

Let's Visit

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Will Tomorrow Come?

Solomon in the long ago said, "Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give; when thou has it by thee," (Proverbs 3:28) A universal habit of man seems to be that of putting off what needs to be done today. It is a habit that can grow on one until his conscience does not disapprove, though he finally allows the habit to grow to the extent that he uses this putting off as a means of putting away forever. It is a well known fact that people who develop the habit of "putting off" seldom do what they should do. See if some of the following sound familiar.

"I am going to give more to the Lord tomorrow." It may be that he is waiting to get certain obligations paid before becoming more liberal. He may be waiting to accumulate a little more of this world's goods. In this case he does not trust the Lord at all. He is putting enough away to take care of self before considering the Lord. The Lord's way is for one to give "as prospered". This simply means, "as you go along your way." I may be able to give the Lord much more tomorrow than I can today, but that does not excuse me from the duty today. Let me do what I can today, and then tomorrow I will do more, if possible. I have found that people who put off giving until some future date, seldom get around to it. The word of the church needs our best today, right now. It is based on our ability of today. If some are slack, while they wait until tomorrow, the burden becomes heavier for others. The excuses that are offered may sound good to man, but God knows what is in the heart. and God wants what I can do today.

Another is going to do more work for the Lord tomorrow. Of course he can see, all around him, work that needs to be done. He can also see that some labor on his part might ease the load of

someone who is forced to carry two loads. He is kind enough to be considerate about the health of others, but not kind enough to get in there and help. We do not question the intentions of such people, but intentions do not make the cause of Christ prosper. It may be that people will be able to do more tomorrow, but that does not do away with the duty of today. What would you say to Jesus if you were suddenly called to face Him, while you had only intentions to offer? Would the Lord reward you for faithfulness? Is there any statement in the Bible that indicates God will reward us for good intentions?

Then there are those who are going to right their wrongs tomorrow. They are going to come back to the church. They realize they cannot face God in their present condition. But they have a few more things to do before making all things right. They do not consider the fact that they may die before intentions become a reality. So they go through life planning to obey the gospel tomorrow. They dream of better days, days when they will be the Lord's servant. They know that it will make others happy, as well as save their own soul, and they fully intend to enjoy those days. But the habit of putting off was too strong for them. They are finally caught in their sinful condition and are lost. What a pity! How foolish it is to wait until tomorrow to do what should be done for the Lord today.

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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 "A Rendezvous With Death"

Our text comes from
Titus 2:14. Paul writes there
of Jesus that "he gave himself
for us". Jesus had a
rendezvous with death and
because of that, you and I
have forgiveness of sins
through his blood.

Is your influence the kind that will cause someone to spend eternity in heaven or is your influence such that it will cause someone to lose their soul? Jesus said that we are to be the "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world". How are we doing with that?

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On The Lighter Side. . .



I had a wonderful visit, preacher, and may I say that I found your church every bit as relevant, inspirational, meaningful, caring and fun as your facebook post promised it would be!

For The Pantry. . . Salad Dressing

I Never See You Read It!

I read about a mother whose son had a great influence on her life because of what he said and also an influence on the life of his father. The little boy picked up the Bible and asked them what it was for. She told him it was the word of God. He asked why they had it. She answered they had it to read. He said, "But I never see you read it." That boy today is a Christian. His father and mother taught him Christianity. They learned their lesson.

I wonder how many boys and girls think the same as this boy did, but who fail to give expression to their thoughts. You see, there are so many ways of hurting people. We can hurt them by what we say and what we do. We can also hurt them by setting the wrong kind of example. When we neglect the Lord, we not only harm ourselves but all those who may be influenced by our behavior. Are we able to fully comprehend the power of our influence? Because of our influence, none of us will go to heaven alone, we will take someone with us. Conversely, because of our influence, if our soul is lost, we will not be lost alone, our influence will cause others to be lost also.

Each One Bring One!
52 in '22
Invite Someone Each Week!

*Jesus described his church as a vineyard
in which men work, as a body in which
duties are performed by the members, as leaven
busily influencing the world, but never as a
dormitory in which men sleep.*

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*An unwise man or woman is more concerned over
the wrong they suffer that over the wrong they do.*

Miscellaneous

Due to scheduling conflicts, we had to change the date of our next covered dish luncheon. Please take note of this and make your plans to be here.

Save the Date!

May 15, 2022

Our Next Covered Dish Luncheon!
We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for June, July & August

We will also have a "Special Celebration"



Make your plans to be here and bring a guest!

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a men's business meeting next Sunday (April 24th) in the church offices. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

SUNNY GLEN CHILDRENS HOME

The grocery truck from Sunny Glen Children's Home will be here the week of May 8th. They have requested that we collect especially **paper towels, mayonaise, salad dreddings and healthy kids snacks.**

CHILDREN'S HOME OF LUBBOCK

Remember we are collecting toilet paper as a part of the "Big Heart Campaign" for the Children's Home of Lubbock. We have almost reached our goal of 1,000 rolls of toilet paper, with 854 rolls collected as of Friday, April 15!



Those To Remember In Prayer

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick , Gene Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted and Joyce Holt, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims,

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother) **Ana Blair** (friend of Debra Pate) **Donna Boullion** (Ted and Joyce Holt's niece) **Gil Boullion** (Ted and Joyce Holt's nephew) back surgery **Gayle Foster** (Cancer) **Dalton Hendrix** (Joyce Holt's great-great nephew) **Sandra Hogan** (friend of Roxie Bostick) **Wendy Johnson** (friend of Norma Perkins) **Julia Keffer** (Bobbi Holder's mother) **Laurie King** (Co-worker of Mike O'brien,) cancer : **Bruce Ligon** (friend of Tim and Norma Perkins) **Liam Martinez** (11 months old) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; **Katilyn Tate** (Roxie Bostick's daughter-in-law) **Jared and Natalie Bostick** (Mike and Roxie's son and daughter-in-law) **Marc Tate** (Jana O'Brien's brother) **Pat Tate** (Jana O'Brien's mother) **Tina Vaughn** - cancer (Sue Hagler's Daughter) **Stephen Williams**, recovering from surgery.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE
Amanda Bradshaw, Leland Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw
Jeremiah Soape and Lucas Tate

If you want someone added to the prayer list, please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.

Christians should live in the world, but not be filled with it. A ship lives in the water; but if the water gets into the ship, she goes to the bottom. So Christians may live in the world; but if the world gets into them, they sink.

Dwight L. Moody

Overheard: "The Bible is the most wonderful book that I never read."



Across The Preacher's Desk

Wouldn't it have been a wonderful opportunity to be one of the first ones to visit the empty tomb of the risen Lord? I have tried to imagine how Mary Magdalene and the others must have felt early on that Sunday morning. They were undoubtedly weary and dreary due to their lack of sleep. Their hearts had been crushed by the tragedy of Calvary. Fresh in their mind was the great suffering of their Teacher, Deliverer, Healer and Friend. The horrific scenes of Friday were emblazoned on their hearts.

Can you by an eye of faith see them as they rose early on that Sunday morning and as they approached the tomb Jesus' brutal treatment at the hand of the Romans was fresh on their mind. They could still hear the cracking of the whip, they could see the flowing of His blood, they could feel the damp, foreboding darkness that covered the earth as it convulsed at the sight of God's Son being crucified.

Yet, when they came to the tomb, it was empty. An angel said to them, "He is not here, for he is risen as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." (Matthew 28:6)

Because that tomb was empty that Sunday morning, we have hope beyond this life. Paul would write, "thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Corinthians 15:57)

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

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
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52 in '22!**