



# LET'S VISIT

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## COMPLIMENTS OF JESUS

As you read the accounts of the life of Jesus as recorded by the New Testament writers, you are impressed that the general character of our Lord was such that He was a man of few words. If you had asked Jesus for the time, he would not have felt that it was necessary to tell you how to make a watch. You never see Jesus using flattery or exaggeration.

Yet, though the complimentary things Jesus said were few, they were not superficial. Now, let's be honest. All of us appreciate a compliment, provided it is sincere. In fact, we actually cannot get enough of them. I don't mean the kind of compliment we usually refer to as a "left-handed" compliment. You know the kind, like someone said to me one time. A man said, "That suit you are wearing has been a good old suit. If those ever come back in style, I'm going to get me one." You see, when Jesus gave someone a compliment, it had nothing to do with their clothing or style. It had to do with their heart and their character.

When Jesus first met Nathaniel, he said of him, "*behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile*". (John 1:47) There might have been a lot of other things Jesus could have said. He might have said that some were Israelites only in appearance. Perhaps he could have said some were Israelites according to the flesh. Some were only nominal Israelites. They offered sacrifices of repentance yet were not willing to change themselves. They came to the temple to worship but it was a hollow ritual. There were many who praised in public and were ungodly in private. Yet, when Jesus saw Nathaniel, he saw a man in whom there was nothing false. He saw a man who had no desire to deceive others. The fact that Jesus could see into his heart caused Nathaniel to marvel

and he confessed his faith in Jesus as the son of God. It was then that Jesus told him that bigger and better things were coming (John 1:50).

Another individual Jesus had high praise for was John the Baptist. There was a time that John found his faith weak. He was in prison because he had condemned the unholy marriage of Herod to Herodias. John sent his disciples to Jesus to ask Jesus was he the one or should they look for another. John had been sent to prepare the way for Jesus. It was John who introduced Andrew to Jesus. Jesus told them that those who went out to see John saw a prophet and much more than a prophet. He said this about John. "*Among them that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist.*" (Luke 7:28)

We could also mention Mary and the dinner in the home of Simon the Pharisee. She washed Jesus' feet with her tears and anointed them with expensive ointment. When she was criticized, Jesus told them to leave her alone because she had done what she could.

Yet, the words I want to hear the Master speak to me are contained in that story of the judgment scene in Matthew 25. Remember the story of the talents? Jesus told the man with 5 talents and the man with 2 talents, "*Well done, good and faithful servant; thou*"  
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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



*God  
So  
Loved*

We welcome them and look forward to many years of laboring together in the service of our Lord. If you haven't met them, make sure you take the opportunity to meet them and welcome them to our family.

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## On The Lighter Side. . .

### For The Pantry. . .

October 18 – Dried Pasta



**October , 2026  
\$2,239.00**

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

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*has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.*" (Matthew 25:23) When life is over and I stand before God in judgment, to hear my Lord speak those words will be the sweetest sound ever heard. I want to hear Jesus speak those words to me some day. Yet, for us to hear those words, we must live God's kind of life. Are you doing that?

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It is always a joy to welcome new members to our church family at the Center Church of Christ. This past Sunday Deborah Jenkins, Meme Cartwright, Billy Cartwright, Catherine Cartwright and Zamarcus Moton all made known their desire to place their membership and officially become a part of the family at the Center Church of Christ.



**"Why do you always obsess about the one negative response?"**

## The "Buts" and "Therefore's"

There are two kinds of Christians. There are those who say, "I'm a Christian, but I have to work such hours I must spend 'time off' with the family' I'm just no good at personal work anyhow; I'm paying for a new car or house so just can't give much; I want visitors welcomed BUT I have so many friends I want to talk to! I would come on Wednesday night BUT. . .

What a relief to meet the man or woman who says, "I'm a Christian, therefore, count on me for all I can do. I'll put the church before my recreation; I'll go out of my way to invite some friends to services; I want the Lord's work to prosper- therefore I will take an active interest in Bible Study, meeting strangers, talking and living the gospel of Christ." Are you a "but" or a "therefore"?

*-Robert F. Turner*



## 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.



Make your plans to attend our next Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal on October 28, 2026. If you have never come for one of these, it is a wonderful time of fellowship and it is always an enjoyable occasion. We hope you will choose to come and join us. 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

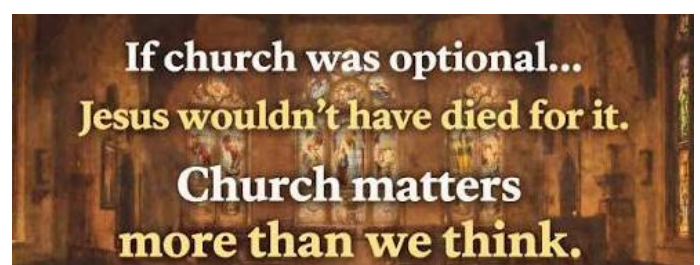
Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

## PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!



**DECEMBER 20, 2026**

More Derails will follow later.





## Across The Preacher's Desk

I recently read a quote that said, "If a congregation wants a better preacher, it can get one by praying for the one it has." I thought to myself, how true that is not just for preachers but for everyone. Often we complain about our families, friends, coworkers and neighbors. Yet, nothing comes of that but more discontent. We try to change others and invariably fail. We need to stop trying to change others by our power and allow the power of prayer to make the difference.

If you have problems between yourself and another, there is nothing that will work as well as your sincere and heartfelt prayers to the Father in Heaven. Did not James say, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"? Do you think the situation is hopeless and the relationship doomed? Pray. Do you think the person you are having problems with is so stubborn, blind and unreasonable that you feel it will never change? Pray. Give the Lord a chance to show you His power to change people.

We are always going to have problems of some kind with something or someone in our lives. With the help of God, those problems need not overwhelm us nor crush us. Try prayer. Prayer changes things.

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

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