

Let's Visit

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The Christian and Worry

As human beings, we are unique among God's creation. We are the only creatures of God who worship Him, and yet we are also the only ones who worry. When you consider the fact that we carry yesterday's guilt, today's stress and tomorrow's anxiety all wrapped into one big headache it is no wonder that we worry so much. In the early years of our country, with life on the frontier so harsh, our forefathers died from being all worn out, but today we die from being all wound up.

We live in a troubled world, and consequently we let the world trouble us. We worry about how to acquire, keep and spend wealth. We worry about what we have and we worry about what we don't have. We worry about what we said and we worry about what we didn't say. We worry about what we did and what we didn't do. We worry about the past, the present and the future. We worry about our marital status, our bodies, our souls, or families and our jobs. In short, we worry about everything.

Our television sets almost instantly bring all the world's problems into our living rooms daily. Our newspapers are headlined with crime, corruption, tragedy and every worry known to man, and that is just the sports and entertainment section!

How do we cope with all our fears, worries, anxieties and depressions? There is only one true way and that is by practicing and living the words taught by Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus addressed himself to the routine earthly matters of life such as food, clothing and shelter. Jesus did not prohibit the foresight and planning that common sense demands. However, He did forbid our anxieties and the needless worries that so many of us carry with us on a daily basis. God is concerned with the total man, religious and earthly.

Jesus forbids us to worry. In both Matthew 6 and Luke 12, Jesus tells us not to be anxious about food, clothing and shelter. Jesus plainly tells us that God cares for the birds of the air and the grass of the field and that God is much more concerned about us. God knows our needs and Jesus commands that we not worry, that we not be anxious. Worry comes from a lack of faith and trust in God.

If God cares for the lesser creatures like the birds, then surely He cares for you and me. Birds cannot store up food or drink, they do not engage in agriculture. They do not plant, reap or sow, but God supplies all their needs.

In Philippians 4:6, Paul says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God." In other words, worry about nothing, pray about everything and be thankful for all things.

The way to worry about nothing is to pray about everything. You see, everything that concerns us concerns God. We are His creation, we are His children and He cares for us.

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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

Each One Bring One!

52 in '22

Invite Someone Each Week!

Gathered Here and There



Today's Sermon

"Conquering Fear"

One of the reasons for Jesus coming into this world was to deliver us from the power of fear.

For The Pantry. . .
Sugar

"Not Going To Church Today?"

So you are not going to church this morning, my son?

Ah, yes, I see. "The music in not good." That's a pity; that's what you are going to church for – to hear the music. And the less we pay the better music we demand.

"And the pews are not comfortable." That's too bad. The Sabbath is a day of rest, and we go to church to repose. The less we do during the week, the more rest we clamor for on the Sabbath.

"The church is so far away, it is too far to walk and you detest riding in a streetcar, and they are always crowded on Sundays". That is indeed distressing. Sometimes when I think how much farther away heaven is than the church and that there are no conveyances on the road or any description, I wonder how some of us are going to get there.

"And the sermon is so long, always." All these things are indeed to be regretted. I would regret them more sincerely, my boy, did I not know that you will often squeeze into a stuffed streetcar with a hundred other men, breathing an incense of

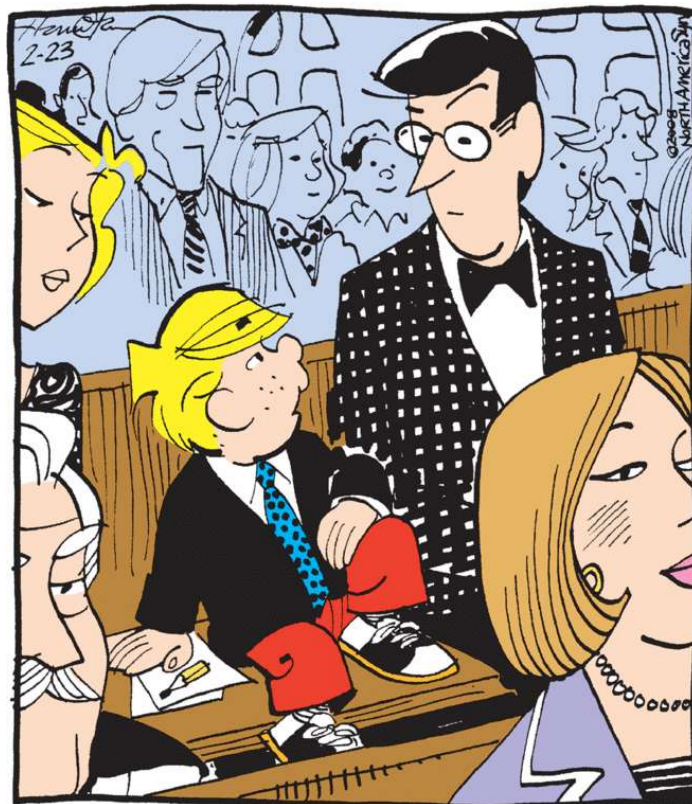
whiskey, beer and tobacco and hang on a strap by your eyelids for two miles, then pay fifty cents for the privilege of sitting on a rough plank in the broiling sun for two hours longer, while in the intervals of the game a scratch band will blow discordant thunder out of a dozen misfit horns right into your ears, and then come home to talk the rest of the family into a state of aural paralysis about the "dandiest game you ever saw played on that ground."

Ah, my boy, see what staying away from church does? It develops a habit of lying. There is not one man in a hundred who could go on the witness stand and give under oath the same reasons for not going to church that he gives his family. My son, if you did not think you ought to go, you would not make any excuse for not going. No man apologizes for doing right.

-Robert J. Burdette

(The above article appeared in the Gospel Advocate, January 7, 1937. While some of it may be a bit "dated". The principles expressed are timeless. tp)

On The Lighter Side. . .



"CAN WE LEAVE AT HALFTIME?"

Miscellaneous

December 4, 2022



**Make Your Plans To Be Here!
Bring Someone as your Guest.**

We will be having our covered dish luncheon following the morning worship and will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for December, January and February.

BIBLE STUDY – It is still our desire to have as many “Bodies in Benches” as possible for our Sunday Morning Bible Class at 9:45 and our mid-week Bible Study on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. If you can be here **PLEASE** make your plans to do so.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL – Our next Wednesday night meal at 6:00 p.m. prior to our evening services will be on November 30th. Please, make your plans to come and join us. There is a sign up sheet on the shelf in the foyer. Please indicate if you are bringing a guest.

*There are two ways to get to the top of an oak tree.
You can climb it or you can sit on an acorn.*



Those To Remember In Prayer

Minion Bean (Mike O' Brien's mother) fell on Tuesday and had to have surgery to repair a broken hip on Wednesday.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Ruby Hughes** in her passing this past week. Services were conducted this past Friday at Oaklawn Memorial Park. She was a cousin to Martha Bradshaw.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick , Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Louise Johnson, Tiffanee Klein, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

“EXTENDED FAMILY” AND FRIENDS

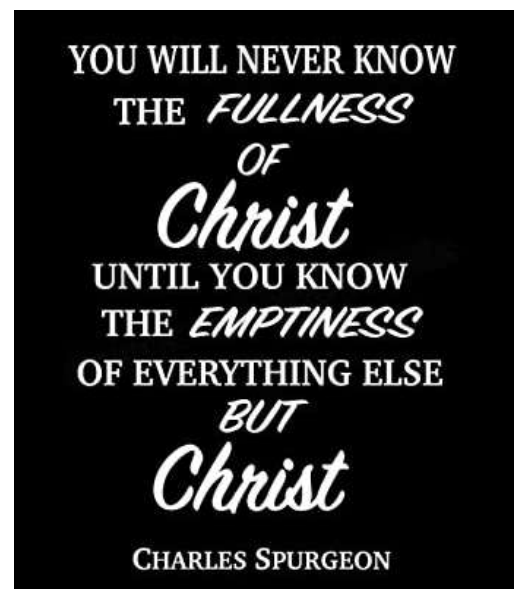
Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother), Minion Bean-(Mike O'Brien's mother) recovering from a fall , Ana Blair (friend of Debra Pate) Hugh and Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law) Sandra Fuller (friend of Betty Miller) Roy Garcia (friend of Tim and Norma Perkins) Suzie Hogan (Roxie Bostick's sister) Suzanne Ihlo (Martha Jean Golden's sister) Debbie Lynn (Abbey Perkins' mother) Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; Tina Vaughn - cancer

“INTERNET FRIENDS”

Mason McConnell, Frankie & Mandy McConnell, Wayne Minter, Courtney Workman

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE
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.





Across The Preacher's Desk

I don't want to alarm anyone, but there are only 28 days until Christmas Day. That means there is a lot of shopping left to be done. The weeks between Thanksgiving and New Years Day have become a frantic, anxiety filled dash through the holidays. It all happens so fast that we hardly remember any of it. Slow down and take a breath.

Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica in I Thessalonians 5:18 and said, "In everything give thanks". To be fair, the circumstances of our lives are not always the best. Yet, still we are to look for something for which to be thankful. Guess what, there is always something positive for which we can be grateful. It reminds me of a story I read about a woman shoveling her driveway after a snowstorm. She paused to wave hello to a neighbor passing by. He asked her why her husband wasn't out there helping her with the chore. She explained that they had drawn straws to see which one would go out and shovel and which one would have to stay inside to take care of the children. The neighbor told her, "Sorry about your bad luck". She replied, "Don't be sorry, I won."

Sometimes giving thanks seems to be a tall order. You see, all of us have problems that often tend to overwhelm us. However, before you get too stressed about how close it is to Christmas, take a moment and count your blessings. We must learn how to count our blessings and not our troubles. I hope you took the time to do that this past week. In everything give thanks.

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

The Lord's Plan For Evangelism –

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