor** (Tim Bradshaw's mother) **Debra Clifton** (friend of LaResa Livingston) **Coleen Dickerson** (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Dot Grant** (Friend of Debra Pate) **Suzi Hogan** (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) **Albert Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's father) **Karen McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher) **Gene Perkins** (Tim Perkins aunt) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle); **Heather Simmons Stewart** (Friend of Cissy Amos ) cancer; **Stephen Wiggins** (preacher at San Augustine) **Max Windham** (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

### THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

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**Wednesday FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

Make your plans to join us for our next "Wednesday Night Meal and singing" on April 29, 2026. We hope you will be here!



## Across The Preacher's Desk

Sorrow is a universal experience. It comes to the rich and poor, to the powerful and the weak. So much of the sorrow in our world is unseen, often it is hidden from view purposely. Many times it is known only to the individual and to God. It can be buried beneath a cheerful countenance and earthly baubles. Yet, even the most cheerful often have troubled hearts.

Our hearts can be troubled by sins, either our own or the sins of others. Hearts can be heavy because of the departure of a loved one or the deep waters of serious illness. There are times that our hearts are distressed due to the unfaithfulness of a friend or feelings of insecurity.

Jesus did not shun sorrow. To be sure, He was often found among people with heavy hearts, people who were distressed and uneasy. To these He was sympathetic. Jesus suffered with people and shared their sorrows. His mission was to "heal the brokenhearted" (Luke 4:18)

Jesus' remedy for broken and troubled hearts was faith. He said, "believe in God, believe in me" (John 14:1). A few sentences later he said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me". When our faith is in Jesus Christ, when we live life His way, our troubled hearts will find relief.

*it's something to think about.....thp*

**The Lord's Plan  
For Evangelism –  
Each one Bring one!  
Will you?**