



# LET'S VISIT

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## MOSES, AN UNBELIEVER

*"And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them. Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand and with his rod he smote the rock twice; and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron. Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them."* (Numbers 20:10-13) Many acts of disobedience are recorded in these few verses. Some emphasize one and some another. God summed them all up in the one statement, *"You did not sanctify me in the presence of the people."* God was left out. Moses said, *"Shall we fetch you water."* God said he was an unbeliever because of his rebellion. Neither Moses nor Aaron entered the land of Promise because of this unbelief.

*"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."* (I Corinthians 6:19-20) Concerning his people Isaiah said God created them *"for his glory"* (Isaiah 43:7) It seemed a matter over which to be amazed, to the apostle Paul, that anyone would fail to see that he should use himself for the glory of God. Both body and spirit are His. They are His because he bought them. He has not let them out to anyone else, therefore His glory should be the first works of both body and spirit. When we fail to glorify God with our bodies and spirits, we prove ourselves to be the same unbelievers as were Moses and Aaron. Certainly if this kind of unbelief kept them out of the promised land, you and I cannot

expect to enter heaven with our hearts filled with the same attitude.

It is easy to see why God would refer to one as an unbeliever who refused to sanctify him in the presence of others, or refuses to use himself for God's glory. The person who believes that he or she can take time that should be given to the worship or service of God and use that time in making a living or seeking some form of recreation does not believe (Matthew 6:25-34). The person who believes they are justified in laying up treasures, while they refuse to be liberal with God, does not believe Matthew 6:19 and I Timothy 6:17. Those who think it is all right to miss worship in order to go visiting or to do anything other than worship God, do not believe Hebrews 10:25. You can go on from here. When we refuse to do anything that God wants his sons and daughters to do, we refuse to sanctify him in the presence of others, and rob him of the service of the person for whom he paid a great price. Would you be willing to employ a man or woman to work for you, and after they spend the day working for someone else pay them for their services? The things that you purchase for your own use, automobiles, homes, clothes, etc., are you satisfied for just anyone to use them? The answer is an obvious no. No more is God satisfied when the person he bought employs themselves with the affairs of others instead of the

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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

# Gathered Here and There



## *Being Spiritually Beautiful*

**For The Pantry. . .**

**May 11 – Peanut Butter & Cheese Crackers**

**Offering – May 4, 2025 . . \$ 2,471.00**

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

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affairs of God. Everything that we do regarding making a living, is secondary. Doing God's work is first. First, because we belong to him. First because he is our God. First, because in the doing of his work our souls are saved.

Not every unbeliever is on the outside of the church. Many of God's own children are unbelievers in many ways. Often we find people who have grown up with twisted ideas about certain Christian duties, who refuse to learn the truth when it is presented to them. But regardless of where a person is, when he or she refuses anything the Lord has taught, regardless of the reason, they are an unbeliever. That individual shall not come into the land the Lord has provided for the obedient. May the Lord help us to be real believers.

*-Cleon Lyles  
May, 1948*

## **Growing In Christ**

One of the great themes of the New Testament is the concept of individual spiritual growth. When Paul wrote the letter to the church in Corinth, it was a congregation beset with problems. There was a party spirit and the church was divided into factions. In chapter 3 he tells them he cannot write

unto them as being spiritual because they are carnal. They are still babies spiritually. They have been fed with milk and not with meat because they cannot handle meat.

The Hebrew Christians are told in chapter 5 that they have reached the point they should be teachers. Yet, they haven't grown and need someone to teach them the first principles again. He says they have need of milk and not of strong meat. They are babies.

Peter comes along in I Peter chapter 2 and tells his readers to lay aside malice, guile, hypocrisies, envy and evil speaking. Instead, they are to desire the sincere milk of the word that they might grow spiritually.

Yet, that was Peter's first letter. In the second letter, as he brings it to a close there is a further instruction on growth. In chapter 3 and verse 18 he writes, "go on growing in grace" (Moffat). Now think about those words. There are a lot of people who are born again but never seem to progress much further than infancy. The reason is, that they soon learn to be a "spiritual couch potato".

You see, growing in Christ means hard work, commitment and dedication. Are you up to the task?

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## ***On The Lighter Side. . .***



**"I can't stand to listen to anyone else preach.  
You reckon that means the Lord is calling  
me to the ministry?"**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**June 1, 2025**

**This will be our next  
Covered Dish Luncheon**

**We will be celebrating Birthdays and  
Anniversaries for the months of June, July and  
August and we want you to come and join us and  
invite your friends and neighbors to come also.**

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 May**  
**Isaiah & Amanda Molloy**



**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 May 28,  
2025.

In order for us to plan better how much food to  
prepare for the last Wednesday Fellowship Meal, we  
will be placing a sign-up sheet in the foyer for you to  
sign up if you plan to come and eat with us.

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**THE TRUCK FROM SUNNY GLEN** will be here the  
week of June 10<sup>th</sup>. They are establishing a new  
pick-up schedule and will be coming approximately  
every 9 months instead of every 6 months.

**Ted Holt** (former member of this congregation) is  
hospitalized in Bryan with pneumonia and other issues  
and complications

We extend our sympathy to the family of Craig Bigler  
(**close friend of Tim Bradshaw**) in his recent passing.  
A memorial service is planned for later this summer.

**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) **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); **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

I received word this morning (Wednesday) that a very dear friend was hospitalized in serious condition, possibly his last hospitalization. With that thought in mind, I would like to share this old poem by Charles Hanson Towne, one that has been in my files more than half a century. I present it without comment so that we might apply it to our lives.

Around the corner I have a friend,  
In this great city that has no end;  
Yet the days go by, and weeks rush on,  
And before I know it a year is gone,  
And I never see my old friend's face,  
For Life is a swift and terrible race.  
He knows I like him just as well,  
As in the days when I rang his bell,  
And he rang mine. We were younger then,  
And now we are busy, tired men:  
Tired with playing a foolish game,  
Tired with trying to make a name.  
"To-morrow," I say, "I will call on Jim  
"Just to show that I'm thinking of him."  
But to-morrow comes -- and to-morrow goes,  
And the distance between us grows and grows.

Around the corner -- yet miles away,...  
"Here's a telegram sir,..."  
  "*Jim died today.*"  
And that's what we get, and deserve in the  
end: Around the corner, a vanished friend.

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

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