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Freeing Me by Freeing You

Slavery of the mind commonly is more horrible than slavery of the body. Frequently, an enslaved mind enslaves the body. Damaged emotions and distorted perspectives condemn the body to an unfulfilled, joyless existence. Such a mind and body experience pain frequently and contentment rarely.

Everyone sees such slavery. Consider persons enslaved mentally and physically to bitterness, jealousy, envy, anger, or vengeance. Nothing in their lives is a source of joy. Their obsession forces these people to live in degrees of misery that are always evident. Minds enslaved to such emotions constantly express themselves in the person's attitudes, words, actions, and body language. They never miss an opportunity to vent. Their slavery cannot be hidden.

The person enslaved focuses on the person who is the object of his or her bitterness, jealousy, envy, anger, or vengeance. The person is obsessed with his or her consuming emotion. The one who is the object of contempt will never "pay" enough or suffer enough to right the perceived or actual wrong. The object of this contempt will never be free. He or she will be resented, despised, or hated as long as the enslaved one lives. With but one exception: forgiveness can liberate.

Two are enslaved by such negative emotions: the person who is the object of the emotions, and the person who possesses the emotions. The object is the partial slave. The possessor is the total slave. The possessor can be freed only by freeing the object.

The single greatest liberating force in human existence is forgiveness. We do not forgive to help the other person; we forgive because we are commanded to do so, so we can see, so we can be free, and so we can be free by freeing another. Compassion acts on empathy. Mercy offers help. Kindness seeks to encourage. But forgiveness liberates—both the forgiver and the forgiven. Forgiveness is not the burden of my Christian responsibility. It is the gateway to my freedom. The past ceases to rule my present only when I forgive. Each time I forgive another, I free myself. The Lord said, *"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."* (Matt. 6:14-15)

Bradley Tate
Nettleton church of Christ
Jonesboro, AR



PRISON MINISTRY

Join in the Work!

We now have 309 Inmate Students. They all need encouragement letters from the church. We need World Bible School Bibles (\$5.00 ea) to send them. We have form letters or you can write your own. We have a few that only speak/read Spanish. There are specific guidelines we have to utilize in corresponding with the inmates. Let David Camp know and he will get you involved.

Please be Praying for...

PRAYER NEEDS & REQUESTS: Our Country; Our National Leaders be guided by God; The whole world as we recover from the effects of COVID; 1/24/23 Tornado Victims & our City; Gerald Starns is still in the hospital; Glenda Peters is having health issues; David Camp is recovering from knee replacement at home; Molly Lopez, Great-granddaughter of Mary Miller is having tests; Lara Tucker, Niece of Nancy Barton, is struggling in her new home; Bea Erwin, friend of Sonoma O'Bannon, is now in rehab after hip replacement and femur fracture; Diane Bowman, friend of Tammy Imel, has lymphoma; Dennis Gray is dealing with health issues; Belinda Davenport, niece of Gerald Starns, had successful surgery 3/8/23 to remove a piece of glass from her foot; Adair Family as they begin the rebuild of their home lost to fire in December; George & Karen Reyez, friends of Dale Guillory; Erin Burke as she travels with her work; Joe Skinner, friend of Gerald, is now walking with walker; Robert Gordon, Sanoma's cousin; is now in assisted living & not doing very well; Reagan, Gerald Starns' 3 yr old granddaughter (her little finger tips are blue); Gerald's niece, Lisa Fowler, who was recently baptized, recovered from 2 aneurysms but has lupus; The people of Ukraine; Hillary Harrison (Tim Culp's cousin is on wait list for double lung transplant); Janet Skinner, Noreen Rock, Karen Green, Martha Hayes, Steve & Kathy Franz, (friends of Gerald Starns); for the Men at the Wheelhouse; for success as they work thru their individual programs; Inmates of our Prison Ministry who have asked for our prayers. We have responded to 309 inmate requests for Bibles & Study Material; Resolve to "turn your face" toward Jesus; Be rich toward God; Delight yourself in the Lord; Jesus said, "Do you love me?"; Earnestly seek our God!; Come, great is the Lord and most worthy of our praise; Be an Andrew & Bring Someone to Jesus; Share the Gospel of Jesus; Answer the Lord's Invitation-"Come"; Remember God is in Control; Pray Without Ceasing for Each Other; Building Program; Serve Others; Love Our Neighbor; Deny Self and not be Mere Human; Love! Church; Breathe the Spirit of God; Excitement & Enthusiasm for the Lord; That We Know God's Word & Live It & Put it into Practice; Us as we strive to be better Servants for the Lord, Share Our Lord, Love one another, Strengthen one another, Forgive one another.

CONTINUAL PRAYER: Adair Family; Eileen Adair; Kristen Adair; Gene Barton; Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; Jimmy Burke, Patsy Camp; Michael Conn; Danny Culp (Tim Culp's father); Louise Friday; Pat & Hugh Fletcher, Edna Earl Goodman; Deavyn Gordon; Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; Leslie Hoffman; Pat Jackson & Norma McBride (friends of Peggy Burke); Kevin Koctar; Jones Rae 2lbs 6oz preemie (Great-Nephew of Jason & Rena' Cable), born in Jan & not due til April; Bernice Reed; Brandon Reed; Kenny Reed; Robert Reed; Mike Reed; Mike Ritter; Jared Robertson (friend of Scott Burke); Bobby Rowan; Cindy Russell (Gina Branstetter friend); Johnny Salas; Curtis Salter; Andrew Shirley (Scott and Erin's Son-in-law); Stephen & Mary Ann Smith; Jim & Linda Thomason; Karl Vinson; Sheri & Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's Sister); Susan Williams; Cathy York (Mother of Erin Burke)

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER:

Lori Bailey; Richard Cardenas (Bernice Reed son-in-law); Lisa Cunningham (Erin Burke friend); Tom McCulley (Bradley Burke's Great Grandfather); Ronnie Hock (brother-in-law of Rebeca Holifield); Kalle, friend of Gerald Starns; Mother of Mrs. Farris (Gina Branstetter friend); Brenda Rowan (Peggy Burke sister-in-law); Gerald Starns; Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law).

5 Suggestions for a Better Life by House to House Heart to Heart

1. When you hear a kind word spoken about a friend, pass it along ([Proverbs 3:27](#); [Galatians 6:10](#)). If it's a negative word, keep it to yourself.
2. As a man, spoil your spouse, not your children, ([2 Samuel 12:3, 8](#); [Proverbs 5:18-19](#); [Ephesians 5:25](#); [1 Peter 3:7](#)).
3. It is not our job to get people to like us. It is our job to like people, ([John 13:35](#); [Hebrews 13:1](#); [1 Peter 1:22](#); [2:17](#)).
4. To help your children turn out well, spend twice as much time with them and half as much money on them. ([Genesis 44:30](#); [Proverbs 22:6](#); [Ephesians 5:16](#); [6:4](#); [Colossians 4:5](#)) (H. Jackson Browne).
5. Focus on others, not on self ([Galatians 2:20](#); [Philippians 2:3-5](#)). Someone wrote, "How to Be Miserable." It reads, "Think about yourself. Talk about yourself. Use 'I' as often as possible. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others. Listen greedily to what people say about you. Expect to be appreciated. Be suspicious. Be jealous and envious. Be sensitive to slights. Never forgive a criticism. Trust nobody but yourself. Insist on consideration and respect. Demand agreement with your own views on everything. Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them. Never forget a service you have rendered. Shirk your duties if you can. Do as little as possible for others." —Daily Walk, June 29, 1993

"He who is of a merry heart has a continual feast." Proverbs 15:15 NKJV

“I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life...” Ezekiel 37:14

Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

Daily Bible Reading
Apr 23—Apr 29

Sunday 23	am	2 Samuel 7-9
	pm	Luke 19:1-28
Monday 24	am	2 Samuel 10-12
	pm	Luke 19:29-48
Tuesday 25	am	2 Samuel 13-14
	pm	Luke 20:1-26
Wednesday 26	am	2 Samuel 15-16
	pm	Luke 20:27-47
Thursday 27	pm	2 Samuel 17-18
	pm	Luke 21:1-19
Friday 28	am	2 Samuel 19-20
	pm	Luke 21:20-38
Saturday 29	am	2 Samuel 21-22
	pm	Luke 22:1-30



Randy & Tammy Adair 16



Chad Burke	4
Susie Burke	4
Traci Burke	7
Tammy Imel	10
Dale Guillory	28



Congratulations to the
Deer Park 2022-2023 Tennis Team
for winning District!

There were eight school districts competing in the tournament.

Jake Riggs has been seeded as #1 for the entire District. He ended up as the top tennis player out of 16. Jake was also rated as one of the top 100 in the state of Texas in his age group!

Jake is the grandson of Kay & Otis Riggs

GO JAKE!



Jimmy P. Burke will be completing his MA-History at Texas A&M University Central Texas early this summer and has accepted an offer to enter the University of Houston PhD History program in August.
“Gig’em” & “Go Coogs”, great work, Jimmy!

Deer Park HS One Act Play, “Epic Proportions” advanced in State UIL Competition out of District and Bi-District and competed at the Area Level.

Ellie Burke was awarded a

Best Performance Award at the District Level & All-Star Cast in the Bi-District and Area Levels.

Great Job, Ellie!

How do I become a Christian?

Hear the Word: Matt 7:24-28, Luke 6:47-49, John 6:45, John 14:15, Romans 10:13-17

Believe the Word: Mark 16:16, John 3:16, 20:31, Acts 16:31, Hebrews 11:6, James 2:24

Repent of your sins: Luke 13:3-5, 15:7, Acts 2:37-38, 17:30, 26:20

Confess Jesus to others: Matt 10:32-33, Romans 10:9-10, 1 Timothy 6:12

Be Baptized in the name of Jesus for salvation (immersed in water as a believer):

Mark 16:16, Acts 2:37-38, Romans 6:3-5, 1 Peter 3:21

Why do you delay? Acts 22:16

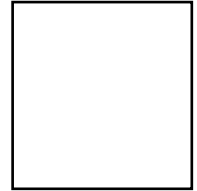
Live Faithfully: Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 10:12, Titus 2:11-14, 2 Peter 1:5-11,

1 John 1:7, Revelation 2:10

“Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4



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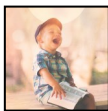


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Meet With Us

Sunday Morning

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

Children's Bible Hour offered for 3yrs to 3rd grade during Morning Worship.

Wednesday Evening

Bible Class 6:30PM

Service this Week:

April 23, 2023

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

Song Leader: Dennis Gray

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
 Luke 24:13-25

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

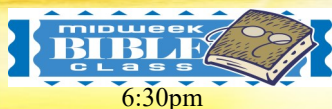
Sermon: Road to Emmaus
Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:
Scott Burke

Greeter: Tammy Adair
Communion Prep: Patsy Camp
Livestreaming: R.J. Imel

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REMEMBER 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!