

Let's Visit

A publication of the Center Church of Christ
110 Hurst Street Center, Texas 75935



Volume 9

Number 19

May 15, 2022

The Good Samaritan

Have you ever thought about “Famous Neighbors?” You know, maybe like Mr. Rogers and his “neighborhood”. That conjures up images of a sweater, sneakers and “It’s a beautiful day in the neighborhood, won’t you be my neighbor?” Then there is Dennis the Menace and Helloooo Mr. Wilson. There are the Ricardo’s and the Mertzes, Tim the tool man and Wilson, and perhaps others you might think of from the small screen.

There us a story recorded in Luke chapter 10 that we commonly refer to as the story of the Good Samaritan. This story has all the elements of a great movie. It has violence, crime, racial discrimination, hatred, neglect, unconcern, love and mercy. Who says the Bible isn’t relevant to our modern world.

The essential facts of the story are familiar to all Bible readers. A man was on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves and robbers. They beat him, robbed him, stripped him and left him for dead. By and by a priest and Levite came along and they passed by on the other side of the road. A man from Samaria came along and Jesus says he had compassion on the man. He bound up his wounds and took him to an inn for him to be cared for. Jesus then asks the question as to which of the three was a neighbor to the man.

Well, you see, the story was prompted because a lawyer had asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. It was a good question, however, it was prompted by an evil motive. Jesus made him answer his own question and he said he was to love his neighbor as himself. Then he asked Jesus who his neighbor was and Jesus gave us this story.

The Jericho road was a rugged, robber infested road. Travelers were often attacked on this road and it actually became known as the “bloody way”. All along the highway of life there are thieves and

robbers. There are those who know no god but their own desires. There are those who say “might makes right”. They do not care for their fellowman. They are not concerned with his good name, his character, his physical well being or anything else about him. These things mean nothing to them.

Tragically, the world is also full of people like this man in the story. They are the folks who are stripped of righteousness. The ones who are robbed of life’s necessities, broken in body and wounded in spirit.

Yet, notice the priest and the Levite. They selfishly passed him by because they were unmoved by the pain and sorrow of a fellow human being.

How heartwarming to see the compassionate Samaritan who stops to help the victim of this horrible crime. He is a man of another race and of another religion. In him we find a tender heart and a helping hand. We find an open purse and an assuring voice. He is a man who is Christ’s ideal man.

The lawyer who was trying to trap Jesus is forced to answer his own question. He says the neighbor is the one that showed mercy to his fellowman. Jesus says, “go thou and do likewise”. Jesus expects no less from us.

tp

None of us is responsible for all the things that happen to us, but we are responsible for the way we behave when they do happen.

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

"God Wants You to Win!"

Our text comes from Hebrews 12:1. The writer tells us to lay aside everything that hinders us and run the race set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

For The Pantry. . . Peanut Butter

Something To Think About. . .

A baby starts off crawling, then toddling and finally walking.

A recession or a period of prosperity does not happen overnight, but it is a gradual thing leading into one or the other.

A war does not start overnight, but things begin to happen that finally lead to it.

Likewise, one does not become an alcoholic until they take that first drink, and one day they find themselves far from the pathway of Christian service.

No person ever became a backslider who did not miss his or her first service from the Lord's house. It is very easily discerned by those who have the interest of every member of the church at heart when members "take the first step" by being absent from worship, that it won't be long, too many times, before that member has actually fallen away.

When we are faithful in our attendance at Bible Study and Worship, we are refreshed, the Lord is pleased and we are an encouragement to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

-copied

Before You Gossip. . .

If you have heard a bit of gossip

I will tell you what to do;
That before you tell another

Just suppose it had been you.

Just suppose the latest scandal

Had been one you love, or ypu;

And that only half the details,

Really had been partly true.

And that all the reasons for it

Circumstances strange and new,

All conspired to a mix-up-

Just suppose my friend 'twas you.

Would you wish folks to repeat it?

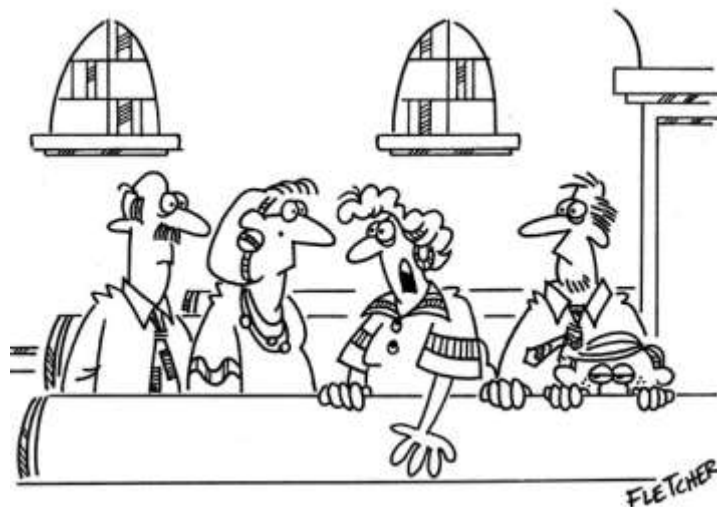
Or forgive - forget it too?

So before you tell another,

Just suppose it had been you.

Edith Dahlby

On The Lighter Side. . .



I heard that Ed and Phyllis are going to counseling,
Doris has stopped tithing, and the preacher thinks
gossip is a major cause of conflict in the church.

You can accomplish anything if you have patience.

*You can even carry water in a sieve
if you wait until it freezes.*

*Our responsibility never can cease so long as we
have a life to live for Christ and a whole world still
waiting for the gospel.*

Miscellaneous



TODAY!

May 15th

Please plan to stay!

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

We will also honor
Lieza Klein

2022 Graduate of Shelbyville High School

Please note, the front section of tables is reserved for our honoree and her family

Each One Bring One!

52 in '22

Invite Someone Each Week!

Sunny Glen Children's Home

The Truck from Sunny Glen Children's Home came this past Wednesday and cleaned out our pantry. They expressed their appreciation for everything we gave them, and we did have a pantry full. They will be back in November and so we now have the privilege of filling the pantry again in anticipation of their return.

Children's Home of Lubbock

Eric Dickey from the Children's Home of Lubbock will be here either this week or next week to pick up the toilet paper we have gathered for them.



Those To Remember In Prayer

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) Wendy Johnson (friend of Norma Perkins) 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

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.

I'd rather be able to pray than to be a great preacher; Jesus Christ never taught his disciples how to preach, but only how to pray.

Remember Jesus said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself". Someone once commented that our neighbors probably couldn't stand that much affection.

It's amazing how the young are always ready to give those who are older than themselves the full benefit of their inexperience.



Across The Preacher's Desk

Dr. Luke tells us in Acts chapter 3 that Peter and John went to the temple to pray. There was a lame man there and Peter healed this man. Well, it seems a crowd assembled to hear their preaching. This upset the “status quo” and so Peter and John were arrested and brought before the assembly of priests, elders and scribes. We are further told in Acts 4:13 that when the members of the “council” saw the boldness of Peter and John and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus.

The effect of their association with Jesus is clearly seen in their lives. They had been intimately associated with Jesus for three years during his public ministry. They became partakers of His knowledge, His boldness, kindness, purity, zeal and love for God.

Just like Peter and John had been with Jesus, we also need to be with Jesus. We must become His friends by obeying His commandments and we must live His kind of life.

Jesus told His followers they were the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world”. The great question for us is do others see in our lives the effect that we too have been with Jesus, or do they see a disconnect in what we say and how we live?

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

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