

# Let's Visit

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## Jesus' Walks Bring Peace

One of the most exciting walks of Jesus was on the water. There are few stories from His life that have such power to still the hearts of fretful people.

The story is told in Matthew 14:22 through 33. There was a storm that night on Galilee. The disciples of Jesus were terrified so he left his quiet meditation to go to their aid. He walked as calmly across the sea as he would anywhere.

Can you imagine the surprise and fear of the disciples? Yet, again, Jesus is quick to feel their need. "Be of good cheer; it is I, be not afraid." Big impulsive Simon was always the first to respond. He told Jesus to bid him come to Him on the water. This was a high moment of faith no one else ever reached. Peter walked on the waves himself.

Well, he walked until he forgot to keep his eyes of faith on Jesus. Forgetting Jesus and his power, Peter realized what he was doing. He realized what a strange thing it was. He thought of the danger in it. He concentrated on the danger instead of Jesus. That's when he quit walking and went swimming.

We are so quick to criticize Peter for his brashness and his lack of faith in taking his eyes off of Jesus. Yet, is that not similar to the way we live today? We sink in dismay amid the problems that storm around us. Yet, the help to walk through serenely is as near as our hand. The RSV translates "be of good cheer" as "take heart". Jesus is obviously trying to implant within their hearts peace. A peace which knows the solution to every storm of life is there. It is available to them. They probably thought it was strange to be told to "be of good cheer" during a black stormy night at sea. But that is exactly what Jesus meant. Jesus wanted to give them the cheer or joy that comes only to the heart that is at peace.

There is another storm at sea recorded in Mark chapter 4. There we find Jesus waking from sleep

on a little boat. He is called on to calm the waves and hearts of the disciples. They had anxiously cried, "Carest Thou not that we perish?" The answer echoes down through the centuries. It is part of a song, "O yes He cares, I know he cares." He shows it in so many ways. He showed it, he proved it by his death. That night he rebuked the winds and the sea. He said, "Peace, be still".

In John 14 Jesus has just eaten the Passover with his disciples. He has given them a lesson in humility by washing their feet. He told them the badge of discipleship is love for each other. He has told them he is going away. He also said He is preparing them a place with the Father. Then in verse 27 is a beautiful passage. Jesus told them, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you." This was Christ's last will and testament. It was His only legacy. Being the poorest of the poor, he had nowhere to lay his head. He had nothing else to leave. He had no material possessions to give to those he loved.

Does the idea of having peace today appeal to us? Of course it does. Yet, why do we find it difficult to relax? Why are there those days when nothing seems to go right? Days when work is a burden and people are exasperating? Times when life is all worry and fret? Whatever storm is blowing in your life today, Jesus can calm that storm. Life can sometimes be harsh and difficult, it may deny our dreams and half starve our hopes, but in Jesus Christ we can find peace.

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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

# Gathered Here and There



## Today's Sermon

### "Blessed Assurance"

Our text comes from II Timothy 1:12. In that passage Paul writes to Timothy and says "I know whom I have believed" That was what he based his blessed assurance on.

**For The Pantry. . .**  
**January 22 – Jelley**



We would like to re-start our hospitality groups for our quarterly dinners. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer if you are interested. If you have any questions, please see Jana O'Brien, Sarah Fletcher or Norma Perkins.

**Each One Bring One!**  
**53 in '23**  
**Invite Someone Each Week!**

## Are You A Rusty Nail?

A strong magnet may be held over an old rust-eaten shapeless nail without meeting any response. A bright, shining nail will leap to the magnet, attract another and through it draw yet another until several are attached.

That is how Christians are. A really genuine, active, shining Christian has a tremendous attraction to Christ, is magnetized with his love and purity, attracted by his power. Through that Christian, Christ can draw others to him to share the same power and attraction.

But a rusty, unpolished, corroded Christian, cranky, defiled and selfish has very little attraction, and through him the power of Christ to win the world cannot flow.

God has enough power to wipe out every vice and every evil doctrine in this world, but he needs conductors. Rusty, untaught and unpracticed church members neither draw others near to God nor are drawn near themselves.

Your religion must be intensive before it can be extensive.

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## On The Lighter Side. . .



**HOW CAN YOU HAVE THE MONDAY BLUES  
WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORK AGAIN  
UNTIL NEXT SUNDAY?**

*Take a tip from nature – man's ears aren't made  
to shut – his mouth is!*

# Miscellaneous



## Those To Remember In Prayer

### Put This On Your Calendar.....



## March 5, 2023

This is our next "Covered Dish Luncheon" when we have "Pack A Pew Sunday" and will celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries for March, April and May.

Make your plans to be here and invite others to come and help you pack your pew!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL** – Our next Wednesday night meal at 6:00 p.m. prior to our evening services will be ***THIS COMING WEDNESDAY NIGHT*** - January 25, 2023.

### "THE STATE OF THE CHURCH"

Make your plans to be here for the Bible Study Period ***NEXT SUNDAY***, January 29, 2023. At that time we will review "The State Of The Church" as we go over the end of year financial reports and present the budget for 2023 along with news of upcoming things to expect in 2023.

### AREA WIDE SINGING

There will be an "Area-Wide Singing": at the **Angelina Church of Christ in Lufkin** on Friday, January 27, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the singing. Make your plans to attend if possible.

#### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick , Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Louise Johnson, Lisa Miller Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

#### "EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother), Minion Bean-(Mike O'Brien's mother) recovering from a fall and hip surgery), Ana Blair (friend of Debra Pate) Hugh and Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) Sandra Fuller (friend of Betty Miller) Roy Garcia (friend of Tim and Norma Perkins recovering from brain surgery) Suzie Hogan (Roxie Bostick's sister) Suzanne Ihlo (Martha Jean Golden's sister recovering from a stroke) Debbie Lynn (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Reba Miley (friend of Debra Pate) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; J. C. and Pat Tate (Jana O'Brien's mother and father) Calvin Turner (recovering from back surgery) Tina Vaughn - cancer

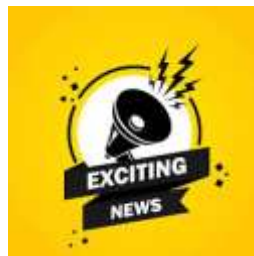
Clark Paul Williams (LaResa Livingston's cousin)

#### "INTERNET FRIENDS"

Mason McConnell, Frankie & Mandy McConnell, Wayne Minter, Courtney Workman

**THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE**  
Leland Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw Jeremiah Soape, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

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



### SAVE THESE DATES!

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Phil Sanders**  
is coming back to Center!

**Area Wide Singing on Friday Night.**  
**Preaching on Saturday night**  
**Refreshments following the singing and**  
**Covered Dish Luncheon following the**  
**Sunday Services.**



## Across The Preacher's Desk

I read a story not long ago that comes to us out of the days when passenger train travel was the common and popular method of transportation. It seems there was a little crippled boy who was carrying a basket of candy and fruit, hurrying to the passenger gate of the train station as fast as his crutches would permit him to go. As the passengers rushed through the gate, a fast-moving young business executive accidentally hit the boy's basket, knocking its contents in every direction. He paused only long enough to severely scold the crippled lad for being in his way. Another young business man, rushing through the depot, saw the young boy's distress and immediately began picking up the scattered items. After returning all the contents to the basket, he put a dollar bill in the boy's hand. He smiled at his young friend, patted him on the shoulder and said "Better luck next time!" Then he was on his way.

He was stopped by the question the boy asked him, "Hey mister, are you Jesus?" Turning, the man smiled and said, "No, I'm only one of his followers."

How different this old world would be if we all would speak and act so that others could see Jesus living in us.

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

**The Lord's Plan  
For Evangelism –  
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53 in '23!**