



LET'S VISIT

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“FOR CHRIST’S SAKE”

I remember as a small boy, often hearing people close their prayers with the phrase, “in Christ’s name and for his sake we pray”. Have you ever thought about that phrase? Have you ever wondered what we are saying with that expression? We are asking God to look upon the face of His Son and to deal with us on the merit of our suffering substitute.

However, this is only one side of the equation. God wants us to look upon the face of His Son and for Christ’s sake suffer, serve and glorify the Father. We do a great many things for the sake of others. We hear parents say they will do many things “for the sake of my child”. We ask people for favors, often on behalf of others and request, “would you do it for my sake”. When we turn to the pages of the Bible, we see there things being done for the sake of others. In the long ago, God “for the sake of 10 righteous” would not destroy Sodom. David showed Mephibosheth kindness “for the sake of Jonathan”. (II Samuel 9:7) God did not take the kingdom from Solomon during his lifetime “for the sake of David his father” (I Kings 11:12) Peter tells us in I Peter 2 that we are to obey the civil government “for the sake of the Lord”. Paul entreated Philemon in behalf of Onesimus “for love’s sake”. Then, the Bible instructs us to do certain things for “Christ’s sake”.

Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:31-32 that we are to forgive one another as God for Christ’s sake has forgiven us. If we are to be forgiven, it is imperative that we be willing to forgive others. Someone hurt your feelings, forgive them for Christ’s sake. Someone loved your soul enough to warn you that forsaking the assembly was putting your soul in jeopardy and that made you mad and you quit the church. For Christ’s sake be willing to forgive. Our

own forgiveness before God is preconditioned on our willingness to forgive others. Jesus tells us plainly in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5,6 and 7) that if we are not willing to forgive others, God will not forgive us. Peter writes later that we should follow in the steps of Jesus. It is so Christlike to have compassion and exercise forgiveness. Do you remember, on the cross he prayed and said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do”.

For the sake of Christ, we are to strive together in prayer. (Romans 15:30) If we would strive together in prayer more, we could bring more honor and glory to the Lord. In Acts 12, we see the church striving together in prayer. James has been put to death, and Peter is in prison awaiting the same fate. The church came together to unite and strive together in prayer. We should follow their example.

For the sake of Christ, we are to serve one another (II Corinthians 4:5). Paul tells us they did not preach for the purpose of bringing glory to themselves. Jesus did not come to be ministered unto but to minister. He came to give his life a ransom for many. Would you resolve to be more faithful in your service to the Lord? For Christ’s Sake.

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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

*If the light of Christianity ever burns brightly –
love must furnish the fuel.*

Gathered Here and There



“Living The Abundant Life” Living Above Conflict

For The Pantry. . .

June 1 – Cooking Oil

Offering – May 18, 2025 . . \$ 2,414.00

The Lord’s plan of giving ...”as ye have prospered”

Live One Day At A Time

I read of a woman who was seriously injured in an accident and she was facing long years of recuperation. However, her physician was a wise man and when she would ask, “How long will I be here, helpless?” he would answer, “only one day at a time.” Remember, Jesus said in the sermon on the mount, “Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” (Matthew 6:34)

There is no individual, man or woman who can do six months work in a day. In fact, the thought would in all probability produce a heart attack. Yet, every man and every woman can do a day’s work in a day. We must do something today, we must handle our duty today. We cannot carry a past that is gone and a future that may never come, but we can live one day at a time.

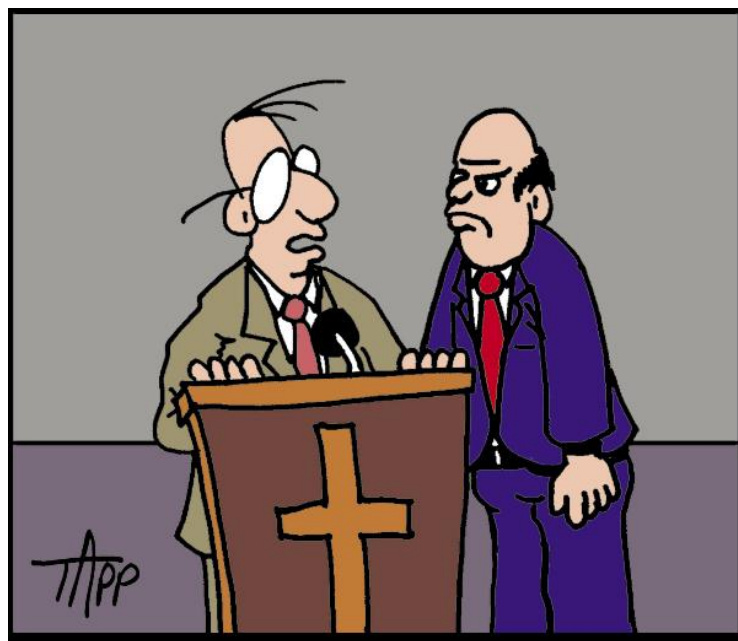
Sickness, heartache, worry and cloudy days may come into our lives, but they never come more than one day at a time. It is a tragedy to be handicapped or to be injured. However, some are bitter and some are happy. Perhaps the difference is living “only one day at a time.”

Failures in life failed in living one day at a time. Those who are successful in life, succeed in living one day at a time. All any of us have is now. Each

day brings its own peculiar blessings and problems. So, we must not worry about tomorrow but be happy with today. We must live life one day at a time.

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On The Lighter Side. . .



“No, I haven’t seen the verse that way before, but I’m in the middle of something right now.”

What Is The Difference?

Between the atheist who supports no church, and the member who will not support the one to which he or she belongs?

Between the skeptic who does not believe the Bible, and the negligent Christian who never reads it?

Between those who do not believe in Bible classes, and those who never attend them?

Between the man of the world, and a person in the church who lives like a man of the world?

Between a sectarian preacher, and a gospel preacher who refuses to tell the truth on certain subjects?

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When a little bird tells you something, don’t repeat it until you find out whether or not the little bird is a little cuckoo.



Stay For Lunch!

Today is our quarterly covered dish luncheon.

We will be celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries for the months of June, July and August and we want you to stay and join us for lunch and a time of fellowship.

Hospitality group 2 will be in charge of this luncheon – Sarah Fletcher, Jana O'Brien and Norma Perkins.

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Communion Preparation for June
Mike & Jana O'Brien



Wednesday
FELLOWSHIP MEAL

We would love for you to join us on Wednesday Nights for our Mid-Week Bible Study and plan to join us for our next Wednesday Night Meal on June 25, 2025.

We hope you will make your plans to join us not only for this but for our Wednesday night Bible Study every week.

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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.



Norman Turner (Norma Perkins' father) is recovering from Heart By-pass surgery this past Thursday.

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) **Ted Holt** (former member of this congregation) **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) **Lane O'Brien** (Mike and Jana's son) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle); **Charles Spann** (friend of LaResa Livingston) **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.

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

Unexpected dinner guests. Have you ever had that happen? That is what happens to Jesus and the disciples in Mark chapter 6. John the Baptist had just been killed and Jesus and the disciples were trying to get to a secluded place. They were tired from the teaching and healing being done. They were leading busy lives and needed a little R & R.

It is on this occasion that we find Jesus taking 5 loaves and 2 fish and feeding 5,000 men. Yet, notice the question Jesus asked them in Mark 6:38. He asked, "how many loaves have ye?"

Jesus was not asking for information. He was not asking because he couldn't do it without their loaves. He was, rather, trying to teach them and us a lesson. He wanted them and us to know that He is to bless others through us. He wanted those disciples to know they must be willing to use what they have. We must be willing to use what we have also.

You see, what we have must be given into His hands. We are to use our strength, our tongue and our heart. We are to use our material means. We are to be the earthen vessels in the service of Jesus. Jesus asks us today, "how many loaves have ye?". Are we using what we have, the talents He has given us, in His service?

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

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