



LET'S VISIT

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DOES JESUS CARE?

A young lady sat up in bed and looked at the man lying next to her. In her heart, she regretted spending the night with him. In fact, he was the 6th man she had shared her bed with. The other 5 had married and divorced her.

This relationship didn't seem to be any more fulfilling than the others. She wondered to herself, "What have I done with my life? What am I doing with this man?"

In the corner of the room were some clay jars for holding water. They were empty and they needed to be filled. She picked them up and made her way outside. She strolled through the streets of the city and the markets. She was headed to the community well to fill the waterpots.

She couldn't help but relate to those empty jars of clay she held in her arms. They were empty and dry, just like she was empty and dry. Like them, she needed to be filled. She had poured out every drop of herself. Emotionally and physically, she was drained. Everyone had taken from her freely, but no one ever gave back. My, how she longed to be filled again.

As she made her way toward the well, she thought to herself, "If only I could be filled up as easily as I can fill these jars of clay!" If only she could go to the well and be filled also. She didn't know she was headed down the path toward the solution to all of her problems. You see, that is how the woman of Samaria came in contact with Jesus Christ and Jesus gave her a lesson in living water.

We live in a very impersonal world. We are in the age of bigness and numbers and electronic gadgetry. Everywhere we go, they keep track of us with our Social Security number or our drivers license number or our birthdate. Go to the pharmacy to pick up a

prescription and they want to know your birthday. Go to some other place and they will ask for "the last four of your social". There are barcodes everywhere and now all the stores want me, an unpaid employee to check myself out.

Well, the people we spend our money with may not know our name, but just like Jesus did the woman at the well, God still knows us as individuals. God does not keep track of his children by the "last four of their social" or a GPS. As it says in John 10:3, God knows his own by name.

God cares about us as individuals. Think of the individuals that Jesus took a personal interest in. There was that tax collector by the name of Zacchaeus. Jesus was passing through Jericho and saw him up in a sycamore tree. Jesus called him by name and told him he was going home with him. After Jesus went home with him, Zacchaeus' life was never the same. When Jesus went to that little home in Bethany, he took a personal interest in Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Think of all of the nameless in the New Testament that Jesus cared for.

Jesus has an interest in all of our cares and problems. He cares about our family, our children, our wife or husband. He is concerned about our finances, our future and our security. He cares about our health and the health of others. Jesus is concerned over every care that burdens us.

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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



Guest Speaker

Phil Sanders

For The Pantry. . .

April 207 – Oatmeal

Offering – April 20, 2025 . . \$ 1,995.00

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

I Don't Get Excited!

"Some people get all excited and worked up over religion, and the work of the church, but I don't. I don't see much sense in it. I always try to maintain an even keel, and not go off the deep end about anything. Just to be honest with you, I don't think too much of the person who does get all worked up about the church and the work of the church. No, you take preachers for example, they are always raving and ranting about something, so I have come to kind of take such for granted, and don't let it worry me at all."

"Sometimes, preachers get up and rave about Bible School Attendance. They set goals, and keep insisting that more people come. That doesn't bother me in the least. If you just don't pay any attention to them, they'll soon become so discouraged that they will not even mention a goal. Of course, some people take them seriously and try to make the goal, But, what if everybody did that? First thing you know, we wouldn't have enough room for the ones that are coming and then we would have to build a bigger building. That is another reason that I don't let myself get excited about figures and goals. I'm not about to give anything to build a bigger building. I think we are doing enough now."

"Elders are kind of like preachers. They seem to think that we should meet the budget figure. Why, it doesn't make any difference to me whether we have that much contribution or not. And then they are always talking about the members teaching people to become Christians. My goodness, what do they think we hire a preacher for? Why, if I started talking to my friends about becoming Christians, they would laugh me out of the house."

"I just refuse to pay too much attention to such things. Who am I? Oh, I am the average church member."

-Copied

-Deacon Hornblower

On The Lighter Side. . .



"While I'm preaching, you keep an eye on that kid with the sling-shot."

Recipe For A Terrible Day. . .

Take a pint of ill humor – add one or more unfortunate incidents – set over a good fire.

When at the boiling point, add a tablespoon of temper and baste from time to time with sarcasm.

Cook until the edges cure – add a handful of haughty words.

As the mixture curdles, stir furiously and then . . serve while sizzling.

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Plan To Stay For Our Luncheon After Worship Today!

Today is the culmination of a great weekend of
“Spiritual Renewal” with Brother Phil Sanders
as our Guest Speaker. We hope you are
planning to stay for our covered dish luncheon

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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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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THE TRUCK FROM SUNNY GLEN will be here the
week of June 10th. They are establishing a new
pick-up schedule and will be coming approximately
every 9 months instead of every 6 months.

*The best way to prevent a nose bleed is to keep it out of
other people's business.*



Lane O'Brien (Mike and Jana's son) is recovering from
surgery following a serious automobile accident and is
facing more surgery.

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 & Pat Tate (Jana O'Brien's father and mother)

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
PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!



Across The Preacher's Desk

Jesus didn't quit assembling with the disciples because Judas was a hypocrite, or because Peter was always "buttin' in". Nor did he quit because James and John "flew off the handle" occasionally. His interest in these men was not lessened because they were envious and jealous of each other at times. He did not quit teaching the high standard of life because some of his close associates failed miserably to live as they should. He did not refuse to teach others because they were unkind and unbelieving.

Jesus did not quit as a leader because some could not see "eye to eye" with him and criticized him to his back. He did not cease to teach good morals just because he associated with an adulterous woman, an unscrupulous business man or demon worshippers. When he didn't get everything his way he didn't stop praying nor did he give up the fight because all his disciples fled from him when there was danger.

Instead, he chose a course of right and was sure it was right and let nothing stop his development and accomplishments for God. He drank the bitter cup of betrayal, crucifixion, death and burial. But he didn't quit there. He came from the grave to be the ruler of the universe.

When we feel like quitting or taking off, we must remember Christ and Him crucified. That will keep us at our post of duty.

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

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