



LET'S VISIT

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A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME

Have you ever wondered how people find out things? Those statements we made and things we did which we thought would never be known suddenly become public knowledge, and what we thought was a secret is published abroad. I remember when I was a youngster, I couldn't get away with anything. My mother would find out something I had done and I would wonder how she found out. She always said, "a little bird told me". I must admit, I had my doubts about the validity of that statement until one day I read it in the Bible. "*Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber; for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.*" (Ecclesiastes 10:20)

In reality, most people talk too much about too many things. Usually we talk most about those things that we know the least about. If you will notice the conversation of others, it often centers around self. Sometimes the conversation will wander to someone else, but often only for the fleeting moment it takes to cut him or her down to size, thinking it will build up our own ego. If we knew that what we say would be told to those of whom we talk, most of us would say a lot less. I doubt that any of us have said many things about anyone that they do not know that we said it. Just because a person does not attack us for our mean disposition and acid tongue does not mean that they are unaware of what has been said. A little group is seen huddled together talking in a very low voice. Someone approaches and they scatter like birds before the hunter, vowing that the things that were said must be kept secret. Be assured, they won't be. There is a leak somewhere. In fact, some folks' idea of keeping a secret is making sure you only tell it to one person at a time. You will

often find the leak at the very place you did not expect. You will be shocked at first, but it will be a valuable lesson to you. Then you will appreciate the verse cited at the beginning of this article. Why do people often make unkind statements about others? It is because of a lack of respect for Jesus. Did you know that Jesus said, "in as much as ye did it unto these my brethren, ye did it to me."? You can't say hard and harsh things about the followers of Christ, about the church, about your brothers and sisters in Christ without including Jesus in the very statement made. By such actions we help no one. We do not help ourselves or the church. On the contrary, we do great harm to ourselves, to the church, to the person talked about and to the Lord. "*Behold we put bits in the horses mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body and setteth on fire the course of nature and is set on fire of Hell.*" (James 3:3-6). Nothing does more harm than a tongue out of control.

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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



Victory!

For The Pantry. . .

April 5 – Ranch Style Beans



March 29, 2026
\$ 2,492.00

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

Communion Preparation - April
Manny & Brittany Ortiz

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Yes, the birds talk. What we say about others will get to them. Most people who have had “catty” and mean things said about them usually find out what was said, the name and address of the person who said it, and the reason it was said. Very embarrassing indeed. What a price to pay for a moment's gratification of a sensual nature.

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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

Some Food For Thought. . . .

Our preacher sure did pour it on,
But he just let me be.
He took the starch right out of them
That sat just next to me.

You should have heard the things he said,
It was true as true could be.
He burned the seat from under them
That sat just next to me.

He hit the nail square on the head;
With him I do agree;
He trimmed the dead limbs off of them
That sat just next to me.

And then I got to thinking...
I felt sneaking as I could be...
And when I turned and looked at him,
His guns were trained on me!

-anonymous

On The Lighter Side. . .



"I felt like you were preaching right at me this morning ... especially after you pointed and said my name the third time."



Annual Area Wide Singing



Friday – April 24, 2026

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

Refreshments served following the singing

GOSPEL MEETING – San Augustine Church of Christ, April 5th – 8th, 2026. Brant Stubblefield of Edmond, Oklahoma will be doing the preaching with services at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

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

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING – Next Sunday April 12th, immediately after the morning worship in the church offices. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

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

After Simon had denied Jesus for the third time, Jesus looked at Simon. He didn't say a word. He just looked at him. When Simon saw Jesus, he went out and wept. He wept bitterly.

I remember times when I would do things that disappointed my earthly father. Times when he didn't say anything. He just looked at me with disappointment in his eyes. It was worse than any whipping he ever gave me (and I got my share of those!)

Let's be honest, all of us from time to time disappoint those we love. Worse, we often make mistakes and disappoint the Lord who loves us and died for us. That is what Paul was referring to when he wrote, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23)

Some of our mistakes admittedly are quite trivial, even just plain dumb. Things like locking our keys in our car (sometimes with the motor running), forgetting to add sugar to the cranberry sauce (it does make it very tart) or walking into an electric fence.

However, there are other "mistakes" that are more significant. Things like heading down a path to addiction. Things like committing a crime or walking out on a spouse and children. However, all of our mistakes, from the momentarily annoying to the life altering can be washed away by the blood of Jesus.

The one fatal mistake we can make is to ignore the fact that one day we will die and that Jesus is the only way to shun Hell and enter heaven. That is one thing we must get right.

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

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