



# LET'S VISIT

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## THE LORD'S LEGACY OF PEACE

Peace is an elusive something that we are all on a quest for. We want peace at home, at work, in our nation and between nations. I read somewhere that the latest gadget to ensure peace and quiet at home is the phoneless cord. Truly, we are willing to try most anything to achieve peace. Herbal supplements, sleeping aids, meditation, listening to sermons, going to therapy, buying books, attending seminars and even asking friends for advice. We will try anything to achieve peace.

The quest seems hopeless until we turn to the word of God and we find a meaningful passage in John 14:27. Here, Jesus speaks these words, *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."* These words are the parting bequest of Jesus to his disciples. They had given up everything the world offers to follow Jesus. He is preparing to leave them in an unfriendly world. So Jesus gives them his peculiar gift, peace. He could not offer them houses, lands, clothing or money. Jesus Himself had "nowhere to lay his head". He plainly told them he could not give as the world does.

Notice that this peace he gives them he calls "my peace". It is especially his to give because He bought it with his blood. He purchased it by His own substitution.

Jesus was being shamefully treated by the religious leaders of the day. This was going on when he talked about this wonderful legacy. He was soon to die on the cross at the hands of cruel men. Yet, Jesus was in possession of the greatest of all blessings. He had inward peace. It was His delight to pass it on to his faithful disciples.

Jesus defined this peace as the peace that He himself enjoyed. This peace enabled Jesus to be serene in the face of danger. It enabled him to be calm under troubling circumstances. He was free from anxiety regarding the outcome of any difficulty which may have been in his pathway.

Jesus came to have this peace by utter self-sacrifice and unfaltering obedience. He bestows this peace not in the way the world gives. The world seeks to give the peace of ease, while Jesus gives the peace of struggle. The world's peace is that of self content. Jesus' peace is that of self-sacrifice.

The world offers the peace of plenty but Jesus taught otherwise. He taught that life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. He came teaching that our peace comes from the same source where he obtained his peace. That is a life of self-sacrifice and harmony with the will of God.

The peace of Jesus is the antidote to all dismay and despondency. There are many disturbing factors in the average life, yet Jesus says "let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." This peace is superior to all outward circumstances. Try though it might, the world hasn't put an end to the Christians peace. Poverty, sickness, nothing can separate us from God. It is this peace of Jesus that will always keep the heart pure and fresh.

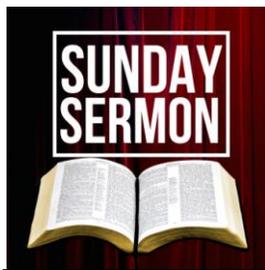
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### In Search of the Lord's Way



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



## *The Mote Hunters*

**For The Pantry. . .**

**February 15 – Macaroni & Cheese**



**February 8, 2026  
\$ 2,482.00**

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



## **It's Strange. . .**

**It's strange** how twenty dollars seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping.

**It's strange** how 2 hours seems so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie.

**It's strange** that you can't find words to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend.

**It's strange** how difficult it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read a popular novel.

**It's strange** how everyone wants front-row tickets to concerts, but they want to sit in the last row at church.

**It's strange** how we need to know about an event for church 2 – 3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events at the last minute.

**It's strange** how difficult it is to learn a fact about God and share it with others, but it's easy to repeat gossip.

**It's strange** how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible.

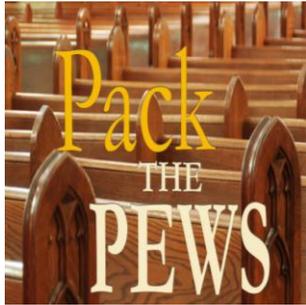
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## **On The Lighter Side. . .**





## Our Next Luncheon!



## Plan To Be Here!

**March 1, 2026**

We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for the months of March, April and May. We will also enjoy a great time of fellowship together.

Hospitality group 2 is in charge of the luncheon. The members of that group are Sarah Fletcher, Jana O'Brien and Norma Perkins.

***Begin Now to invite your friends and neighbors to come and join us for this special day!***

**Postcards are available in the foyer to be used to invite others to come and join us.**

**Communion Preparation - February**  
Isaiah & Amanda Molloy



Mark your calendar and make your plans to join us for our next Wednesday night meal on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Alice Hall spent Monday evening in the local ER but went back to Holiday Nursing Home.  
Stephen Wiggins will have bypass surgery this week.

### OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Stanley Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Willis

### "EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) Leslie Adams (friend of Diedra Hughes) being treated for brain cancer; Krista Andrus (Tim and Norma Perkins niece) Richard Barbee (Gene Bradshaw's nephew) Peggy Baylor (Tim Bradshaw's mother) David Bissett (Mike O'Brien's brother in law- cancer) Dwayne Brister (Cissy Amos' cousin) Debra Clifton (friend of LaResa Livingston) Coleen Dickerson (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) Hugh and Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) Joyce Fontenot (Debra Pate's mother) Dot Grant (Friend of Debra Pate) Suzi Hogan (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) Debbie Lynn (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) Albert Magby (Melonie Bradshaw's father) Norma Magby (Melonie Bradshaw's mother) Karen McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher) 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) Max Windham (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

### THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

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

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

**Reserve these dates for important events in the life of our Church for 2026**

March 1, 2026 – "Pack-A-Pew Sunday"  
April 24, 2026 – Area Wide Singing & Fellowship  
June 7, 2026 – "Friends and Family Day"  
September 13, 2026 – "Back To Church Sunday"  
December 6, 2026 – "No Excuse Sunday"  
December 20, 2026 – Annual Christmas Party



## Across The Preacher's Desk

There is a little obscure sentence found in Philippians 3:10 that expressed the deepest longing and desire of the apostle Paul, where he writes, "That I may know Him." Paul's deepest and most fervent longing evidently was to know Jesus better. That ought to be our deepest longing also. The knowledge of God revealed in Jesus Christ gives us a grip on the great spiritual realities. If we are to know Jesus better, then we must spend time with the book of God, the Bible. You see, it is the Bible that reveals Jesus Christ, the son of the living God to us.

Right here, right now, this very minute, how real is Jesus to you? Jesus Christ needs to be real in our lives and we need to make Him more a part of our lives.

If we are to come to know Jesus, if He is going to be real to us, there is a price to be paid to know him. Let's be honest, everything worthwhile has a price to pay. To be a world class athlete, an individual must pay a huge price in training. To be an accomplished musician, long hours must be spent in practice. There were those in the New Testament who left everything for Jesus. Peter, Andrew, James and John got out of the fishing business. Paul said he counted all things loss for Christ. If we want to know Jesus Christ, really know Jesus Christ, we must be willing to surrender our will to the will of Jesus and make him first in our lives.

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

**The Lord's Plan  
For Evangelism –  
Each one Bring one!  
Will you?**