

Let's Visit

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How Do You Regard Calvary?

There is a little hill northwest of the city of Jerusalem known as Calvary or Golgotha. It was a place where criminals were commonly executed by the method of crucifixion. It was on this hill that the spotless, immaculate Son of God died for the sins of the world. He died for my sins and for your sins.

Jesus Christ was guilty of no great crime against humanity. He had gone about doing good. He had healed the sick, raised the dead, caused the blind to see, the deaf to hear and the lame to walk. Yet, he had incurred the wrath of the Jewish establishment, the Pharisees and Sadducees and they wanted to be rid of Him. So, for 30 pieces of silver, the price of a common slave in those days, Judas Iscariot bargained with the enemies of Jesus to betray him into their hands. Cruel men came to the Garden of Gethsemane that night and laid hold on Jesus. They took him for a private hearing before Annas the High Priest. He was bound and questioned and slapped in the face by one of the soldiers. He was taken before the Sanhedrin and then before Pilate, the Roman Governor and Pilate sent Him to Herod. Herod had Him returned to Pilate and Pilate allowed the Jews to put Jesus to death.

The story of the death and crucifixion of Jesus is one that is both gruesome and tragic. First, Jesus was scourged. A Roman scourging was 39 stripes laid on a man's back as hard as a husky man could sling a whip. The instrument of torture was a flagellum, something similar to a "cat-o-nine tails" that would have leather strips with bits of bone or metal tied in the ends. The scourging was designed to inflict maximum pain and there were many men who did not survive the ordeal of a Roman Scourging. They crowned Jesus with thorns and forced him to carry his own cross outside the city to the hill of Golgotha or Calvary. There they nailed Jesus to that rough hewn wooden cross and he was

left to die between two thieves. He died a painful and agonizing death to redeem my souls and your soul from sin.

Yet, with all that Jesus endured, how do we regard all of his suffering and agony? What does Calvary mean to us? You see, there are some who think it was unnecessary. They think an individual can be saved without the blood that Jesus shed in his death. They seem to think that because they have always been good morally, paid their debts and taxes and given to the united way, they will accumulate enough "attaboys" or "attagirls" to go to heaven. Then, there are others who are indifferent to the death of Jesus, they just simply do not care that the Son of God was crucified. However, God and Christ regard the cross as the only solution. They see sin for what it really is. God and Jesus see the effect of sin on the spirit. They see sin as missing the mark in living God's kind of life and they regard the cross as the remedy for sin. God's remedy for sin is to obey His will and comply with His terms of pardon. We must believe on Jesus, turn our back on sin through repentance and be buried in the waters of baptism for the remission of past sins. It was for that purpose Jesus went to Calvary. What is your attitude about Calvary and Jesus' sacrifice?

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***The individual who continues to pull on the oars
does not have time to rock the boat.***

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

"Weeping Is Not Forever"

The Psalmist writes that "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning". Our faith must be a strong faith in a mighty God.

are deserving of. You see, they are appreciated because those faithful members of the body of Christ demand no special attention or praise for their service and do not consider faithfulness a grievous burden of a great feat of valor. The faithful Christian is appreciated much more than they know and much more than we can express. So, to those faithful Christians, we simply say thank you for your unselfish service to the Lord and to the church. We don't say it often enough, but we do appreciate you.

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Each One Bring One!

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Invite Someone Each Week!

For The Pantry. . .

March 5 – Macaroni & Cheese

On The Lighter Side. . .

A Word Of Appreciation

So much of what we write, preach and say is directed to the weak and the unfaithful. It is aimed at the chronic complainer and that "sourpuss" who just never seems to be satisfied about anything but manages to find fault with everything. Well, I want to do the opposite of that right now. I don't want to speak to those who have to be begged, pampered and petted before they will attend the services of the church and even then are absent as often as they are present. The words being written here are not for those who only give the church their excuses and grumble the most while doing the least. If you are in that category, you can stop reading now.

Just so you know, our vocabulary is just not large enough to tell all of you faithful members of the church just how much you are appreciated. You take your responsibility to the Lord and the church seriously and it is both noticed and appreciated. Whenever a good work is put before the church, no one has to wonder what your response will be and whether or not you will support that good work. You can be counted on to see it through.

The faithful members of the body of Christ are often overlooked and not given the attention they



Preacher, I would like for you to meet my husband Carl, he wanted to come to church today.

Miscellaneous

TODAY IS THE DAY!



March 5, 2023

We will be having our quarterly covered dish luncheon following our Worship this morning.

Please make your plans to stay and enjoy the covered dish luncheon and a time of fellowship.

HOSPITALITY GROUP

We want to thank all of the ladies who volunteered to be a part of our "Hospitality Groups". You are appreciated more than you know and more than we have words to express. Hospitality group 1 will be in charge of the luncheon today. The members of this group are:

Marsha Bounds
Melonie Molloy
Lisa Miller
Betty Miller
LaResa Livingston

Those ladies who are not a part of this group can just relax and enjoy the luncheon and not be burdened with the "details" that normally accompany a luncheon.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL – Our next Wednesday night meal at 6:00 p.m. prior to our evening services will be March 29, 2023

Make your plans now to be here!



Those To Remember In Prayer

Hugh Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother) being treated for multiple health issues at this time.

John Henry Holloway (Martha Jean Golden's son) has been hospitalized in Shreveport.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick, **Gene Bradshaw**, **Martha Bradshaw**, **Martha Jean Golden**, **Geneva Graves**, **Alice Hall**, **Thelma Hinton**, **Louise Johnson**, **Lisa Miller**, **Mike O'Brien**, **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) **Ron Cone** (Laura Miller's dad), **Celina Danley** (Sister of Joyce Danley) multiple health issues, **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) **Johnny Miller** (Betty Miller's son) recovering from heart surgery; **Stephanie Richard** (friend of Norma Perkins) facing cancer surgery; **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; **Michael Smith** (Debra Pate's cousin) is being treated for lung cancer, **J. C. and Pat Tate** (Jana O'Brien's mother and father) **Clark Paul Williams** (LaResa Livingston's cousin)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, **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 21st, 22nd and 23rd

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

Let's be honest. We all enjoy a compliment from time to time. However, we like to hear genuine compliments and not flattery or exaggeration. When Jesus lived on this earth, and when he complimented someone, you can be sure it was sincere. It was not superficial. It had nothing to do with their clothing or style. It had to do with their heart and character.

When Jesus was first introduced to Nathaniel he said, "behold an Israelite in whom there is no guile" (John 1:47) When Jesus spoke of John the Baptist, he said that among those born of women, there was not greater than John (Luke 7:28). When Mary anointed Jesus with the costly ointment, Jesus said that wherever the gospel would be preached, that would be spoken of as a memorial to her.

Some day, when our forms have been bended low and we cross the great divide into eternity, I want to hear a compliment from the lips of Jesus. I want to hear Him say, "well done, thou good and fait

hful servant". However, if we want to hear those words from the lips of Jesus, we must live our lives his way, doing his will, keeping his commandments. If we live life His way, we will someday hear those words. Conversely, if we fail to life His way, we will hear him say depart from me. The choice to make is ours.

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

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
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