



# LET'S VISIT

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## CONFIDENT TOMORROWS

William Wordsworth is considered by many to be the most important English romantic poet. One of the long poems that Wordsworth wrote during his long and illustrious career was titled, *The Excursion*, written in 1814. This long poem discussed virtue, education and religious faith. Hidden among the lines of this poem are these words, "A man he seems of cheerful yesterdays and confident tomorrows." There is much in that statement that is worthy of our consideration.

Cheerful yesterdays! The individual who has them is fortunate indeed. It is a joyous thing to be able to look upon the days that are past and gone and reflect on them with joy in our hearts. Often this is not the case. Often, individuals look back on their yesterdays with a feeling of regret. There are so many things they would change if they had the power now to change them. So, they go through life living in constant regret of yesterday. Usually this person does not find himself in that condition without having been warned. People of every generation have had their warnings. Those who find themselves living in constant remorse because of the evil of their yesterdays defied warnings and placed themselves in this position. They saw others falling all around them but they thought they would be able to stand. You see, time has a way of making things catch up with us. Then comes remorse.

Confident tomorrows! Of course cheerful yesterdays have helped to make tomorrow what it is. We must admit that all of us are going to look back on mistakes. Even the best among us will do this. But if we have heeded the warning soon enough and through the help of God blotted out those mistakes, tomorrow takes on a brightness for us even in the

face of yesterday's defeat. Those who have served God can look back through the years and see the guiding hand of the Almighty. They can say that the one who has brought them to this point will keep them through all their journey. These people have a right to look with confidence on tomorrow, for the hand that knows how to guide men is holding their hand as they march through life. There may be those who say, "I have no cheerful yesterdays, what shall I do?" One need not continue through life without them. You see, right now, today, you can begin to store up cheerful yesterdays for tomorrow. Just because some mistakes have been made in life does not mean that the whole of life need be a mistake. At the present, looking back may hold no ray of sunshine for you at all, but tomorrow you will be looking back on today.

What are you doing with today? Have you ever heard the expression, "Today is the tomorrow you dreamed about yesterday"? We must live today! It is possible that all the sons and daughters of God can have both cheerful yesterdays and confident tomorrows. However, in order for that to happen, we must begin to do right and live for God today. We must begin right now, right here, where we are. If we will take care of today, the yesterdays and tomorrows will soon be taking care of themselves.

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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” Living Above Anger*

**For The Pantry. . .**  
**May 25 – Juice Pouches**

**Offering – May 18, 2025 . . \$ 2,002.00**

**The Lord’s plan of giving ...”as ye have prospered”**

## **Is Your Fire Going Out?**

Paul loved Timothy. He was interested in his soul and he gave him good advice. On one occasion he wrote saying; “Stir up the gift of God which is in thee.” Paul wanted Timothy to use all proper means to keep the flame of pure religion burning in his soul. If the flame burned brightly, his zeal in the cause of Christ would be increased.

If a spiritual flame is unattended, it has a tendency to die down, and eventually to go out entirely. We must watch constantly, lest we grow cold. This condition of the soul is not different from growth in other realms. When a garden is uncultivated, weeds take it over. A body will soon die if given no food. A vessel without a steersman will drift down stream into danger.

There are so many currents to carry the Christian backward that it takes constant effort to keep him advancing. We need to take stock of ourselves, to see that the energy that is within us is being used in the right channels.

Solomon once said, “The backslider in his heart shall be filled with his own ways.” It is dangerous for a person to be filled with his “own ways”, for “it is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps.” Our “own ways” may be the ways of doubt, faultfinding, sinful pleasures, failing interest in the affairs of the kingdom. Our “own ways” may be

the ways of companions who are far from God, and whose influence over us takes away from the ways of God.

It is our duty to “stir up the gift of God, which is in us.” Kindle up the fire! Fan the flame! We must do this if our spiritual lives are active, burning and increasing.

No soldier stands with folded hands,  
When a battle’s first begun;

It’s a pushing through, and a pointing to  
The day when the battle’s won.

*-Just a Moment*

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



**“Well preacher, I’d like church a lot more if you had a ‘no preaching’ section.”**

## **Jesus The Great Physician**

Jesus is the “Great Physician” the “world’s teacher” and the climax is reached in his being a “friend of sinners”.

Jesus was not the “friend of sinners” in that he encouraged them in their sins, but in the fact that he was willing to save them from their sins.

A humble, penitent, contrite heart always appeals to Jesus. Such a condition of heart and life will receive a blessing from the “Great Physician”.

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**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 June**  
**Mike & Jana O'Brien**



**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.

**Norman Turner** (Norma Perkins' father) is scheduled for heart by-  
pass surgery this coming Thursday.

**Charles Spann** (friend of LaResa Livingston) hospitalized with  
multiple health issues.

**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!**



## Across The Preacher's Desk

I remember once reading a story of a man who owned and operated a small, independent grocery store. He was telling a friend in the store one day that the preacher had delivered a really good sermon the previous Sunday.

Well, the friend asked the title of the sermon, but the groceryman couldn't remember. He then asked him what text the preacher had chosen for the sermon. He had to confess that he had forgotten that also. At this point, the friend was giving him one of those smirking smiles and thinking to himself that it must not have been much of a sermon after all.

Yet, the man wasn't finished. He said, "You know, after the sermon, I came to the store and got rid of my short-weight scales, and then I went to the magazine rack and pulled all the magazines that were suggestive or vulgar or would have a bad influence on someone. You see, that's why the sermon was so wonderful to me."

When you think about it, any lesson that move people to live on a higher plane is a wonderful lesson. It doesn't matter if you remember the title of the sermon or the text it came from. It only matters that it helps you in some way come closer to living the kind of life that God wants you to live. That ought to be the desire of every child of God, to live the kind of life God wants us to live.

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

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