

LET'S VISIT

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WE NEED TO BE SAVED

To those we come in contact with on a daily basis, when we talk about "salvation" the most common understanding is the forgiveness of sins and the preservation of the one who has been forgiven to inherit a mansion in heaven. Without any doubt, the term has that meaning. Salvation is of course found in Jesus Christ, and Jesus plainly tells us in Mark 13:13 that those that shall endure unto the end shall be saved. John 3:16 tells us that God sent Christ into the world that the world might be saved and Jesus tells us in Luke 19:10 that he came to seek and to save that which was lost. Yet, what we often lose sight of is the fact that there are other salvation that people need and these also are found in Jesus Christ.

We need to be saved from ourselves. It has been said that a man or woman wrapped up in themselves makes a very small package. Think of all those who live only for themselves. They never know the joy that comes from serving others. They have no concept of the blessing that comes from giving. They have never experienced the abundance of sharing. These are so wrapped up in making themselves happy that they become selfish, grasping and poor. As they draw their world around them smaller and smaller, they make a futile attempt to compensate for their diminishing world by driving larger cars, living in more elaborate houses, and securing more expensive apparel. The next time you see someone who is trying to get ahead of their neighbor in this way, ask them if they are happy. The answer will probably surprise you. The message of Jesus will save people from the prison cell of self and open to them not only the whole world but also heaven.

There are many today who are filled with doubt that need to be saved. During the life of Jesus, many of his disciples were often filled with doubt and uncertainty. When John the Baptist was thrown into prison by Herod, he began to have doubts about Jesus being the Messiah. Remember, this was the man who had told Andrew that day, *"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."* (John 1:29) Yet, in his "castle of doubt" of the prison cell, he sent his disciples to Jesus to ask, *"Art thou he that should come or do we look for another?"* (Matthew 11:3) Then there was Thomas, one of the twelve. Doubting Thomas we like to call him. Thomas was the one who was not with them when Jesus showed himself to the apostles after his resurrection. He said that he must put his finger into the nail print and his hand into Jesus' side before he would believe. Yet, when he saw Jesus, he was heard to exclaim, *"my Lord and my God."* (John 21:28) Oh, that we would make that same statement and allow Jesus to be the Lord and Master of our lives.

We also need to be saved from loss. If you read Peter's second epistle, it becomes apparent that this world is destined to pass away. With the passing of this world, go all of man's possessions. When we come to the end of our earthly journey, the number of toys in our toy box will be of absolutely no significance. What will matter will be our

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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



What Shall This Man Do?

For The Pantry. . .

November 1 – Dried Beans



October 25, 2026
$2,655.00

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

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relationship to God. Jesus tells us in the sermon on the mount that where our treasure is, there will our heart be. (Matthew 6:21) Is our treasure found in the Lord, in His church and in his work or are we trusting in the things of this world?

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The Family Bible. . .

A bright young boy of seven took the large dusty Bible from the table in the living room. After looking through its dusty pages a while he asked his mother, "Isn't this God's book?" His mother of course replied that it was. "Well, we'd better send it back, hadn't we? We never use it" said the lad.

The young boy's father might have been the man who was being chastised by the good sister who ran into him at Wal-Mart on Monday morning. She said to him, " I heard you went to a ballgame instead of coming to Bible Study and Worship Sunday,." He indignantly replied, "That's a lie and I've got the fish to prove it."

Think about that and let it soak in real good.

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On The Lighter Side. . .



HE SEEMS TO HAVE LOST HIS ZING

The Sunny Glen Truck

The truck from Sunny Glen Children's Home came on Wednesday, October 21st. The expressed their appreciation for the large amount of groceries and supplies furnished by the Center Church of Christ and you as a congregation are to be commended for the abundance that was in our pantry. Below is a picture of our pantry before the truck came and cleaned it out. There was more stacked outside that would not fit in the pantry.





MAKE YOUR PLANS TO BE HERE!

December 6, 2026

We will be having a covered dish luncheon following the morning worship.



Hospitality Group 2 will be in charge of this luncheon. The members of this group are Melonie Bradshaw, Sarah Fletcher, Amanda Molloy, Debra Pate and Norma Perkins.



This past Wednesday Night was the last of our Wednesday Fellowship meals for the year of 2026. Those present had an enjoyable time of fellowship and singing. We will not be having a Wednesday Fellowship meal in November or December but if the Lord wills, we will resume with our meal on Wednesday, January 27, 2027.

Communion Preparation - November
Manny and Brittany Ortiz



LaResa Livingston is scheduled for surgery on her shoulder this coming Tuesday.
La Juan Baugh is still at her daughter, Llea's home and is in need of our prayers.
Stanley Amos is now at home and taking out-patient re-hab

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; **Bonnie Andrews** (friend of Norma Perkins) being treated for cancer **Peggy Baylor** (Tim Bradshaw's mother) **Debra Clifton** (friend of LaResa Livingston) **Norma Cortez** (Manny Ortiz mother) **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) **Albert Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's father) **Karen McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher) **Doug "Goob" Milford** (cousin of Amanda Molloy) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle); **Heather Simmons Stewart** (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; **Harold Wiggins** (Stephen Wiggins father) **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

PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!



DECEMBER 20, 2026

More Details will follow later.



Across The Preacher's Desk

In Matthew 18:3, Jesus said, "unless you change your whole outlook and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Phillips translation). Do we really comprehend what it is to have the faith of a child?

Several years ago, we had our grandsons with us for the weekend, Mason was only about 3 years old and he has always been an early riser. He has always been in the kitchen with me when they are at our house as I made the coffee. On this particular visit, he asked me as we were making coffee, "Poppy, where is the sun". Well, I summoned all my scientific vocabulary and told him, "the sun is asleep, but it will be waking up soon". Then he asked "why". I told him the sun needed to rest so it could spend the day lighting and warming the earth.

Our kitchen window faces east. As soon as the sun started to peek out over the treetops, I picked him up and stood him on the cabinet and said, "Mason, look, the sun is waking up.

He looked at me and said, "Poppy, God made the sun…and the moon". There was no question there. It was just a matter of fact statement from a 3 year old informing me the sun was coming up that morning because God made it.

Jesus said that is the kind of faith you and I need. A simple, childlike faith in God. Maybe we should work on that.

it's something to think about…..tbp

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