

Let's Visit

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Opportunity Still Knocks

Every person can be what God wants them to be and do what God wants them to do. How few ever realize this to the fullest! It is not because there is something wrong with us. Recently I read this statement: "Opportunity still knocks for those who are not too busy complaining to listen."

Are you a complainer? It is easy to become one without realizing it. Usually such a condition comes because we are not satisfied with what we are and are unwilling to do anything about it. It causes us to search for someone to blame for our own failures. We find ourselves running from one person to another, and one place to another, but always unable to find satisfaction. People just do not enjoy listening to us complain.

I knew a lady once who evidently had done much graduate work in complaining. She was a member of the Lord's family but never got any pleasure from her association with God or God's people. When she managed to come to worship the expression on her face revealed unhappiness that had lingered so long it had left its tracks on her expression which could never be erased. She never found happiness in people or places. No one could measure up to her expectation. She filled her conversation so full of complaints about others, or about life in general, that people were prone to run from her. This she interpreted as being something wrong with them instead of her. She had an answer for every weakness and every failure which she experienced, and the answer always blamed someone else. She found no happiness in her work. Her hours at home seemed to be endless monotony. So long as people would listen to her constant flow of complaints she remained with them, but when they grew tired of a steady diet of bitterness she decided they were not

Christian and she went in search of another group to whom she might complain about the former group. These new found listeners were genuine because they listened. Of course the day was not far off when everything must be repeated over again because they, too, would soon become tired of hearing nothing but complaints.

I often thought of what that person could have been. She had not lacked opportunities to be worth much to the cause of Christ, and to people with whom she associated. From her youth she had known Christ and yet I could not help but wonder if she had ever known him at all. He would not develop such an attitude in one who really walked with him. He had more to complain about than any person who ever walked on the earth, and yet he was one of the happiest people who ever lived. One of his first acts, after meeting Satan and withstanding his temptations, was to teach his disciples how to be happy. He taught them to be concerned about others more than about themselves. He taught them a selfless love that reached far in the direction of those who were in trouble. He even taught them that they should receive joy in their sufferings, if such came as a result of serving him. And they did find that joy. They "rejoiced that they were counted worthy of suffering for Christ."

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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

"One Day At A Time"

Our text comes from Psalms 118:24. We need to learn the secret of the Psalmist. The secret of living one day at a time. Not looking into the crystal ball of tomorrow nor into the rear-view mirror of the past, but living life one day at a time.

FOR THE PANTRY....

Canned Milk

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Perhaps, then a person with such an attitude has never really walked close to Christ at all. But had it been true, this person could have been a teacher of others. She could have scattered sunshine everywhere she went. She could have been so busy carrying the burdens of others that she would forget her own. But instead, her thoughts turned inward, the glow of life faded, and every step became a dreary mile in a darkened path which could have been bathed with sunshine. Opportunity knocks, but our complaints drown the sound of the knocking and we really never know life at its best. What a pity to be in the midst of such blessings and yet never be able to enjoy them.

-Cleon Lyles

-Just A Moment

March 1962

Heaven. . .

When I was a boy, I used to think of Heaven as a glorious golden city, with jeweled walls, and gates of pearl with nobody in it but the angels, and they were all strangers to me. But after a while, my little brother died; then I thought of Heaven as that great city, full of angels, with just one little fellow in it

that I was acquainted with. He was the only one I knew there at that time.

Then another brother died and there were two in Heaven that I knew. Then my acquaintances began to die, and the number of my friends in Heaven grew larger all the time. But, it was not till one of my own little ones was taken that I began to feel that I had a personal interest in Heaven. Then a second went, and a third, and a fourth; and so many of my friends and loved ones have gone there, that it seems as if I know more in Heaven than I know on earth. And now, when my thoughts turn to Heaven, it is not the gold and the jewels and the pearls that I think of – but the loved ones there. It is not the place so much as the company that makes Heaven seem beautiful.

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On The Lighter Side....



HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO HAVE THIS "RE-VIVAL" YOU SPEAK OF IF WE'VE NOT YET HAD A VIVAL?

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Happiness is that peculiar sensation you acquire when you are too busy to be miserable.

When we give others a piece of our mind, we lose our peace of mind.

A constant kicker seldom has a leg to stand on.

You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely!

Miscellaneous

Friends & Family Day



Invite your
family and
friends and plan
to be here!

September 12, 2021

- REMEMBER -

There are postcards on the shelf in the foyer
for you to pick up and mail to your friends
and family to invite them to attend our
"Friends and Family Day"

PLEASE DO THIS!

Some Things To Remember

Visit our website...

www.centerchurchofchrist.com

Watch Sermon Videos on You Tube...

Visit Our Facebook Page

-Sunday Morning Bible Class-
9:45 a.m.

"When The Church Was Young"
(A Study of the Book of Acts)

-Wednesday Evening Bible Class-
7:00 p.m.

"The One Word Bible Study"
(Prayer Meeting This Wednesday)



Those To Remember In Prayer

Katilyn Tate (Roxie Bostick's daughter-in-law) is 7 months pregnant and has COVID

Krisi, Shane and Nicholas Clark (Norma Perkins' cousin and her family) have all been diagnosed with COVID

We extend our sympathy to **Lamar and Karen McCormick** (friends of Sarah Fletcher) who lost their son-in-law and daughter to COVID this past week.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Bill Williams** (Janice Williams brother-in-law) who passed away this week. His services were Friday at Sardis Cemetery.

THOSE WITH ONGOING NEEDS:

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother) **Leyton Bell**
(friend of Tim and Norma Perkins) **Donna Boullion** (Ted and
Joyce Holt's niece) **Gil Boullion** (Ted and Joyce Holt's
nephew) back surgery **Cody Butler** (Debra Pate's grandson)
Gracie Elam (6 month old baby recovering from heart surgery)
John Fincher (Dale Fincher's uncle) **Keeth and Amanda**
Fontenot (Debra Pate's son and daughter-in-law))
Gayle Foster (Cancer) **Emily Heflin** (Roxie Bostick's niece)
Dalton Hendrix (Joyce Holt's great-great nephew)
Sandra Hogan (friend of Roxie Bostick) **Melanie Hutzler**
(friend of Tim and Norma Perkins) **Julia Keffer** (Bobbi
Holder's mother) **Laurie King** (Co-worker of Mike O'Brien,) cancer
Liam Martinez (11 months old) **Lamar McCormick**
(friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues)) **Stephanie**
Richard (friend of Norma Perkins) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's
uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; **Jared and Natalie**
Tate (Mike and Roxie's son and daughter-in-law)
Pat Tate (Jana O'Brien's mother)
Pat Wallace (Norma Perkins aunt)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Amanda Bradshaw, **Leland Bradshaw**, **Michele Bradshaw**
and **Lucas Tate**

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

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*Always borrow from a pessimist. He never expects
to be repaid anyway.*



Across The Preacher's Desk

We live in a changing world, and nothing emphasizes that better than recent events on the world stage. Yet, many of us have seen great changes in our life in transportation, the performance of household tasks, medicine, and communications. To some of us who remember rotary dial phones and party lines, the internet and cell phones are things we never imagined when we were younger.

Yet, with all the changes in our world, human nature has not changed. Sin has not changed. Men and women still have the same greed that characterized Lot. The same love of power is still evident that showed itself in Diotrephes. There is the same love of money, the same lusts of the flesh. Because men and women still do not have the ability to guide themselves, we still need guidance.

However, with all the changes we have seen in our world we can take courage from the fact that Jesus Christ never changes. The writer of Hebrews would tell us, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8). Jesus is still the King of Kings who has all authority. Jesus Christ is still the Savior of the World. He is the one who came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. However, we must live his kind of life. He must be the Lord and Master of our life – all of our life. Is Jesus the Master of your life?

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

**God's Plan of
Evangelism....**

Each one bring one!