



LET'S VISIT

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IF YOU CAN'T SAY SOMETHING NICE. . .

My grandmother always had a lot of "sayings" that she was fond of using. Sometimes they are referred to as "maxims". She was always telling me, "willful waste makes woeful want". When I was younger, I really didn't understand what she meant and I used to ask her who woeful was. Another of her favorites was, "One man's meat is another man's poison.". She also said quite often, "if you can't say something nice about someone, then don't say anything at all". If you were fortunate enough to know her, you realized that this was something that she lived out determinedly in her own life. It is also something that I am certain all of us have heard during our life. It reminds me of the story of the old woman who always had something good to say about anything and anybody. One day, someone said to her, "you know, I believe you would find something good to say about the devil." The dear old saint replied, "Well, he is always busy isn't he." Tragically, the truth of that statement cannot be denied. He is always busy and he has always fought against the peace of the people of God. He started in the early morning of time with the first family and has been busy ever since. He brought jealousy and envy into that family and finally murder. When we study the history of man on the earth, we see this work of the devil in almost every generation. He is not interested in peace but in division. If he can sow discord he knows that finally a good work will be destroyed. Of course, all of the work the devil does is done through men. "United we stand, divided we fall" is a truth that has always existed. Whether we face this problem as a community, nation, family or church, the truth is always the same. Unity always brings about prosperity. Discord brings failure.

Always has, always will. God realized the veil of sowing discord when He inspired Solomon to write these words in Proverbs 6:16-19, *"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."*

In his plans for sowing discord, the devil has always been very subtle. He is the master deceiver and makes believe that they are only fighting or standing up for what is right. Guess what, Hitler believed that. You see, men and women fight for what they believe to be right. So all the old devil needs to do is convince people that it is their duty to thus fight and discord will come. In his work through men and women he is clever enough to hide the real cause, and often the person in back of the act stays hidden also. There are always people who are gullible enough to be used. If they are worked up to a certain point you can be sure they will carry out the purpose of the person who worked them up so much. Such a person always knows to whom they should go in order to get their work done. They will always select someone who does not know enough to know they are being used. It does not matter to them if 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



Defeating God's Purposes

For The Pantry. . .

October 11 – Aluminum Pans



**October 4, 2026
\$2,976.00**

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

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person is sacrificed. The devil will sacrifice anyone and anything to gain his point and destroy the unity of the people of God. Since he works through men and women, you can easily see that this same attitude will often exist in their hearts. That is why often good churches are destroyed from within by men and women who are crying about their loyalty to God and the truth. Those who think can see the real issue, but not all men and women think for themselves and that is why Satan so often has his way.

May the Lord help us to be always on our guard and not allow any man or woman to do that which the Lord hates - sow discord among the brethren.

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It's Easy To Like People

It's a natural desire for all of us to want people to like us. But before we can have genuine friends who like us for what we are we must learn to like others. Learning to like others is one of the easiest things we can do.

The first lesson is to learn to laugh at one's own faults in order to speak kindly about the faults of others. We each have our own peculiarities which doubtless rub people the wrong way. It is an excellent practice to be a little bit blind, somewhat deaf and unnoticeably mute in liking people for their good qualities and forgetting their undesirable ones. Just refuse to see them. No doubt we want them to reciprocate.

Real friends are so much to all of us that none of us can afford to make enemies. But, first of all, we must be worth knowing and liking. If we want them to like us we will never forget that they are human. If we become likable then we shall have friends.

-borrowed

On The Lighter Side. . .



The famous question is asked for the first time.



MAKE YOUR PLANS TO BE HERE! December 6, 2026

We will be having a covered dish luncheon following the morning worship.



Hospitality Group 2 will be in charge of this luncheon. The members of this group are Melonie Bradshaw, Sarah Fletcher, Amanda Molloy, Debra Pate and Norma Perkins.



Those who were present had an enjoyable time of fellowship together this past Wednesday as we shared our meal and then spent the time in singing. Our next Wednesday night fellowship meal is scheduled for October 28, 2026. This will be the last Wednesday night meal for 2026.

If you don't want to come and share the meal, **PLEASE** plan to come and join us for the singing.

Communion Preparation - October
Isaiah & Amanda Molloy



OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Stanley Amos, LaJuan Baugh,
Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden,
LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate,
Jerry Pate, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) Leslie Adams (friend of Diedra Hughes) being treated for brain cancer; Peggy Baylor (Tim Bradshaw's mother) Debra Clifton (friend of LaResa Livingston) Norma Cortez (Manny Ortiz mother) Hugh and Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) Joyce Fontenot (Debra Pate's mother) Pat & William Ford (cousins to Martha Bradshaw) Dot Grant (Friend of Debra Pate) Albert Magby (Melonie Bradshaw's father) Karen McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher) Doug "Goob" Milford (cousin of Amanda Molloy) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle); Heather Simmons Stewart (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; Harold Wiggins (Stephen Wiggins father) Max Windham (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw,
Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate





Across The Preacher's Desk

When a Christian is absent from the worship assembly, there is cause for alarm. "Why? Whose business is it? It's my life isn't it?" says the absentee. "If I want to miss church, let me be, what does it hurt anyhow?"

Well, glad you asked that question. It hurts you. Fellowship of the saints in the presence of Jesus is a stirring experience. Sharing this experience with those who love the Lord as we sing together, join our hearts in prayer and engage in the Lord's Supper gives us an uplifting experience. The assembly with brothers and sisters in Christ takes priority over the ordinary affairs of life.

However, you not only hurt yourself, you also hurt those who are closest to you. Your lack of faithfulness might cause a wife or husband or your children to leave the Lord. Your lack of zeal tells others that to you the church is not really that important. They love you, but by your example you lead your own family and friends away from the Lord instead of leading them to the Lord.

It is alarming when a Christian is absent because the surest path to backsliding is absenteeism. No doubt, there is more to being a Christian than occupying 18 inches (more or less) of pew space on the Lord's Day. However, attendance can never be so minimized that it is not a vital part of our duty to God.

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

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
Will you?**