



LET'S VISIT

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HOW IMPORTANT IS JESUS?

How important is Jesus Christ in your life? How significant is the Lord to you, really? What does Jesus really mean to you? It seems that some people never grow too old nor too tired, nor do they live too far from the church building to be present when the saints of God assemble for bible study or worship. The weather never gets too hot, it never gets too cold, as long as travel is possible there are some people who will be at the services of the Church. It is never too dry and it is never too wet. Some people will make arrangements to be present for worship. Do you think it strange that some people would act this way? Not at all. You see, they are able to be present when the saints of God assemble because it is a priority with them. These people attend church services because of their relationship to Jesus Christ. Jesus is important to them. To them, Jesus is more than life or death, joys or earthly pleasures and recreation. Jesus is more than earthly comforts, entertainment or worldly gain. Jesus is more important than family or friends. Jesus Christ is their all in all. Individuals who feel this way about Jesus do not have to tell their neighbors all the time how much they love the Lord, everyone knows that they love the Lord by the way that they live their lives.

Yet, there is something wrong, something terribly wrong when we can't have members of the church and their families present when the saints of God assemble.

If an individual is too sick to attend worship, something is wrong with their health. If an individual thinks they do not need the help that comes from assembling with the saints of God, something is wrong with their education because they do not know

enough to know just how much they need fellowship with other Christians. If someone sleeps too late, they are lazy. If they do not have the interest to be present, something is dangerously wrong with their attitude. Indifference causes people to lose their souls for all eternity. If they are too busy to go, something is wrong with their schedule. The individual who is too busy to serve the Lord is too busy to go to heaven. If they let company keep them away from the assembly, there is something wrong with their courage. The child of God should have the courage to serve the Lord even if the company is missed.

Please tell me why every Christian would not want to be in worship on the Lord's Day? Tell me why every Christian would not want their family and friends to be there. Beloved, if we have no desire to be in the worship and if we have no desire to have our families in the worship, something is wrong. It would be wise to check up on our attitude before it is too late.

Back to our original question. How important is Jesus Christ to you – really? If Jesus Christ is not Lord of all of your life, He is not Lord at all in your life. Let's make sure that service to Jesus is the number one priority in our lives.

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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



Guest Speaker Doyle Bruce

For The Pantry. . .

October 26 – Pasta Sauce

Offering – October 19, 2025 .. \$ 2,334.00

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



Next Wednesday night, October 29th will be our last Wednesday night fellowship meal for 2025. Please make your plans to join us at 6:00 p.m. for our meal together and then fellowship together as we spend the time singing during the 7:00 hour. We hope you will make your plans to come.

Guest Speaker Today!

Tim and Norma are in Liberty (where Bryant preaches) for Tim to speak at their 88th annual homecoming for the Liberty Church of Christ. We are pleased to have Brother Doyle Bruce of the Angelina Church of Christ in Lufkin as our guest speaker this morning. We know you will be blessed by his presence and enjoy listening to him as he proclaims the word of God.

We appreciate brother Doyle coming and worshipping with us and speaking for us this morning.

Lord, Send Me!

"And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I, send me." (Isaiah 6:8)

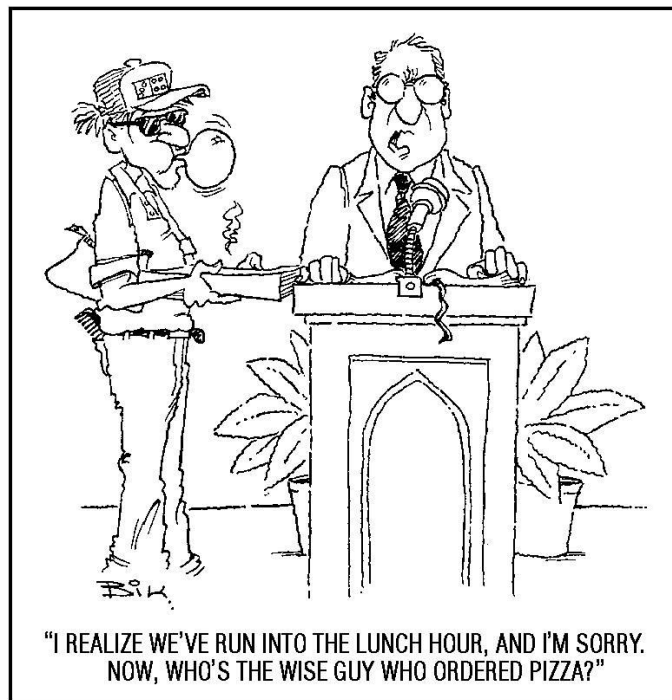
The story is told of an Arab beggar who would sit at the gate of a rich man's house. He constantly depended on the bounty of this wealthy man from whom he received his daily bread. One day, his patron wished to send an urgent message. Happening to see the beggar, he asked him to deliver the message. The beggar drew himself up and replied, "I solicit alms, I do not run errands."

All of our lives we have been soliciting and receiving alms from God; but we are not always willing to carry his urgent message salvation or do other service for him. Freely have we received now let us freely give. We must and should give our time, our money and energy to the carrying of God's message of deliverance to those who are captives of sin and self.

You know, a mighty powerful way of teaching people the importance of Christianity is by example! We can teach Christianity by putting first things first. Are we doing that?

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On The Lighter Side. . .





No Excuse Sunday December 7, 2025

**Make Your Plans To Be Here
Sunday, December 7, 2025
Our Annual**

“NO EXCUSE SUNDAY”

Put this date on your calendar, make sure you plan to be here, invite your friends and neighbors to come and worship with us and stay for our covered dish luncheon. We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for the months of December, January and February and enjoy a great time of fellowship together.

Hospitality group 1 is in charge of the luncheon that day. The members of that group are Marsha Bounds, LaResa Livingston, Betty Miller, Lisa Miller and Melonia Molloy.

Communion Preparation - November
Manny & Brittany Ortiz



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!
Save this Date. . .

December 21, 2025 – Annual Christmas Party



Keep **Stanley Amos** (Cissy Amos' husband) in your prayers as he is having numerous tests. Krista Andrus (Norma Perkins' niece) is also in need of our prayers.

OUR “CHURCH FAMILY”

Cissy Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, 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; **Richard Barbee** (Gene Bradshaw's nephew) **Peggy Baylor** (Tim Bradshaw's mother) **David Bissett** (Mike O'Brien's brother in law- cancer) **Dwayne Brister** (Cissy Amos' cousin) **Debra Clifton** (friend of LaResa Livingston) **Coleen Dickerson** (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Dot Grant** (Friend of Debra Pate) **Suzi Hogan** (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) **Ted Holt** (former member of this congregation) **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) **Albert Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's father) **Norma Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's mother) **Karen McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher) **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) **Max Windham** (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

**Reserve these dates for important events
in the life of our Church for 2026**

March 1, 2026 – “Pack-A-Pew Sunday”
April 24, 2026 – Area Wide Singing & Fellowship
June 7, 2026 – “Friends and Family Day”
September 13, 2026 – “Back To Church Sunday”
December 6, 2026 – “No Excuse Sunday”
December 20, 2026 – Annual Christmas Party



Across The Preacher's Desk

When Moses sent the twelve spies on their reconnaissance mission to the Promised Land, 10 came back with a negative report. They said that they saw giants in the land and they were in their own sight as “grasshoppers”. They viewed their ability to take the land only in their own human strength. It was Joshua and Caleb who realized that taking the land depended not on their human strength but the power of God.

How often are we in life defeated before we even start because we have the “Grasshopper Complex” alive and well in our hearts? You see, often we only see the problems of life. While we cannot ignore our problems, the things that trouble us, our “grasshoppers”, we also do not want to over-emphasize them.

Do you remember what Jesus said in John 10:10? He said he came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Jesus gave hope to people who had grasshoppers in their life. There was the woman at Jacob's well, the widow with two mites. The sinful woman brought to him caught in adultery and Saul of Tarsus. Daniel was thrown in the Lion's den and Abraham was asked to offer Isaac as a sacrifice.

Somehow, when you think about some of these people, our own grasshoppers don't seem so big after all. Following Jesus, living his kind of life, being obedient to his will guarantees us an abundant life. Jesus will help us overcome the grasshopper complex.

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

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