

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Deer Park



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Bridles Are Not Just For Horses

In the traditional sense, riders use a bridle to direct their horse where they want it to go. They use this small but effective tool to control a powerful, 1000-pound animal with ease.

James compares it to the influence we wield with the tongue, one of our smallest muscles: *"If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things"* (James 3:3,5 ESV).

The world overflows with chatter. Sadly, much of it contains meaningless words that will never bear fruit for God's Kingdom. Let's look at some numbers: Every single day, humans send more than 276 billion Facebook posts, tweets, texts, and emails. That amounts to 34 messages for every man, woman, and child—eight billion people—on Earth. And that doesn't include phone calls, dozens of other social media sites, or just plain old talking.

From a positive viewpoint, these platforms give us an extraordinary opportunity to glorify God and uplift others. They afford us unparalleled capability to offer a kind word to those who are hurting, anywhere in the world. They reduce miles of separation from friends and family to a few keystrokes.

Conversely, these technological advancements draw out the absolute worst—dare I say evil—in people. I don't need to explain my meaning. We've all seen it. Or been hurt by it.

Jesus makes it quite clear that we'll be held accountable for our words. *"I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned"* (Matt. 12:36-37 ESV).

Let us pray to our Heavenly Father that our tongue always imparts blessings and life. *"A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit"* (Prov. 15:4 ESV).

Dan Biby
Garriott Road church of Christ
Enid, OK



PRISON MINISTRY

Join in the Work!

We now have **318** 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 came home to daughter's 4/25th; Glenda Peters is having health issues; David Camp is recovering from knee replacement at home; Lara Tucker, Niece of Nancy Barton, is struggling in her new home; Sam Allen has COVID; 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); Inmates of our Prison Ministry who have asked for our prayers. We have responded to **318** 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 Koclar; 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 30—May 6

Sunday 30	am	2 Samuel 23-24
	pm	Luke 22:31-53
Monday 1	am	1 Kings 1-2
	pm	Luke 22:54-71
Tuesday 2	am	1 Kings 3-5
	pm	Luke 23:1-26
Wednesday 3	am	1 Kings 6-7
	pm	Luke 23:27-38
Thursday 4	pm	1 Kings 8-9
	pm	Luke 23:39-56
Friday 5	am	1 Kings 10-11
	pm	Luke 24:1-35
Saturday 6	am	1 Kings 12-13
	pm	Luke 24:36-53



La Porte High School
BRIANA ADAIR

Deer Park High School
IVAN SAMUEL



**COVERED DISH LUNCHEON
HONORING OUR
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**
Sunday, May 7, 2023
after Morning Services, 12:00 Noon



Tara Adair	2
Bernice Reed	9
Avery Kimbrough	22
Emily Salas	22
Peggy Burke	25
Billy O'Bannon	25
Judy Hoffpauir	30
Randy Adair	31



PILLOW MINISTRY

April 25th Ladies Class
delivered 3 Women and 3
Men Comfy Pillows and
14 Neck Pillows to
Parson's House
on Fairmont.



OUR PANTRY NEEDS:
Canned Chicken
Rice, Ravioli & SpaghettiOs
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Ramon Noodles

&



To Sylvain Shores Health
Wellness Center
on Fairmont they took
15 Women & 15 Men
Comfy Pillows.

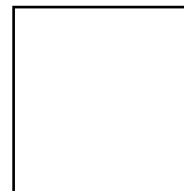
How do I become a Christian?

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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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 30, 2023

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

Song Leader: Tim Culp

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
I Peter 2:24-25

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

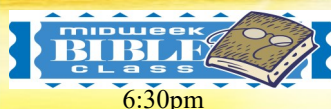
Sermon: **Living to Righteousness**
Dr. Justin Imel

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!