

# Let's Visit

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## Paul's Certainties

We live in a very skeptical age, an age of doubt. With events of the past few years, trust has been eroded in those who report our news, confidence in our government institutions and public officials is at an all time low and it is an era where "Doubting Thomas" might feel quite at home. To be sure, in our day and time there is a spirit of uncertainty in the air. You find this in the political, economic and social world. You also find it in the realm of religion. Yet, doubt does not bring peace nor satisfaction.

Admittedly, there are a lot of things I do not know. If you have any doubts about that, just ask Norma and she will gladly tell you all the things I don't know. Yet, just for some examples, I don't know why we drive on parkways and park on driveways, I don't know why sour cream has an expiration date when it is already sour, I don't know why we call them buildings when they are already built and I don't know if Adam and Eve had bellybuttons.

Yet, there are some things I do know. I know that God created the Heavens and the Earth and this universe was not the result of some "Big Bang" millions of years ago. I know that Jesus Christ is the son of God and He died on the cross on Calvary to save my soul from sin, and I know that He has ascended back to Heaven to prepare my eternal home.

When you turn to the Bible, you can find a man by the name of Paul who was positive about certain fundamentals. He was a man with convictions and that is invigorating. The Apostle Paul did not claim to know everything. He knew that some things unknown would be revealed and that is what he said in I Corinthians 13:12.

Paul knew Jesus Christ. In II Timothy 1:12 he wrote to young "Timid Timothy" his son in the gospel and told him "I Know whom I have believed". You see, Paul did not just know about Jesus Christ, he knew him personally. He had met Him on the road to Damascus.

Paul knew the terror of the Lord. He knew it would be terrible to meet the Lord unprepared. He said as much in II Corinthians 5:10-11. Paul was very aware of the severity of God. The Bible contains numerous examples of the severity of God in dealing with disobedience. Events such as Adam and Eve being driven from the Garden of Eden, the flood that destroyed the wicked world in the days of Noah, the destruction of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and the way God dealt with Nadab and Abihu when they offered strange fire unto the Lord.

However, Paul was also sure of the goodness of God. He knew that all things work together for good to those that love God. That was the promise of Romans 8:28. Paul also knew that he had a perfect Savior. When Paul wrote to Timothy, he said I know WHOM I have believed. I am quite sure Paul knew what he believed and why. Yet, he did not say that. He says, "I know whom I have believed". It was a personal matter with Paul. He had been converted to Christ. His faith was in a person.

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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



## Today's Sermon

### "Jesus Commands Us To Love"

Our text comes from John 13:34-35. Jesus has eaten the Passover with the Apostles, he has washed their feet and tells them a new commandment. To love one another.

## Food Preparation List

It has been several years since we updated the list of those willing to prepare food when for some reason a situation arises where we need to furnish food for a family.

Because it has been so long since that list was updated, we would ask that those who are willing to prepare food for others under these circumstances please see Sarah Fletcher, Jana O'Brien or Norma Perkins. Give them your phone number(s) and e-mail address if applicable and let them know you would be willing to participate in this and help to prepare food. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

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## For The Pantry. . . Dried Pasta

### Paul's Certainties – Continued from page 1

Paul was also certain of "a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens". That is what he wrote in II Corinthians 5:1. We are not certain where we will be tomorrow. The wise man tells us in Proverbs 27:1 that we are not to boast of tomorrow. James tells us in James 4:14 that our life is a vapor. Yet the faithful child of God knows where they will spend the great tomorrow. Paul was certain of that and we can be too.

Wilbur Fisk Tillet was professor of Systematic Theology at Vanderbilt University and put it this way in verse:

So when some morn you hear I'm gone  
You'll know friends where to find me;  
In that fair land where all things there  
Of sweet things here remind me.  
The father-land beyond above  
The silent flowing river,  
Where they who work and learn and love  
All meet and live forever.

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## On The Lighter Side. . .



"Our family is trying one of those old-fashioned churches, with preaching, the Bible, and all that stuff."

**Each One Bring One!**  
**52 in '22**  
**Invite Someone Each Week!**

# Miscellaneous

## Save the Date!

### May 22, 2022

**Our Next Covered Dish Luncheon!**

**We will celebrate birthdays and  
anniversaries for June, July & August**

**We will also have a "Special Celebration"**



**Make your  
plans to be  
here and bring  
a guest!**

### HIGH PLAINS CHILDREN'S HOME

We are pleased to have Brother Trent Davidson with us as our guest today. Brother Davidson is Director of Development at High Plains Children's Home in Amarillo. This is one of the Homes that we help to support with a regular monthly contribution and we appreciate the work they are doing and we are grateful that he came our way today to present a report on the work being done during the Bible Class Hour.

### CHILDREN'S HOME OF LUBBOCK

Remember we are collecting toilet paper as a part of the "Big Heart Campaign" for the Children's Home of Lubbock. We are almost halfway to our goal of 1,000 rolls of toilet paper! They will be here the latter part of May to pick up the toilet paper we have collected.

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*Another form of wastefulness is the expenditure of  
words beyond the income of ideas.*



## Those To Remember In Prayer

**Wendy Johnson** (friend of Norma Perkins) she has a mass on her pancreas and spots on her liver and is awaiting biopsy results.

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Roxie Bostick**, **Gene Bradshaw**, **Martha Jean Golden**,  
**Sue Hagler**, **Alice Hall**, **Thelma Hinton**, **Ted and Joyce Holt**,  
**Debra Pate**, **Jerry Pate**, **Wayne Sims**,

### "EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

**Mitchell Anthony** (LaResa Livingston's brother) **Ana Blair** (friend of Debra Pate) **Donna Boullion** (Ted and Joyce Holt's niece) **Gil Boullion** (Ted and Joyce Holt's nephew) back surgery **Gayle Foster** (Cancer) **Dalton Hendrix** (Joyce Holt's great-great nephew) **Sandra Hogan** (friend of Roxie Bostick) **Julia Keffer** (Bobbi Holder's mother) **Laurie King** (Co-worker of Mike O'Brien,) cancer : **Bruce Ligon** (friend of Tim and Norma Perkins) **Liam Martinez** (11 months old ) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; **Katilyn Tate** (Roxie Bostick's daughter-in-law) **Jared and Natalie Bostick** (Mike and Roxie's son and daughter-in-law) **Marc Tate** (Jana O'Brien's brother) **Pat Tate** (Jana O'Brien's mother) **Tina Vaughn** - cancer (Sue Hagler's Daughter) **Stephen Williams**, recovering from surgery.

### THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

**Amanda Bradshaw**, **Leland Bradshaw**, **Michele Bradshaw**  
**Jeremiah Soape** and **Lucas Tate**

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

No man  
can do me  
a truer  
kindness in  
this world  
than to  
pray for me.

CHARLES SPURGEON



## Across The Preacher's Desk

Jesus said, in Matthew 16:24, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." Phillips translation puts it this way, "If anyone wants to follow in my footsteps he must give up all right to himself." The denial of self, the giving up rights to self is one of humanity's most difficult problems. It is hard for us to come to the realization that "it's not about me". To be sure, it is one of the hardest lessons there is for us to learn.

When we observe children, we are aware that one of their biggest problems is selfishness. They have to be taught to be unselfish. When you get right down to it, children can be little barbarians.

The tragedy is that selfishness is not exclusively the problem of children. It is something that goes with us as long as we live. In fact, I often wonder if it doesn't become more dangerous as we grow older. You see, we adults learn various nefarious ways to cover up and hide our selfishness.

Selfishness never makes friends and selfishness never brings happiness. Jesus came into this world unselfishly to give himself for mankind. He was demonstrating that the best way is the selfless way of serving others. Lessons like "In honor prefer one another" and "Love on another" The words Jesus spoke in Matthew are still His demand. The question is are we willing to forsake self and follow Jesus and live His kind of life?

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

**The Lord's Plan  
For Evangelism –  
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52 in '22!**