



LET'S VISIT

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IT WASN'T INTENTIONAL!

He died suddenly with no warning at all. He had no time to make his wrongs right or to get ready to die. They said it was a heart attack. Two men were talking about him. One of them was an old school mate, a lifelong friend. The man doing the talking is a man faithful to the Lord and His church. He told how his boyhood friend had drifted away. He worked hard and he made good in his profession. But he allowed his business, the demands others made on him and the many activities he had his children involved in to cause him to neglect the Lord. He had no intention of quitting the church. His friend said he never dreamed that some day he would not attend the worship on a regular basis and would die in unfaithfulness. But it happened. It has happened before and will perhaps happen again, because some people will not heed the warnings given and repent. Once we get started on the wrong road it is difficult to be right again. There are many who never overcome that difficulty.

Most people never intend to become unfaithful. We have no intention of reaping what we sow. But that is as much as the devil wants. If he can keep us doing wrong while we intend to do right, he can keep us under his control. Few of the bitter things that have entered our lives would have ever come had we realized how difficult it is to turn back once we start in the wrong direction.

No one ever intends to become a drunkard. No drunkard can enter the kingdom of heaven. The bible is plain on that subject. Certainly, no one in their right mind would want to make of themselves someone who could not go to heaven. However, there is a difference in having a sociable can of beer and becoming a drunkard folks say, so they take a

drink or two. You see, they are only intending to be sociable. Their friends want them to do it and they see no harm in a little drink now and then. But, drinking will grow on you. Usually one drink will call for another. That is the way drunkards are made. No person intends to make a drunkard out of themselves, but many do it because they cannot see the end from the beginning and will not listen to those who have gone that way.

Then there is that individual who never intended to become a gambler. They had no intention of losing everything they had. It all started with that harmless scratch-off lottery ticket. Then they wanted to make a little bet on the horses. The bet was made and they won a little at the beginning. They, they realized the boats would be a great place to go and rationalized that if they viewed it as entertainment and spent no more than they would to see a ball game, there surely could be no harm in it. Yet, after they won a little, they began to lose. They doubled their bets to try and overcome their losses so they could get even and quit. Unfortunately, that time never came and they lost all they had, their home, their business and family.

This story could go indefinitely. It would deal with every weakness of the human flesh. People have no intention of allowing themselves to be

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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



Living The Abundant Life - Overcoming Fear

For The Pantry. . .
May 18 – Fruit Snacks

Offering – May 11, 2025 . . \$ 2,757.00

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

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overcome with evil. It may be that they have a desire to prove that one can company with the devil now and then and get by. Those who failed just did not know how to do it. Yet, the story always has a sad ending. In the end the Lord is forgotten, things worth most to us are lost, self respect is gone and hell stares us in the face. When will men and women learn that they cannot mock God? *"Be not deceived, God is not mocked, whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."* (Galatians 6:7)

Complying With Our Demands

Are you willing to comply with the same demands that you make on other people? This should be a searching question for every member of the church to answer honestly in his own heart. Most of us have demands which we make of other people, at least in our own minds this is true. Our attitudes and our actions tell of those demands, and also whether or not we are willing to comply with them.

We doubt that any sincere member of the church would approve the discontinuance of Bible Study on Sunday morning. You would not approve an end to Bible Classes, would you? But Bible classes are not successful unless they are attended by someone,

therefore, you in your own mind make a demand that somebody attend Bible classes which you demand to be held. Are you willing to comply with your own demands? Do you attend Bible Study classes?

For the church to do the work required, a rather large amount of money is necessary. You would not be in favor of pie suppers, or rummage sales, or lotteries to raise money for the church. Hence, in your own mind you demand that contributions be made for the church. Somebody must make those contributions, and so that is included in your demand. Are you willing to comply with the demands you make of other members of the church? Do you give as prospered?

Members of the church should be friendly. Friendly with strangers as well as with one another. But are you friendly? Visiting should be done. Sometimes people demand that others visit them, yet they refuse to visit anyone. They are not willing to measure up to the standard which they set up for other people. They are not willing to comply with the same demands they make on others. Jesus warned his disciples against the Pharisees because they taught and they did not act.

-Foster Ramsey

On The Lighter Side. . .



Good news preacher! The Grumblestones have agreed not to file suit if you promise not to preach against sin anymore.



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 10th. They are establishing a new
pick-up schedule and will be coming approximately
every 9 months instead of every 6 months.

Norman Turner (Norma Perkins' father) is dealing with heart
issues that are needing to be addressed.

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) Ted Holt (former
member of this congregation) 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!

