

Let's Visit

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Through Eternal Years The Same

The letter to the Hebrew Christians was probably written about thirty or thirty-five years after the church had been established on Pentecost. Jesus' death on the cross had officially marked the end of the law of Moses. When these brethren accepted the gospel message, they turned their back on the temple with all of the splendid ritual it contained and they also turned their backs on the ties of family and race.

Compared with the splendor of Judaism, Christianity was very simple. Yet, the promises it offered were far superior. However, this letter was written to discouraged Jewish Christians. They were on the verge of turning their backs on Jesus. Because of this, the writer encourages them to be steadfast and he exhorts them to remain loyal to Christ.

Near the close of the letter we find these words, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) That is to say to them, you may waver and you may hesitate. You may falter. It does not matter, Jesus will always be the same. Jesus will never change and will always be relevant.

You see, this is one of the marvelous aspects of Jesus Christ. He remains relevant in every generation. Through the years, he has not become outmoded or obsolete. His parables, for example still carry great power. The story of the prodigal son still reaches into the hearts of millions. Perhaps that is because there is a bit of prodigal in all of us. The story of the Good Samaritan still has a tremendous force. Perhaps because in our day also it is easy to pass on the other side.

Think how different the centuries have been since Jesus came. Jesus was born into a Roman world. His life and teachings were relevant to men's needs in that far off day. Then came the Renaissance, the

Reformation, the Colonial period and the Industrial Revolution. Think of the changes we have seen in our own lifetimes. Yet, Jesus has survived every period of history. Jesus remains the one unchanging constant. The same yesterday, today and forever.\

Make no mistake about it, we can depend on Jesus. In case you haven't noticed, we are living in a time of uncertainty and change. Nothing seems permanent as it once did. Traditions formerly accepted without question are today being doubted and questioned and often are being entirely ignored.

Did you ever think there would be such controversy in America over the phrase "one nation under God" in the pledge of allegiance? Who would have ever thought that prayer before a high school football game would be offensive. A few years ago, who could in their wildest imagination think that people would find it offensive to say "Merry Christmas" or that anyone would even think of not standing for the National Anthem? When I saw my first "Gay Parade" in Los Angeles, California over 50 years ago, I never dreamed that some day our country, founded on Judeo-Christian principles would condone and approve men marrying men and women marrying women. Yet, it often seems that our elected officials, appointed judges, the ACLU and those holding influential places in Academia have declared open season on those who espouse Christian Values and the traditional values of our nation.

In these difficult times, the only hope is to follow Jesus. Jesus alone has the words of eternal life and the only workable plan for the world. Jesus is the only constant, unchanging part of our world. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

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Gathered Here and There



Today's Sermon

"Will You Go Away From Jesus?"

Our text comes from John chapter 6. Many in the multitudes found the way of Jesus to be difficult. The crowds began to dwindle and Jesus asked Peter if he would go away also..

FOR THE PANTRY....

Rice

Do You Want To Help?

One reason why many people do not do more for the church is that they do not know how to really contribute to the upbuilding of the church. Let me give you here a few simple things by which you may be able to help the cause of Christ.

1. Be regular in attendance, whether you want to go or not. You can help the cause by being there.

2. When you are called on to lead a pray or serve at the Lord's Table, be sure to co-operate. Do not ask that you be excused or that someone else take your place.

3. When the contribution is taken, give all that you can. Remember that Jesus loved you, and gave his all. Love him and give all that you can.

4. Do not criticize except where absolutely necessary. When you must criticize, be sure that you do so with the proper spirit and with the proper information.

5. Join in the singing. It hurts a service for people to half-way sing or just sit and look around and not sing.

6. Be sure that you cooperate in doing all that you can to fit into the plan of the church. You may not understand or agree with every procedure or every little decision that is made, but unless it violates your conscience, cooperate.

7. Be sure you refrain from gossip and encourage others to do so when you hear them engaging in that sin.

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On The Lighter Side....



THE WISE BUT CONFUSED MAN BUILDS HIS
ROCK UPON A HOUSE

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Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today, for there may be a government regulation against it tomorrow.

*The church is made up of willing people.
A few willing to work,
And the rest willing to let them do it.*

There are two kinds of reasons an individual will give for staying away from worship. The real ones and those that sound better.

Trying to get a word in edgewise with some people is like trying to thread a sewing machine with the motor running.

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

Miscellaneous

Friends & Family Day



Invite your family and friends and plan to be here!

September 12, 2021

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING – There will be a men's business meeting today (August 8, 2021) in the church office following the morning worship. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

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Those To Remember In Prayer

Julia Keffer (**Bobbi Holder's mother**) will be having a heart procedure at Methodist Hospital in Houston.

THOSE WITH ONGOING NEEDS:

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

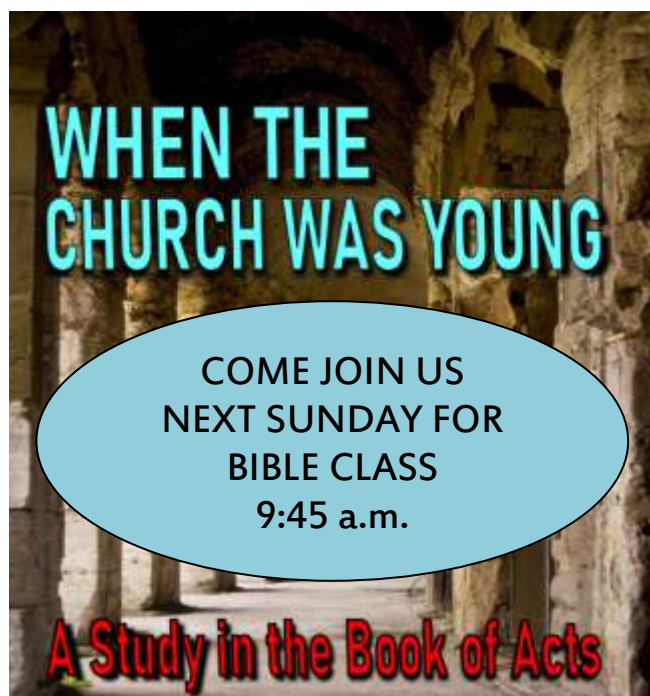
"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother)
Donna Boullion (Ted and Joyce Holt's niece) Gil Boullion (Ted and Joyce Holt's nephew) back surgery
Cody Butler (Debra Pate's grandson) Peyton Cook (Betty Miller's great-granddaughter)
Gracie Elam (6 month old baby recovering from heart surgery) Keeth Fontenot (Debra Pate's son) undergoing tests for suspicious knot on his neck
Gayle Foster (Cancer) Dalton Hendrix (Joyce Holt's great-great nephew) Laurie King (Co-worker of Mike O'Brien,) cancer
Liam Martinez (11 months old) Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Phillip Patton (COVID 19) 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)

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.





Across The Preacher's Desk

James would write for us, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow, For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." (James 4:14) If you want to make God laugh, really laugh, tell Him what you are going to do tomorrow.

The Bible is filled with examples of those who had great plans for tomorrow and yet, tomorrow never came. When Felix heard Paul preach, he trembled upon hearing the word of God. He told Paul to go his way and he would call for him at a more convenient time. He told Paul he would wait until tomorrow and for Governor Felix, tomorrow never came.

Jesus tells us of a rich farmer who had an abundant harvest in Luke chapter 12, He was planning to tear down his old barns and build greater barns to have a place to store all his abundance. He had great plans for tomorrow, but God had other plans. God called that man a fool and told him his soul was required that very night. Tomorrow never came for that farmer.

Paul would write to the church in Corinth, "now is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2) Do not put off serving the Lord until tomorrow, but begin today, right now to serve the Lord and live His kind of life, His way.

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

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

Each one bring one!