



LET'S VISIT

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WEARINESS

There are times in all of our lives when we feel overwhelmed. I remember reading a story about a woman named Susie. It seems that Susie called a friend and asked her how she was feeling. "Terrible" she told her. "My head is splitting and my back and legs are killing me. The house is a mess and the kids are driving me crazy." Filled with compassion, Susie said, "Listen, go and lie down. I'll come right over and cook you some lunch, clean up the house and take care of the children while you get some rest. By the way, how is Sam?" The woman said, "Sam, who is Sam?" "You know, your husband Sam" Susie replied. "I don't have a husband named Sam" the woman said. Susie exclaimed, "My heavens, I must have dialed the wrong number." The woman then asked, "Are you still coming over?"

Immediately, you recognize the fact that she was weary. That is something that happens to all of us from time to time, we grow weary. We grow weary in our day to day living as parents, grandparents, husbands, wives, employees and employers. In the world of social work, they have a name for weariness. They call it "burnout"

It happens when a very dedicated, committed person suddenly wakes up and realizes they are tired. Tired of giving, tired of doing, tired of serving. They find the joy of service is gone.

What is true in the secular world is also true in the spiritual world. The writers of the New Testament all realized that from time to time, those faithful workers for the Lord become weary, and the issue is addressed in a number of scriptures. Paul addressed it in Galatians 6:9 when he wrote, "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Paul would also write in II

Thessalonians 3:13, "But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing."

Often we wonder why those in the Lord's work grow weary. One reason is that often there are not observable results. We live in a result oriented society. When you play golf and make a good score, you have the score card. When you fish, you produce a stringer of fish and take a picture for proof.

In the secular world, we can measure success in tangible ways. Service to the Lord however is not always easy to measure. We may labor years and years and not know the results of our work. As a result, we grow weary. We begin thinking nonvisible results mean no results. When God commissioned Isaiah in Isaiah 6:9, he told him to deliver the message of God to a people who would not hear and would not see. Jeremiah likewise was commissioned by God to deliver His message to the people. The only results Jeremiah ever received were his own ridicule and torture. He even despaired of his own life. That is why he is called the "weeping prophet". Isaiah and Jeremiah both labored for God with absolutely no positive results in the way that the world measures results. Can you imagine how weary they must have become. Sometimes, those who face criticism can become weary. It does not matter what the worker in the Lord's vineyard is doing,

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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 Woman of Beauty

For The Pantry. . .

May 10 – Pancake Syrup



**May 3, 2026
\$ 2,661.00**

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

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there is always a critic. Someone says, "we don't do it that way" or "we've never done it that way before" or the real killer, "oh no, we never do THAT!"

We must overcome being weary in well doing. We must focus on our eternal reward, knowing we shall reap if we keep on sowing good work. Paul tells us that if we do not grow weary in doing good, but continue to sow good, we will reap eternal life. We must focus on our service to the Lord. We must ignore those who are not working and hindering the work of the church by their criticism. In our service to the Lord, we will encounter hardship. We will sometimes encounter hostility. The Bible recognized God's people sometimes get weary. Yet, we are promised we shall reap if we do not faint.

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It does not take a real smart person to please the Lord. Just an obedient one.



**SAVE THE DATE!
May 31, 2026**

Trent Davidson from High Plains Children's Home will be here to deliver a presentation on the work that we help support at High Plains Children's Home during the Bible Class Hour. PLEASE! PLEASE! make your plans to attend Bible Class that Sunday to hear the presentation and find out more about this good work that the Center Church of Christ helps to support.

On The Lighter Side. . .

now the ushers will pass out a POP QUIZ

**to check if
y'all been
listening
or not.**



**In response to the sleepy gazes of his people
Preacher Smitkins issued a sermon POP QUIZ**

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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.



Martha Jean Golden is at home with bronchial pneumonia and did not have her surgical procedure on Monday.

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) Pat & William Ford (cousins to Martha Bradshaw) 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) Doug "Goob" Milford (cousin of Amanda Molloy) 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, 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

- 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



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!

Hospitality group 3 will be in charge of this luncheon. The members of this group are: LaJuan Baugh, Sheri Burgay, Liela Klein, Lieza Klein, Tiffanne Klein and Trish Lout.

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Wednesday FELLOWSHIP MEAL

We always have an enjoyable time at our Wednesday night fellowship meal. Please make your plans to join us for our next one on Wednesday, May 27th!



Across The Preacher's Desk

One thing that most of us excel at is wasting time. Though day planners are available in many sizes and styles, though Paul encouraged us to “Redeem the time for the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:16) we are still proficient in failing to use our time wisely.

Probably our preferred method of time wasting comes with worry and anxiety. Do you remember what Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount? He left us this admonition in Matthew 6:34, ““Don't worry at all then about tomorrow. Tomorrow can take care of itself! One day's trouble is enough for one day.” (Phillips). Yet, how many of us actually listen to those words, much less heed them? We start worrying early in the morning and allow our anxiety to intensify as the day progresses. If we are short on a supply of things to worry about, we can watch cable news or check the news apps on our phone. We can then be sure we will have enough bad news, doomsday reports, human tragedies and late breaking calamities to keep our mind churning well into the evening hours. If that isn't enough, then we can worry about our failures and mistakes, things we should've done or could've done and failed to do. We can worry about our weight, our health, the reality of aging - you name it, we can worry about it.

God did not intend for us to live this way. When you are tempted to worry and fret and let anxiety take hold of your life, remember what Peter encouraged us to do when he told us to cast our care upon Jesus because he cares for us (I Peter 5:7).

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

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