

# Let's Visit

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## The Goose Hangs High

I used to hear my grandfather use the expression, "the goose hangs high". I never really understood the significance of the saying, however, I knew that it means, "All is well". When you get right down to it, that expression applies to the life of a Christian. One of our greatest blessings in being followers of Christ is knowing that for us, "the goose hangs high." The condition of the world has no effect on us. Paul put it this way in Romans 8:38-39; *"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 creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* If we cannot be separated from the love of Christ, then all is well.

Do you remember when the disciples were caught in the middle of a storm? The Sea of Galilee was restless that night. The little ship the disciples were in was rocking in the storm and they were afraid. Jesus was asleep. They woke Him and he rebuked the winds. All was well. The presence of the Lord made it so. Then there was another night when the Sea of Galilee was unable to find rest. The disciples were in the ship alone and were "sore afraid" (that's 1st century English for scared to death!) But in the middle of the night the Lord came walking on the water, and all was well. There always was and always is a great calm when Jesus appears.

All was well with the multitude when Jesus was there to satisfy their hunger. Through the heat of the day, and till the shadows lengthened and were gradually wrapping their blanket around the earth for the night, this great throng of people had followed the Lord. They were tired and they were hungry.

The disciples wanted to send them away, but Jesus knew that they needed to be refreshed. They only had a few loaves and fishes. Jesus had them to sit down on the ground. Taking the bread he gave thanks to God. They fed the multitude, five thousand men beside women and children and the multitude went away satisfied. All was well, because Jesus was there.

This is almost an endless story. His life is summed up in the statement, "He went about doing good." Where he went, people were blessed, but all that time he was making possible something greater for them and for generations yet to come. When he died it was that all things might be well. Man had no power to save himself. No law had been given that could take away his sins. No sacrifice had been made that was sufficient to atone for sins. But Jesus became that sacrifice. In doing this he answered every question that had been throbbing in the human mind throughout many generations. He opened the way from earth to heaven and make all things well.

If we view this from the standpoint of a faithful congregation of the Lord's people, the answer is the same. All is well. When people are willing to draw near to Christ and serve him, he will see that all is well. No power on earth can keep the Lord's people from moving on to greater things for Him, if they will remain close to Him, for he has the power to see

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### In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry  
KSLA 12 – 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



## Today's Sermon

## Faith To Face the Future

We all feel a certain amount of uncertainty about the future. Faith can help us face it with confidence!

### FOR THE PANTRY....

Chili – No Beans

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us through.. We read of his power over all that would hinder His cause. In our own lives, we have witnessed this power. When life has been most bitter, we have always found the outstretched hands of Him who was able to put restless Galilee to sleep and feed a multitude with a few loaves and fishes. We lean upon His promise that we are in a kingdom that cannot be shaken. So while the world seems unable to find a resting place, and the enemies of Christ are trying to destroy the happiness of his people, we lean securely upon Him and realize that all is well. "The goose hangs high."

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Remember our Sunday Afternoon Class  
5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Make your plans to be here!

## Our Work Goes On. . . . .

We have taken on another "partnership" as we continue to look for opportunities of service in the Lord's Vineyard. We are assisting the work of the **CHILDRENS' HOME OF LUBBOCK** in their drive to collect large kitchen gloves.

If you remember, we had a presentation from **CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME** in October. We had been supporting them for several years in the amount of \$50.00 per month but raised that amount to \$100.00 per month beginning January of this year.

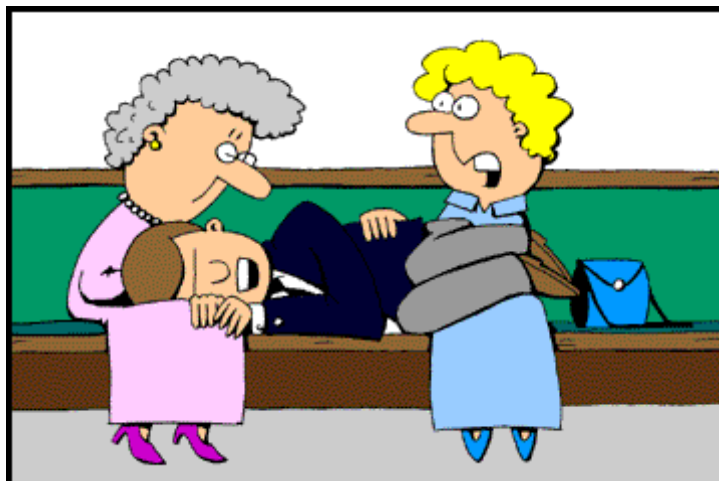
In January of this year, we discontinued our monthly financial support of **SUNNY GLEN CHILDREN'S HOME** as we felt that there were other homes that we could partner with. However we are still participating in the grocery pick up for Sunny Glenn and they will continue to come twice a year to pick up groceries from our pantry.

We have a representative coming from **HIGH PLAINS CHILDREN'S HOME** in April and we are considering supporting them financially with the money we were formerly sending to Sunny Glen.

With sending financial support to Cherokee and High Plain's children's homes, participating in the work of The Children's Home of Lubbock and the grocery pick up for Sunny Glen Children's Home, this will mean that the Center Church of Christ is participating and helping in the work of 4 children's homes that are assisting children in need throughout the state of Texas.

We take pride in our ability to help in these worthwhile work's and give God the Glory.

## On The Lighter Side.....



I'M DREADFULLY SORRY ABOUT THAT ...  
IT'S JUST THAT BILL WAS REALLY MOVED  
DURING LAST WEEK'S "THE SEVENTH DAY  
IS THE DAY OF REST" SERMON

# Miscellaneous



## Those To Remember In Prayer

### Our Church family to remember in prayer

LaJuan Baugh, Dale Fincher, Martha Jean Golden, Rodney Golden, Sonya Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted Holt, Dora Livingston, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Permenter, Mike Permenter, Janice Willaims, Melvin Williams, Betty Willis, Alda Yarbrough.

### Our "extended family" to remember in prayer:

Joe Barr (Melvin Williams' son) Tim Bartlett (friend of Betty Miller) Leyton Bell (Ryan Perkins' grandfather) Edward Lee Bradshaw (Gene Bradshaw's Brother) Leslie Bradshaw (friend of Tim & Norma Perkins) Pauline Bradshaw (Gene Bradshaw's sister-in-law), Bethany Bridges (Debra Pate's friend), Jennifer Britt (friend of Thelma Hinton) Kaden Butler (Debra Pate's great grandson) Marcus Cruz Cranford (Sue Hagler's-great-great grandson) Ronnie Emanis (Sue Hagler's nephew) Mary Fleming (Mike O'Brien's aunt) Hugh Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother) Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's sister-in law) Mike Fults, Jonica Glaze (student from Tenaha injured in serious car accident) Virginia Goodrum (Debra Pate's sister-in-law) Buddy Hancock (Martha Jean Golden's brother) Allison Harbison, George Holder, Larry Landry (Glenna Noles Brother) Vickie Lee (friend of Sue Hagler) Justin Lout (Patricia Lout's son) Shirley Lout (Mike Lout's mother) Mason Matchette (3 year old injured in 4 wheeler accident) Mitchell McLeod (LaJuan Baugh, Sheri Burgay, Trish Lout's nephew), Elsie Lee McDaniel (Alice Hall's sister-in law) George McNatt (Dale Findher's neighbor) Roger Scott (LaJuan Baugh's son-in-law) Robert Shull (friend of Sue Hagler) Margie Weaver (friend of Debra Pate)

### Those being treated for cancer:

Guadalupe Beltran (friend of Sue Hagler), Harold Dawkins (friend of Thelma Hinton) David Greer (son of Gene Greer, former minister here) Carla Holt (Ted and Joyce Holt's daughter-in-law) Tanya Johnson (Alda Yarbrough's sister-in-law) Dora Livingston, Connie Mettauer, Tem Morrison, Teresa Richard (Friend of Norma Perkins) Bobbie Smiley, Ronnie Stanfield (friend of Tim & Norma Perkins) Tina Vaughn (Sue Hagler's daughter) Jo Windham (Betty Miller's sister-in-law)

Also remember Leland Bradshaw, Amanda Bradshaw and Andrew Bradshaw (Gene and Martha's son and granddaughter and grandson) in Iraq.

### *Old Fashioned Gospel Singing*

**February 28, 2020  
7:00 P.M.**

**San Augustine  
Church of Christ  
San Augustine, Texas**



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**LADIES DAY!** - There will be a "Ladies Day" at the Hemphill Church of Christ, Saturday, February 29, 2020. Complete details are on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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## Covered Dish Luncheon

### Sunday

**March 1, 2020**

**Make your plans to be  
here and bring a friend**



The ladies serving on the Hospitality Committee for this dinner are: Martha Bradshaw, Betty Miller, Alda Yarbrough and Debra Pate. Thank you ladies for your willingness to serve, you are appreciated more than you know.

**ALSO TAKE NOTE:** The door to the fellowship hall will be closed and locked following Bible Class. Please make sure to bring your food before 10:30.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**April 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 2020**

## Annual Area-Wide Singing & Gospel Meeting

**Austin Wiggins – Guest Speaker  
Pulpit Minister – Vidor Church of Christ**



## Across The Preacher's Desk

I read a story of a traveler that came to a village in France. Night was coming on and the people were hurrying through the streets. The traveler noticed that each person was carrying a bronze lamp. He inquired about this custom and received the following reply:

"The people are going to the village for worship. When the building was built, it was decided that each member would bring his or her own light to the evening service. There is no other way to light the building, and everyone goes to make the building brighter. Each person realizes that if they are not there, the building will be darker.

The traveler went to that village meeting house, and there he found that on every seat was a place to hang the lighted lamp. As more and more of the members came, the building became brighter and brighter.

Do you realize that things are darker when you stay home? Your "light" is needed for every period of Bible Study and Worship. Suppose we lighted our buildings today by the light the members brought with them? Could folks even find their seat? Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world", and so we are.

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

**Great Churches are built with  
Commitment!**