



# LET'S VISIT

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## BORROWING TROUBLE

In Dr. Moffatt's translation of the Bible, we find an interesting translation of the last verse of Matthew chapter 6. He writes, "So never be troubled about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. The day's own trouble is enough for the day." This last statement in the King James Version is "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." You can see that the idea is the same in either reading and both say that today's trouble is enough for today.

The habit of borrowing trouble is universal and extremely destructive. It will not only ruin one's health, but it will destroy his or her ability to do well. You can see that if each day has enough trouble for that day, that anything beyond that is an overload. Too many of God's people are violating his "load law" Just because God does not conduct weighing stations down here to see how much load we carry, does not mean that He is not aware of the load we have. While we may look to our fellow travelers for some sympathy, it is of no value to expect sympathy from God. His answer is "I told you not to try so heavy a load." Bu such actions we violate the law of God and then expect Him to feel sorry for us rather than condemn us. If a vehicle has a load limit, and one insists on violating that limit, can he blame the manufacturers if his axle breaks under the strain? How, the, can we expect any favors from God when we exceed the limit God has set for us? There are people who do not seem to realize that God has commanded us not to be anxious about tomorrow. It is difficult to believe that so many otherwise good people would willfully disobey this law if they actually knew it was there. Perhaps the sermon on the mount needs to be read and studied again.

I know that many, as they read these lines are thinking, "but I don't have anything to worry about today. If I don't worry about something that may happen then I can't worry." Have you ever thought that Jesus had exactly that situation in mind when he advised us not to borrow trouble from tomorrow? If we do what God wants us to do today, and make sensible plans for the future, how the future turns out is God's responsibility. There are few people who have had their anxieties come true. Most of our troubles that we dream up never happen. Our worry and anxiety only serves to weaken us for the task which is our reason for existing. At best, anxiety never helps the situation and we wasted time, depleted our resources and destroyed our usefulness. The devil got what he wanted and God was disappointed in us. It is not a pretty picture, when people will not trust God and insist on borrowing trouble from every source possible.

There is a freedom which few have experienced, but which is the heritage of every son and daughter of God Almighty, and that is freedom from anxiety and imagined disappointment. It will serve to lighten every load and light up every path. It will assure success and that much easier than we have imagined.

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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



## *What Must I Do To Be Saved?*

### For The Pantry. . .

March 10 – Cornbread Mix

#### Borrowing Trouble – continued from page 1

But many have not enjoyed this experience because of an overload which was unnecessary from the beginning. Let's read again the Lord's language about today and tomorrow and determine in our hearts that we will never again overload

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**Offering – March 3, 2024. . . . . \$2,969.00**

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

## God Is Near Us

"He made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed seasons, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek God, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us." (Acts 17:26-27)

God's nearness is not something that can be felt in a mysterious way. But we believe that God is near us. He walks by our side as we live in his service. He is in our midst as we assemble in his name. He stands ready to strengthen and help us in time of trial or temptation. His nearness comforts us in time of bereavement.

God never takes his eyes off his children; he never turns his ears away from our supplications. God has promised to give us that for which we ask

in faith. But we can be sure that he goes beyond even that for which we ask, in his goodness and benevolence.

God knows us. He knows us as no one else does. He knows us even better than we know ourselves. He sees our virtues but he also knows our sins. Still, this has not made God hate us. God loves in spite of our weaknesses and mistakes. He stands ready to pardon us whenever we see the folly of our ways and turn to walk in his way.

We must never become so wise that we think we can walk alone. Without his light man is a ship lost at sea. Without his word man is as one lost in darkness without a compass. Without his hand to guide us man cannot hope but to stumble into the chasm of destruction. Man cannot hope to make the journey through life safely if he travels alone.

God is near. But we must call on him for strength. We must look to him for help. We must call upon his holy name for salvation. What a friend he will be to you if you but let him. Truly the Spirit inspired the truth that came from the lips of Paul when he said, "He is not far from each one of us." God is near.

*-Just A Moment*

## On The Lighter Side. . .





### AREA WIDE SINGING!



Mark your calendar for Friday, April 26, 2024. We will be hosting an Area Wide Singing. Make your plans to be here, invite your friends and neighbors to

come and plan to stay for a time of fellowship after the singing.

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### Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal March 27, 2024



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### Upcoming Area Events

**GOSPEL MEETING** – March 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> at the Angelina Church of Christ in Lufkin. Services at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Kerry Clark will be doing the preaching.

**ANNUAL GOSPEL SINGING** – March 29, 2014 at the Cushing Church of Christ in Cushing, Texas. The singing starts at 6:00 p.m. with refreshments to follow.

### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

- April 26, 2024 – Area Wide Singing
- May 19, 2024 (tentative) – Covered Dish Luncheon
- September 8, 2024 – Friends & Family Day
- December 8, 2024 – No Excuse Sunday
- December 15, 2024 – Christmas Party

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

### OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

### "EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Cody Anthony (LaResa Livingston's nephew) Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother), Hugh and Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) Joyce Fontenot (Debra Pate's mother) Gail Foster (Cancer) Bobbie Gray (Jerry Pate's Aunt) Geneva Harrison (Mike Bostick's mother) Glynn Hartt (friend of Cissy Amos) Joe Hughes (Cissy Amos' father) Debbie Lynn (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Verven Pate (Jerry Pate's brother) is being treated for stomach cancer. Stephanie Richard (Friend of Norma Perkins) cancer; Traci Roden (friend of Norma Perkins) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; Michael Smith (Debra Pate's cousin) is being treated for lung cancer in Green Acres; Buddy Sowell (friend of Debra Pate) Suellen Swank (friend of Norma Perkins) J. C. Tate (Jana O'Brien's father) Clark Paul Williams (LaResa Livingston's cousin)

### THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

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

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*Let us make a new rule of life: always try to be a little kinder than is necessary.*

*If some people had an operation to remove their conscience, it would be minor surgery.*

**54 in 24**  
**Invite Someone Each Week!**



## **Across The Preacher's Desk**

Have you ever taken notice of the importance of prayer in the life of Jesus? He began His earthly ministry in prayer (Luke 3:21). He continued in prayer and ended in prayer (Luke 23:34). The Heavenly ministry of Jesus was begun in prayer (John 14:16) and is now continued in prayer (Hebrews 7:25)

The disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). Prayer is more important than rest, for we read, "in the morning, a great while before day, He rose up and went out into a desert place and there prayed" (Mark 1:35). Prayer was more important in securing workers than either money or machinery, for Jesus said, "Pray the Lord of Harvest that He sent forth laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

It pains me to find someone here and there who feels that the only answer we receive to our prayers is the satisfaction of praying. I believe with all my heart that God does something in answer to prayer that he would not do if I did not pray. There just isn't any end to the things that may be accomplished by prayer.

There is absolutely no limit to the power of God. Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened." Never discount the power of prayer. Pray and pray often.

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

**The Lord's Plan  
For Evangelism –  
Each one Bring one!  
54 in '24!**