



LET'S VISIT

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THE FAMILY OF GOD

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us that we are not to be anxious about the things of this life. He warns us against unproductive worry. Yet, there is so much unrest, so much disappointment, so much for us to be anxious about in our world today.

Most of our anxiety and worry is about tomorrow. What does tomorrow hold for us? Will the economy still be stable tomorrow? Is inflation going to get worse or will prices go down? What is the result of all this talk about "tariffs" going to be? Am I going to be able to afford to buy gas and groceries this time next year? We find so many things to worry about. Yet, do you remember what Jesus said? Here are His words, "be not therefore anxious for the morrow, for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." (Matthew 6:34) Jesus was talking about such things as food, clothing and shelter. It would do all of us good to read the 6th chapter of Matthew and read it often. We cannot and will not deny that life is complicated, especially at this point in history. There is political unrest all over the globe and even in our own nation. You turn on the news and almost daily you see people who have seemingly lost their mind. There is the uncertainty of this time we are living in. However, we must remember that the God who has brought us this far can carry us on from where we are.

We should be concerned about making a success of today. There will be no pleasure tomorrow in looking back on the failures of today. Most of us live between two parts of our lives which are constantly dealing us misery. We are fearful of the future and we worry about it while we regret the past. Why should anyone be forced to regret the past? Perhaps because they failed to realize the value of taking care of today. We often attempt to escape from the

responsibility of today as did Scarlet in "Gone With The Wind" by saying, "Oh Well, I'll worry about that tomorrow, after all, tomorrow is another day." Yet, if we stop and think, we realize that if tomorrow does come, we cannot enjoy it unless we have made a success of the day before it. Anything I put off today by saying I will do it tomorrow, will either never be done or I will be forced to neglect something tomorrow to do what should have been done today. Every day has the same amount of hours as the day before. We will never have time to make up for the hours we might lose. They are gone and will never return. This does not mean I may not be able to be a greater success tomorrow than I have been today, but it does mean that the measure of success tomorrow depends on how well we succeed today.

We might well ask, "Well, since I have already made some failures, where do I start?" We start today by doing the will of God and living God's kind of life in God's way. God will forgive us for past failures if we will but genuinely repent and do his will. When he has freed us from the burden of yesterday's failures then we make today what it should be so that we will have no worries tomorrow. This does not mean we will not have difficulties. But, we serve a God who can solve all our difficulties if we live for Him one day at a time.

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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



We Want To See Jesus

**For The Pantry. . .
April 13 – Pancake Mix**

Offering – April 6, 2025 .. \$ 1,924.00

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

Who Lost The Game?

Behold a ball team went forth to play a game of baseball. Just as the umpire was saying "Batter Up", the catcher for the home team arrived and took his place. The center fielder and the second baseman didn't arrive until the middle of the second inning. The first baseman didn't come at all, but later sent his regrets and said that he had to go to a chicken dinner at Aunt Susie's. The third baseman likewise failed to show up, having been up late the night before and desired to spend the day in bed. The left fielder was away visiting another ball game across town. The shortstop was present but left his glove at home.

Verily, when the pitcher went into the box he looked around to see his teammates, and lo, his heart was made heavy when he saw the empty seats (pardon me, I mean places). The game had been announced and visitors were already in the stands to see the game. There was nothing to do but pitch the ball and hope for the best. So the pitcher tightened his belt, stepped into the box, and did his best to put one over the plate. But for some reason, he just couldn't find the groove. Soon some of his teammates began to ride him for his wild pitching and loud boos were heard from the stands. At the

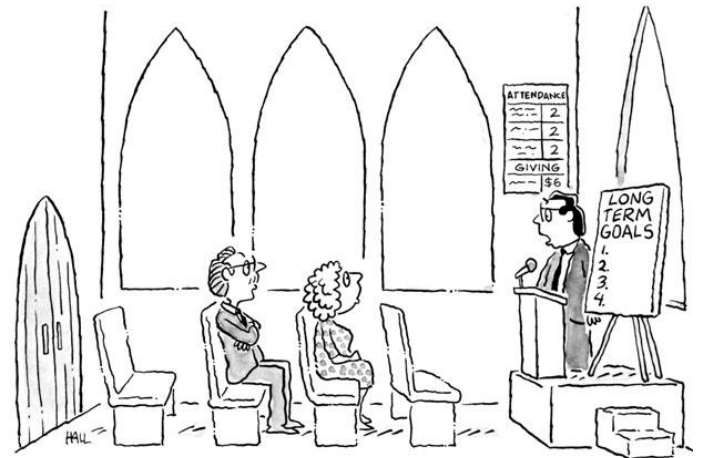
end of the game, the home team (what there were there) were disgracefully beaten.

This game caused much discussion, and when the rest of the team heard about the defeat, everyone decided to do something about it. A decision was finally reached. A new pitcher must be hired. It was his poor pitching that had lost the game.

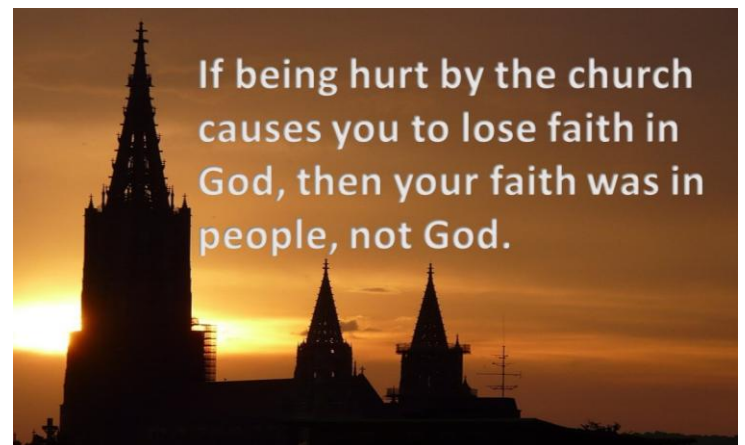
The team is now looking forward with much more optimism. Their new pitcher came well recommended. But who really lost the game?

*-selected
-Just A Moment*

On The Lighter Side. . .



***So, you think we should become a
Mega-Church, Earl? Would you
elaborate on that.***





Area-Wide Singing And Gospel Meeting

April 25th, 26th and 27th

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR – NOW!

Area-wide Singing-Friday, April 25th - 7:00 P.M.

Refreshments following the singing

Gospel Preaching –Saturday April 26th - 7:00 P.M.

Covered Dish Luncheon following Sunday Morning Worship.

Phil Sanders, Guest Speaker

Norma Perkins, Sarah Fletcher, Jana O'Brien, Melonia Molloy and Marsha Bounds are in charge of the Hospitality for both the singing on Friday night and the Luncheon on Sunday.

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REFRESHMENTS FOR SINGING – If you would be willing to help provide refreshments for the Singing on Friday Night, please sign the list in the foyer. You will be contacted with what you need to furnish.

Communion Preparation for April Isaiah & Amanda Molloy



Our next Wednesday Fellowship meal will be on Wednesday, April 30th. Make your plans to be here and meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 for our meal together followed by our monthly singing.

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MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING – April 13, 2025 immediately following the morning worship in the church offices. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Martha Jean Golden, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) **Richard Barbee** (Gene Bradshaw's nephew) **David Bissett** (Mike O'Brien's brother in law, cancer) **Dwayne Brister** (Cissy Amos' cousin) **Jane Adams Burkhalter** (Diedra Hughes' cousin) **Debra Clifton** (friend of LaResa Livingston) **Coleen Dickerson** (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) **Leta Dozier** (Ryan Perkins' grandmother) **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Emily Heflin** (Mike Bostick's niece recovering from surgery) **Suzi Hogan** (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) **Wynell Lawson** (Diedra Hughes' aunt) **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) **Norma Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's mother) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle); **Heather Simmons Stewart** (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; **J. C. Tate** (Jana O'Brien's father)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Andrew Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

Make a note of the dates of these activities on the Calendar for 2025.

June 1, 2025 – Covered Dish Luncheon

September 7, 2025 – Friends & Family Day

December 7, 2025 – No Excuse Sunday

December 21, 2025 – Annual Christmas Party

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Across The Preacher's Desk

Just for a moment, ponder the message of the following passages of scripture. Matthew 12:36-37, "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Ephesians 4:29-30, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

By our words we express our ideas and thoughts. With words we can hurt, discourage, anger, stir up strife and crush the spirits of those around us. Conversely, we can cheer, enlighten, encourage, uplift and calm others by our words also.

We can speak a language that is pure and pleasing in the sight of God and unquestionable in the sight of men, or we can corrupt that language until it damns our soul. Stop and think!

Do my words justify or condemn me? Is my speech pure and clean or is it distasteful in the sight of God and man? Let us strive to speak in a manner that is becoming to Christians and uplifting to those we associate with daily.

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

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
55 in '25!**