



LET'S VISIT

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JESUS LOVES ME!

The words written by the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 3:14-21 tell us of his humble attitude. He tells them that he bows his knees to the Father of his Lord Jesus Christ. In this prayer, one request Paul has for the Ephesians stands out. Among the many things he requests, he wants them to be able to comprehend the love of God. In Ephesians 3:18-19, he mentions the four dimensions of God's love in these words, *"May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length and depth and height, And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."*

When you think of the breadth of God's love, you think of how God so loved the world, the world of people. God's love embraces every race. There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free. Often our love is narrow, but God's love is for everyone. Not just the rich, highly educated or powerful.

When you think of the length of God's love, you realize that God's love is endless. The love of God can only be measured by eternity. It is evident in the past and clear in the present. God's love endures. Justice says that we are unworthy to live but mercy spares us. God even allows his blessing to flow to the rebellious. Matthew 5:45 tells us it rains on the just and the unjust. How different that is from our love.

The height of God's love is seen in the lofty purposes it creates. God so loves us that he might save us and give us life. To be the object of love can be either a blessing or a curse. It depends on the elevation of the love that loves us. His love is a blessing because of its high and holy nature.

When you think of the depth of God's love, you think, "God so loved the world". How very deep is

that word "so". How low and degraded the human race is. The Divine love of God reached down to the vilest sinner with a power to save.

The love of God gives. God's love might have been written across the sky in gold letters. It might have been proclaimed by a messenger from heaven. But love is best understood in terms of suffering and sacrifice. God made the supreme sacrifice in the giving of His Son. God's love stooped and became incarnate, it reached down and lifted. Jesus died for the unstained and Jesus died for the ungodly.

One of the most popular children's hymns ever written was Jesus Loves Me. It was written by two sisters, Anna and Susan Warner. They lived in a lovely townhouse in New York. Their father, Henry Whiting Warner was a successful lawyer, however, the panic of 1837 destroyed the family's finances. They were forced to move from their townhouse to a ramshackle house. It was a revolutionary war era home located on Constitution Island, across from West Point. Anna and Susan saw the need to contribute to the family income. They began writing poems and stories for publication. The girls launched parallel literary careers and the result was 106 publications with 18 of them co-authored.

One of their most successful joint projects was a novel entitled "Say and Seal". In the story, a little boy named Johnny Fox is dying. His Sunday School

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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

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Don't Let Your Fire Go Out!

For The Pantry. . .

April 26 – Jelly



**April 19, 2026
\$ 2,596.00**

The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"

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teacher comforts him in his arms. He rocks him and makes up a little song.

"Jesus loves me, this I know.
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong.

Jesus loves me, He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Jesus take this heart of mind,
Make it pure and wholly Thine;
Thou has bled and died for me;
I will henceforth live for Thee.

Yes, Jesus Loves Me,
Yes, Jesus Loves Me
Yes, Jesus Loves Me;
The Bible tells me so.

The song by the way had been written by Anna. William Bradbury composed a childlike musical score for the song and it soon became the best known children's hymn on earth.

Despite their success, the Warner sisters never seemed able to recover from the staggering financial reverses of 1836. Susan and Anna conducted Bible classes for cadets at West Point over a period of forty years. They were both buried with full military honors, the only civilians buried in the military cemetery at West Point.

Jesus Loves Me has its basis in Paul's letter to the Ephesians. God is our Father, bestowing on us perfect, pure, love. His love is as broad as the world, as long as eternity, as deep as sin and misery and as high as heaven. May our hearts respond to that great love. It is in a life of obedience that our love can find expression. It is only when love meets love, when love responds to love that real happiness can come. We must be afraid of the great love that loves us. It will be our heaven if we respond to it and our hell if we spurn it. But remember, Jesus loves me, this I know!

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On The Lighter Side. . .





Friends and Family Day

Sunday June 7, 2026

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



Covered Dish Lunch

Following the morning worship!

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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!

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ANNUAL EAST TEXAS ROTATIONAL MEETING

May 11th through 15th – 2026

Services at 7:00 p.m. each evening

The flyer is on the bulletin board in the foyer with the location and speaker for each evening.

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Stanley Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, 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; 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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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

Communion Preparation - May
Larry & Melonia Molloy



Across The Preacher's Desk

Have you ever taken notice of the importance of prayer in the life of Jesus? He began his earthly ministry in prayer (Luke 3:21) He continued in prayer, and ended in prayer (Luke 23:34) The Heavenly Ministry of Jesus was begun in prayer (John 14:16) and is now continued in prayer (Hebrews 7:25)

The disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1) Prayer is more important than rest, for we read, "in the morning, a great while before day, He rose up and went out into a desert place and there prayed." (Mark 1:35)

Prayer was more important in securing workers than either money or machinery, for Jesus said, "Pray the Lord of Harvest that He send forth laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:38)

It pains me to find someone here and there who feels that the only answer we receive to our prayers is the satisfaction of praying. I believe with all my heart that God does something in answer to prayer that he would not do if I did not pray. There just isn't any end to the things that may be accomplished by prayer.

Do we realize there is absolutely no limit to the power of God? Do we realize that the Lord has said, "Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened." Never discount the power of prayer. Pray and pray often.

it's something to think about.....tlp

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