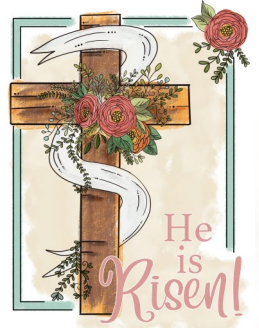


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A Fable of Complaint

A fable is told of a rabbit, a mouse and a chicken who all took up residence together. They worked out a very good plan wherein all of them shared the workload. The rabbit cooked the meals, the chicken brought in the firewood and the mouse brought in the water from a nearby brook. They were all very happy.

One day as the hen was going into the woods to collect the wood, she was approached by a busybody crow. He inquired as to what she was doing. Upon hearing her responsibilities he began to tell her how the rabbit and the mouse were taking advantage of her by doing the easier work.

She just could not rid her mind of this discussion. On her way home she grew angrier thinking how she was being abused by her roommates. She made up her mind to do something about it, too.

Once inside she started complaining about her workload. "It is not fair that I always have to do the hardest work. Why don't we switch things up?" Well, the other two also then decided that they were doing the hardest work and that a change would indeed be the best solution.

As discontentment will do, it had spread from the chicken to the others. Now they were about to change their lifestyle with which they had been very satisfied. The rabbit would gather the firewood while the mouse cooked and the hen brought the water.

The rabbit hopped into the woods to get the firewood. A fox saw him go in and followed him. By and by he caught him and ate him. The chicken took the pail to the brook and dipped it into the water. The current however, was too strong for her and it pulled her under. The mouse sat at home on the edge of the pot of stew that he had made and waited for the others. Suddenly he lost his balance and fell into it.

It all began as discontentment with life. It ended with all of them losing their lives. It is not really surprising what complaining does to the complainers. There is really nothing good about those who complain all of the time or who allow just complaints to get the best of them. Complaining will destroy you if you are not extra careful.

Mike Johnson
via Richmond, KY



PRISON MINISTRY

Join in the Work!

We now have 297 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; Earthquake Victims in Turkey; Gerald Starns is back in the hospital this week; Glenda Peters is having health issues; David Camp is recovering from knee replacement at 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; Jennifer, co-worker of Shannon Burke, may have to have 7th surgery after car accident; 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 297 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 and Enthusiasm for the Lord; That We Know God's Word and Live It and 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 and Mary Ann Smith; Jim and Linda Thomason; Karl Vinson; Sheri and 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; Brenda Rowan (Peggy Burke sister-in-law); Gerald Starns; Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law).



To the Family of
Whitney (Dreher) Brummett
who passed into the arms of her savior
March 23, 2023 in Tyler, TX.
Memorial Service will be 1:00pm, April 15th
Grace Street Church of Christ,
124 S. Grace St,
Crockett, TX 75835

DECIDE TO BE BETTER

Each of us should form a resolution right now!

- **Husbands**, promise yourself that your wife is going to have a more caring husband till death separates you.
- **Wives**, promise yourself that your husband will have a more appreciative wife till death separates you.
- **Parents**, resolve that you are going to love your children and give more of yourselves to them (Ephesians 6:4; Titus 2:3-4).
- **Children**, resolve that you will honor and obey your parents (Ephesians 6:1-3).

Stronger families begin with us.

Determine to do your best for those you love.

-Author Unknown

"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 9—Apr 15

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| Sunday 9 | am | I Samuel 1-3 |
| | pm | Luke 12:1-34 |
| Monday 10 | am | I Samuel 4-6 |
| | pm | Luke 12:35-59 |
| Tuesday 11 | am | I Samuel 7-9 |
| | pm | Luke 13:1-21 |
| Wednesday 12 | am | I Samuel 10-12 |
| | pm | Luke 13:22-35 |
| Thursday 13 | pm | I Samuel 13-14 |
| | pm | Luke 14:1-24 |
| Friday 14 | am | I Samuel 15-16 |
| | pm | Luke 14:25-35 |
| Saturday 15 | am | I Samuel 17-18 |
| | pm | Luke 15:1-10 |



Randy & Tammy Adair 16



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| 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!



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!



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!



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

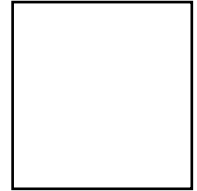
Why do you delay? Acts 22:16

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



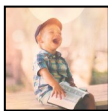
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Meet With Us

Sunday Morning

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| 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 9, 2023

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

Song Leader: Dennis Gray

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
John 20:1-10

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

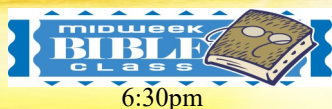
Sermon: Running to the Tomb
Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:
Jimmy Burke

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

Stay tuned to our One Call Now Messages,
 Email Messages, Everything happening on
 Facebook Page:

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 & our Web Site: dpcofc.org



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!