



LET'S VISIT

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TROUBLED HEARTS

While Jesus walked the dusty roads of Palestine, there were those who left their families and followed Him. They found that it was not an easy life. They often had to run for their lives. They spent much of their time in direct opposition to the leaders of the day. Therefore, they were held in contempt by these leaders. If they had a propensity to have a complex causing them to be depressed and have the “blues” surely they had plenty of opportunities to experience it. If there ever was a group of people who had the right to feel sorry for themselves they had that right. However, Jesus did not grant them this privilege. In what would be the most trying hour of their lives, Jesus said, *“Let not your heart be troubled”*. When Jesus said that, He was about to leave them. He realized they would be prone to lose faith when He went away. Yet, He stated a fact they could well afford to hear. *“Ye believe in God, believe also in me.”* They believed in a God who was absent bodily. They could also believe in the Son of God when He was absent from the flesh. They believed this God who was spiritual was present. They could believe also in the presence of Christ. He told them, *“Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.”* He expected their belief in His presence to remove the troubles from their hearts. In their lives it did. I doubt that any people have ever been pictured as being happier than these men who lived in the midst of trouble and died miserably. They refused to lose their grip on the Lord. So long as they remained with Him, He remained with them. When He was there, all real troubles were over.

Could an individual be afraid riding on the ocean if they knew they were riding in a ship that would not

sink? Would someone be afraid enduring a storm, if they were sure that the house they were in could not be shaken? So often, our fear comes from our lack of faith in the house or the ship? Surely we are aware of this. We are not sure that our house will not be blown down or that the ship we are in will not sink. So, let's see if this is not the real cause of our troubled hearts. Are we sure of the Lord? There is no real reason why we should not be. Surely we know He will fulfill His promises. They what is it we are afraid of? Perhaps we are afraid of ourselves. We know that God is the “God of the seventh trouble” (Job 5:19) He will not forsake us. If we are lacking here, then we need to increase our faith. But if our failure rests in our fear of self, we need to increase our faithfulness. There is no reason for an individual to live a life of fear. There is no reason for someone allowing trouble to overcome them. When we do, we reveal the fact that we have played at loyalty to God or allowed our faith to die. There is no condition in life that Jesus has not seen and for which he has failed to make provision. Even our greatest sorrows, which we face while trying to catch a glimpse of the unseen, have been soothed by the Master.

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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
KSLA 12 – Shreveport – 11:00 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 373 – 7:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 83 – 7:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



The Righteous Anger of Jesus

**For The Pantry. . .
April 21 – Oatmeal**

Offering – April 7, 2024. \$2,576.00

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

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We are not to believe that Jesus did not want those he left behind to be concerned. He had no such idea ever, about anything. The Lord never taught us to be light-hearted in thinking about serious matters. He was often a very serious thinker Himself. His seriousness often led to tears and long nights spent in prayer. His concern for the souls of men and women was a burden on His heart. Yet, His concern did not cause Him to despair. This was what He wanted to make His disciples understand. God has not told us to refuse to be serious about serious matters, but never to allow them to overcome us. We cannot leave the ship, for it will not sink. Troubles may often be of great help to us. They often cause us to move a little closer to the Lord.

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A Certified Gospel

"But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man"
(Galatians 1:11)

A certified gospel is simply a guaranteed gospel. Paul guaranteed the Galatians that the gospel which he preached did not originate with men, but originated with God and was revealed to him by the revelation of Jesus Christ. Men are always careful to obtain only those products that are guaranteed to come up to a certain standard; but it is different with the gospel, with religious teachings. They are apt to

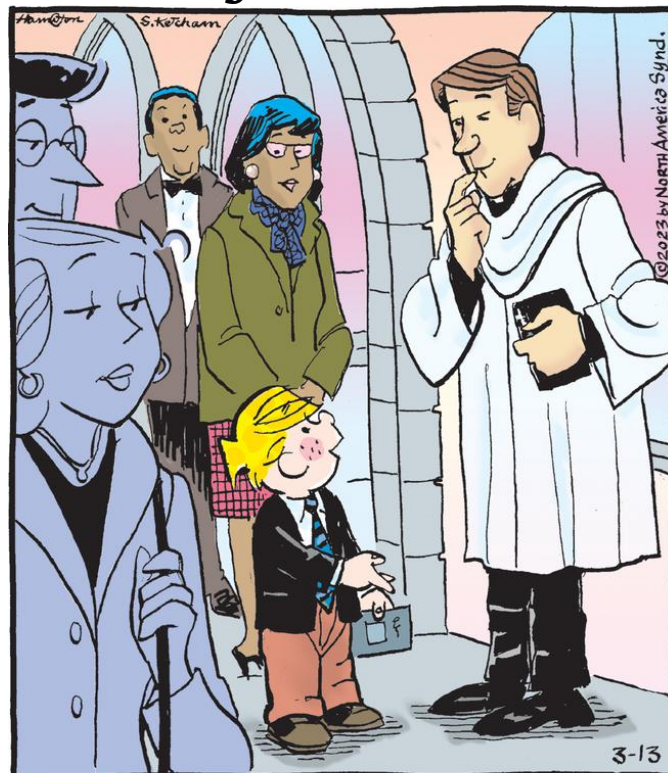
accept just about anything, whether it has a guarantee or not when they consider religion.

In only one place can we find a certain gospel today. That is in the pages of inspired scripture, the teachings of the New Testament. When Paul preached, he proved the gospel to be from God by miracles that God did through him. Today, however, it is not necessary that miracles occur for the listener to recognize the certified gospel. He has only to go to the teachings of the New Testament and prove the preaching he hears by what he reads in God's word. If what is preached is found in the Bible, then it is guaranteed to be true. If it is not found in the Bible, then it is not the certified gospel, and should be rejected.

How thankful we should be that there has been given to us, the work of God in a permanent form so that we can turn its pages and study his will. Let us not neglect our opportunities to study and to practice that which we learn. By so doing, the world will have a demonstration of the certified gospel, a sure proof as to the reality there is in the religion of our Lord.

-Foster L. Ramsey

On The Lighter Side. . .



**"DOES THAT 'DAILY BREAD' COME WITH
PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY?"**



AREA WIDE SINGING!

Our Area-Wide-Singing is this coming Friday night, April 26th. Make your plans to be here, invite your friends and neighbors to come and plan to stay for a

time of fellowship after the singing.

We will be serving refreshments following the singing and the following ladies are serving on the Hospitality Committee for the singing: Marsha Bounds, Sarah Fletcher, Melonia Molloy and Norma Perkins.

If you are bringing refreshments, please make sure to have them at the building no later than 6:45 P.M. Your cooperation in this will be greatly appreciated.

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There Will Be No Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal in April



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Upcoming Events

LADIES' DAY – April 27, 2024 at the Tenaha Church of Christ 9:30 a.m. til 12:30 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

GOSPEL MEETING – May 5-8, 2024 at the Church of Christ in Cushing, Texas. Stephen, Austin and Wesley Wiggins will be doing the preaching. Services at 7:00 each evening.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

- June 2, 2024 – Covered Dish Luncheon
- September 8, 2024 – Friends & Family Day
- December 8, 2024 – No Excuse Sunday
- December 15, 2024 – Christmas Party

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Our hearts are saddened at the passing of our Sister in Christ – **Roxie Bostick**. We extend our sympathy to Mike and the rest of the family.

Wayne Sims is scheduled for further tests.

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

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

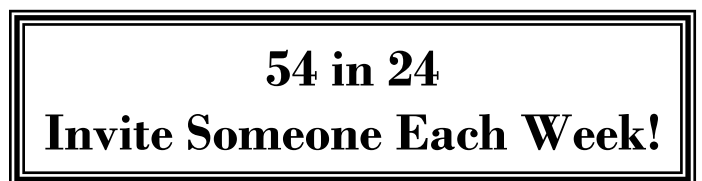
"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Cody Anthony (LaResa Livingston's nephew) **Mitchell Anthony** (LaResa Livingston's brother), **Alton Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's cousin – cancer) **Michele Bradshaw** (Gene & Martha Bradshaw's daughter in law) **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Gail Foster** (Cancer) **Bobbie Gray** (Jerry Pate's Aunt) **Geneva Harrison** (Mike Bostick's mother) **Glynn Hartt** (friend of Cissy Amos) **Joe Hughes** (Cissy Amos' father); **Sonya Hughes** (friend of Gene and Martha Bradshaw) **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Verven Pate** (Jerry Pate's brother) is being treated for stomach cancer. **Stephanie Richard** (Friend of Norma Perkins) cancer; **Traci Roden** (friend of Norma Perkins) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; **Michael Smith** (Debra Pate's cousin) is being treated for lung cancer in Green Acres; **Buddy Sowell** (friend of Debra Pate) **J. C. Tate** (Jana O'Brien's father) **Clark Paul Williams** (LaResa Livingston's cousin)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

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

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Across The Preacher's Desk

Most, if not all of us are familiar with the first miracle Jesus performed. It was at a wedding in Cana and Jesus and His disciples were there. Jesus' mother, Mary, was there too. They ran out of wine and Jesus changed six pots of water into wine. It was not just any wine, it was better wine than what had already been served.

Hidden in that story is a statement made by Mary that is often overlooked. She was speaking to the servants and recorded in John chapter 4 and verse 5 are these words, "whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." You know, that is good advice for us to take to heart in our own day and time.

You see, the commandments of Jesus, the things Jesus tells us to do, the way Jesus instructs us to live are more than just suggestions, they are imperatives. Too often in our world today we fail to take Jesus seriously and obey what He tells us to do.

Jesus had a lot to say about obedience. In the sermon on the mount in Matthew 7:21, He says, "not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven". Then again, in John 14:15, speaking to His disciples, Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

You know, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it" seems like sound advice.

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

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
54 in '24!**