Church of Christ Deer Park

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PRAYER NEEDS & REQUESTS: Our Country, Our National Leaders be guided by God, The whole world as we battle COVID-19, Karl Vinson is undergoing out-patient therapy and praying to get out of the wheelchair soon; for the family of Pila Melton, friend of Nancy Barton, who passed 1/24th; Jerry Carpenter, friend of the Burkes; Travis Irwin, friend of Jimmy & Peggy Burke, received discouraging results from his last CT Scan; Steve Franz, Gerald Starns friend, has a malignant cyst on his kidney that requires surgery; Nick Barrera, Holifield family friend & Chad Burke, are battling COVID-19; Gina Branstetter has recovered from COVID; Scott & Erin Burke have recovered from another bout with COVID-19; Susan Williams has begun physical therapy outside of her home; Kenny Eignus, Diana Mayhew's husband, recently had dental work done and continues to struggle with pain; continual prayers of Thanksgiving for Gerald Starns who received an excellent report from his most recent scan; Peggy Burke is now in a walking boot for the next 4 weeks-Thank you for all your prayers; for The Men at the Wheelhouse—for success as they work thru their individual programs; **Be an Andrew & Bring Someone to Jesus**, Share the Gospel of Jesus, Answer the Lord's Invitation-"Come", "*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*", Remember God is in Control, Pray Without Ceasing for Each Other, Building Program, Focus on God & Family, Serve Others, Love Our Neighbor, Deny Self and not be Mere Human, Love! Church, Breathe the Spirit of God, Excitement and Enthusiasm for the Lord, That We Know God's Word and Live It and Put it into Practice

CONTINUAL PRAYER: Adair Family; Eileen Adair, Kristen Adair, Peter Adams, Sam Allen, Gene Barton, Gerald Barton, Justin Bills (Carolyn Carpenter friend), Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend), Gina Branstetter, Carole Broyles, Whitney Brummett, Norma Cadena & mother Sendida, Danny Culp (Tim Culp's father), Judy Doughty, Lorrie Eignus, Kris (Flanagan) Bowman, Pat and Karon Flanagan, Louise Friday, Edna Earl Goodman, Deavyn Gordon, Dale Guillory, Nalin Hayter, baby Krew (Hudoba) Martino, Randy and Cathy Imel (Justin Imel's parents), Billie Mann, Jerry Mann, Bob & Ann McKinney (Tammy Imel's parents), Mary Miller, Bernice Reed, Brandon Reed, Kenny Reed, Robert Reed, Kay Riggs, Mike Ritter, Bobby Rowan, Curtis Salter, Andrew Shirley (Scott and Erin's Son-in-law), Stephen and Mary Ann Smith, Jim and Linda Thomason, Karl Vinson, Sheri and Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's Sister), Susan Williams, Jewel Wright, Cathy York.

Please call Office 281-479-1010 with updates to the Prayer List

The Pesky Little Word "If"

Justin Imel

As David lay dying, he advised Solomon, his chosen successor. In his counsel, the king recounted God's promise: *"**If** your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel" (1 Ki 2:4; cf. 2 Sam 7:12-16).* What a promise God gave David! His sons would sit for *all* time upon his throne in Jerusalem.

Yet there's the pesky little word **"if"** in the promise. For David's throne to be established forever, his sons needed to walk before God with complete and utter faithfulness. David's descendants did not walk before God with full faithfulness, and the rapid decline from faithfulness began with Solomon:

- *"Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt. He took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David" (1 Ki 3:1). Because the Israelites were Yahweh's own special possession, they were not to marry foreigners: "You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons" (Deut 7:3).*
- *"Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father, only he sacrificed and made offerings at the high places" (1 Ki 3:3).* The people were not to sacrifice to the LORD or any other god *"at the high places,"* but they were to honor God at the place he chose *(Deut 12).*

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- Solomon *"had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines" (1 Ki 11:3).* God commanded that any king of Israel should *"not acquire many wives for himself" (Deut 17:17).* Granted, God didn't specify what number "many" was, but surely 700 (plus concubines) counts!
- Because of all his wives and concubines, Solomon's *"heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father" (1 Ki 11:4).* Just like God had warned in Deuteronomy 7, foreign wives turned the heart of a descendant of Abraham to idolatry.

David's dynasty didn't really last that long. Solomon was his only descendant to reign over all 12 tribes. His descendants sat upon the throne of the Southern Kingdom in Jerusalem for nearly 400 years after his death, but even that dynasty came to an end with the capture of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar's forces. David could still have a physical descendant on his throne over all 12 tribes today ***if*** they had chosen to walk before Yahweh *"in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul."*

God was faithful to that promise he made David. Since David's descendants rejected God, God rejected the Davidic line's reign in Jerusalem. It all came down to that pesky little word **"if."**

God's promises still come down to that pesky little word **"if."** For example: *"**If** we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 Jn 1:7).* God's promise to forgive every sin for the Christian hinges on walking in the light just as God's promise for David's permanent dynasty hinged on the king's descendants following God wholeheartedly. When you read God's promises, don't overlook the pesky little word **"if."**

Celebrating an Anniversary

Kenneth & Diana Mayhew-Eignus	1/1
Jason & Rena' Cable	1/8
Otus & Kay Riggs	1/18

January Birthdays

Linda Thomason	12

BATTLING CANCER: Lori Bailey; Richard Cardenas (Bernice Reed son-in-law); Sherry Chance; Lisa Cunningham (Erin Burke friend); Joellen Harris; Ron Hudoba; Linda Ritchie; Brenda Rowan (Peggy Burke sister-in-law); Gerald Starns; Windy Sharpless & Kimberly Stokes (Diana Mayhew friends).

Practice the pause

- When in doubt, pause.
- When angry, pause.
- When tired, pause.
- When stressed, pause.
- And when you pause,

Pray

Let's read our Bible everyday in 2022!

Weekly Bible Reading

Jan 30—Feb 5

Sunday 30	am	Exodus 22-24
	pm	Matt 20:17-34
Monday 31	am	Exodus 25-26
	pm	Matt 21:1-22
Tuesday 1	am	Exodus 27-28
	pm	Matt 21:23-46
Wednesday 2	am	Exodus 29-30
	pm	Matt 22:1-22
Thursday 3	pm	Exodus 31-33
	pm	Matt 22:23-46
Friday 4	am	Exodus 34-36
	pm	Matt 23:1-22
Saturday 5	am	Exodus 37-38
	pm	Matt 23:23-39

Through the Bible in a year

Joyous News

Family News & Activities

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Devo & Dinner

EACH WEDNESDAY NIGHT
6:30PM
A TIME OF PRAYER, SINGING,
STUDY AND AFTERWARD
DINNER & FELLOWSHIP, WHICH
HAS BEEN GREAT!
COME JOIN

To the Family and Friends of:
Pila Melton, dear life, long friend of Nancy Barton, who passed suddenly this week.

High School News

Two of our High Schoolers,
Ellie Burke and **Annelise Cable,**
are singing at Deer Park High PAC in
THE GOSPEL SHOW,
January 30th, 2:30pm and
HELLO TEXAS, February 4-5th
at 7:30pm each night.

THE WHEELHOUSE

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVANGELISM
Wheelhouse Meal will resume
February 26th
last Saturday of each month.
10:30am—Noon

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Church of Christ Deer Park
Invites you to Worship with Us!

Pandemic Hours: Sunday Mornings

9:30am Bible Class

10:30am Worship &

Worship Live on Facebook Page

Church of Christ Deep Park, Texas

Pandemic Hours: Wednesday Evening

Devo & Dinner: 6:30pm

Normal Hours: Sunday Mornings

Donut & Coffee Fellowship	9:00am
Bible Class	9:30am
Morning worship	10:30am

Children's Bible Hour offered for 3yrs to 3rd grade during morning worship.

Normal Hours: Sunday Evenings

Evening Worship 6:00pm

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Serving this Week

January 30, 2022

Bible Class 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am

Song Leader: **Tim Culp**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
I Corinthians 13:1-13

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **The Art of Loving by Justin Imel**

Closing Payer:
Jimmy Burke

Greeter **Tammy Adair**
Communion Prep: **Patsy Camp**
Livestreaming:

midweek BIBLE class

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: I am blessed to be with brethren. I am blessed to serve. I am blessed to learn from others. I am blessed to hear the Word of Life. I am blessed to remember what's important. I am blessed to recharge my spirit. I am blessed to correct my life.
We look forward to seeing you Wednesday!

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