

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

## DEER PARK

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#### What If Jesus Had Returned Yesterday?

The title of this article is a question of no little importance. And when we reflect upon Jesus' own words that "many" will choose to walk the way of eternal destruction and that "few" will ultimately make it to the gates of Heaven (cf. Matthew 7:13-14), this question becomes even richer in significance. While our busy schedules might often prevent us from doing so, we should actually reflect upon His return every day! Could it be that the Lord has chosen tomorrow as the day of His return? If that be the case, in what condition will you find yourself to be in the day after tomorrow? Only the wise will bother to seriously ponder this thought.

We all need to live every day as if we actually had access to information that told us that Jesus' return was imminent; that it could occur at any moment *"in the twinkling of an eye."* But it is most interesting to consider the fact that in a very real way, that is actually true. We know that Jesus promised us that He would return, and we know that we are closer to that day than any day that has yet dawned upon this earth; but we also know that this very day could be that day!

The world is nearly 2000 years closer to His return than it was during His earthly walk when He often spoke of that fateful day involving His impending return. *"Watch"* was the word of caution that Jesus often used when He spoke of that inevitable day of His assured return. Later today, we will close out another day on earth (Lord willing!). Each of us will then welcome the dawning of a new day. May we all be living our lives as if we knew for a guaranteed fact that tomorrow would be that final day of mankind's existence in this rapidly passing world.

*"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming" (Matthew 25:13).*

Milton Smith  
via Hooker Church of Christ  
Hooker, OK



To Myra Higgins and Family in the loss of her son,  
Scott Michael Higgins on May 15, 2023.  
Arrangements will be at Grand View Funeral Home & Memorial Park  
8516 Spencer Hwy, Deer Park, TX on Tuesday, May 23, 2023  
with Visitation at 12:30pm and Services at 2:30pm.  
Following Services, there will be a meal for Family & Friends at  
Church of Christ Deer Park, 617 Avon St, Deer Park.



#### PRISON MINISTRY

Join in the Work!

We now have **333** 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; Gerald Starns came home to his house 5/8/23, was great to have him at Bible Class Wednesday; Glenda Peters is having health issues; David Camp is recovering from knee replacement at home; Sherri Moody, PALS Teacher & friend of many has been very ill & need our prayers; Lara Tucker, Niece of Nancy Barton, is struggling in her new home; Susan Williams is having "bone healing" issues; Gina Branstetter just got out of the hospital; Diane Bowman, friend of Tammy Imel, has lymphoma; Dennis Gray is dealing with health issues; Bea Erwin, friend of Sonoma O'Bannon, has a 2nd femur fracture; Adair Family as they rebuild 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; 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 **333** 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); 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 went home close to April due date; 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).



SCAN ME

\*Scan the QR code to download our 2023 Hurricane & Severe Weather Guide

### 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  
May 21—May 27

Sunday 21	am	I Chronicles 3-5
	pm	John 8:1-20
Monday 22	am	I Chronicles 6-7
	pm	John 8:21-36
Tuesday 23	am	I Chronicles 8-10
	pm	John 8:37-59
Wednesday 24	am	I Chron 11-13
	pm	John 9:1-23
Thursday 25	pm	I Chron 14-16
	pm	John 9:24-41
Friday 26	am	I Chron 17-19
	pm	John 10:1-21
Saturday 27	am	I Chron 20-22
	pm	John 10:22-42



Through the Bible in a year

**GOOD REASONS to Read the Bible:** 1. You can find answers (I Pet 3:15), 2. God commanded it (2 Tim 2:15; John 5:39; I Pet 2:2), 3. Ignorance is not excused (Acts 17:30) 4. Ignorance destroys (Hosea 4:6), 5. Ignorance causes church problems (Ro 16:17-18), 6. You can make good decisions (Psalm 119:105), 7. It keeps us from sin (Psalm 119:11).



May 11th was Signing Day at Deer Park High School. Jake Riggs, our Tennis Star, is going to Concordia University in Austin this fall. **Jake is the grandson of Kay & Otis Riggs**  
**CONGRATULATIONS, AGAIN JAKE!**  
**God's Blessings on your new endeavors!**



La Porte High School  
**BRIANA ADAIR**

Deer Park High School  
**IVAN SAMUEL**



Bible Presentation and Celebration Luncheon was 5/7/23  
**CONGRATULATIONS GRADS!**



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



**REALLY NEED PANTRY HELP:**  
**Canned Chicken**  
**Rice, Ravioli & SpaghettiOs**  
**Peanut Butter & Jelly**  
**Ramon Noodles**

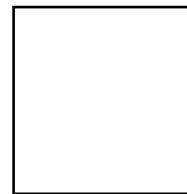
### How do I become a Christian?

**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, I 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, I Corinthians 10:12, Titus 2:11-14, 2 Peter 1:5-11, I 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*



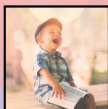
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***Meet With Us***

**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:***

**May 21, 2023**

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

*Song Leader:* **R.J. Imel**

*Scripture Reading & Prayer:*  
**I Peter 5:8-9**

*Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:*

*Sermon:* **"The Roar of the Evil One"**  
**Dr. Justin Imel**

*Closing Payer:*  
**Jimmy 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!