

CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEER PARK

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BUT NEVER
FORGOTTEN

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Did You Remember To Light Your Candle?

A circus owner walked into a restaurant to see everyone crowded around a table watching a little show. On the table was an upside down pot and a duck tap dancing on it. The circus owner was so impressed that he offered to buy the duck from its owner. After some wheeling and dealing, they settled on \$10,000 for the duck and the pot.

Three days later the circus owner runs back to the restaurant in anger, "Your duck is a rip-off! I put him on the pot before a whole audience and he didn't dance a single step!" "So?" asked the duck's former owner, "did you remember to light the candle under the pot?"

Well, that might be one reason that someone would put a lighted candle under a pot, but that's not what candles are for! As Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, candles are meant to "give light to all who are in the house." In like manner, our Christian lives are to "shine before men." (Matthew 5:16-17). The reason is that we are to be a positive influence on others around us.

We sometimes speak of a "secret Christian" as if that's a possibility. The truth is, unless our lives are reflecting the light of Jesus Christ, we're not living Christian lives at all. If we don't influence the world around us for Christ, the world will influence us.

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteous and truth" (Ephesians 5:8-9).

Did you remember to light your candle?

Alan Smith
via Jackson Park church of Christ
Nashville, TN



To Myra Higgins and Family
in the loss of her son,
Scott Michael Higgins
on May 15, 2023.
Services were May 23, 2023.



PRISON MINISTRY Join in the Work!

We now have **347** 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.

 **NWS Houston/Galveston**  
2023 Hurricane & Severe Weather Guide



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Please be Praying for...

PRAYER NEEDS & REQUESTS: Our Country & Our National Leaders be guided by God; Jess Williams, Nancy Barton's son-in-law, who has cancer had a stroke & other issues were discovered that require surgery; Carolyn Sparks & Marion Hood, Shannon Burke's mother & aunt, lost their home to fire 5/23; Glenda Peters is having health issues; David Camp is recovering from knee replacement; Sherri Moody, PALS Teacher & friend of many has been very ill & need our prayers; Susan Williams is having "bone healing" issues; Debbie Clark (Sonoma O'Bannon's cousin) may again have cancer; 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; 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 **347** 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; Gina Branstetter; 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); Glenda Peters, 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; Lara Tucker (Niece of Nancy Barton), 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 STEPS TO A BETTER MARRIAGE

ACCEPT EACH OTHER: When I walk on the beach to watch the sunset I do not call out, "A little more orange over to the right, please," or "Would you mind giving us less purple in the back?" No, I enjoy the always-different sunsets as they are. We do well to do the same with people we love (Carl Rogers). *"Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit"* Ecclesiastes 7:8.

WATCH FOR BEETLES: A mighty tree stood high upon the mountain. It survived the hail, the heavy snows, the storms, the bitter cold of many years. Then finally it was felled by an attack of little beetles. And so it is with marriage. Solomon warned us to avoid the little foxes that *"spoil the vines"* Song of Solomon 2:15.

ACT, DON'T REACT: A marriage is like a long trip in a tiny rowboat: if one passenger starts to rock the boat, the other has to steady it; otherwise, they will go to the bottom together (David Robert Reuben). The Bible says, *"consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works"* Hebrews 10:24.

WORK AT IT: "And they lived happily ever after" is one of the most tragic sentences in literature. It tells a falsehood about life and has led countless generations of people to expect something from human existence that is not possible on this fragile, failing, imperfect earth (Joshua Loth Liebman). *"...comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do"* 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

TAKE TIME FOR EACH OTHER: Guard against over-commitment. Even worthwhile and enjoyable activities become damaging when they consume the last ounce of energy or the remaining free moments in the day (James Dobson). *"Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth"* Proverbs 5:18.

"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 28—Jun 3

Sunday 28	am	I Chron 23-25
	pm	John 11:1-17
Monday 29	am	I Chron 26-27
	pm	John 11:18-46
Tuesday 30	am	I Chron 28-29
	pm	John 11:47-57
Wednesday 31	am	II Chron 1-3
	pm	John 12:1-19
Thursday 1	pm	II Chron 4-6
	pm	John 12:20-50
Friday 2	am	II Chron 7-9
	pm	John 13:1-17
Saturday 3	am	II Chron 10-12
	pm	John 13:18-38



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).



PILLOW MINISTRY
On 5/22/23, our Ladies delivered
2 pillows for men,
2 for women & 4 neck pillows to
Serenity Gardens-Memory Care
on East Blvd.
They were greatly appreciated.

Come join Ladies Class & Pillow Ministry on
Tuesday's 9:00 to 11:30am.



From the left: Marion "Aunt Tootie" Hood, Carolyn Sparks,
(Shannon Burke's mother) & Shannon.

Please remember these two sweet ladies in your prayers. Tuesday, May
23rd their home in South Texas burned to the ground. All was lost and
not insured. On behalf of her mother & aunt, Shannan and brothers have
set up a "gofundme.com" account. See Shannon's Facebook page if you
would like to help. Many prayers for these Ladies!



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



Eileen Adair	1
James Adair	5
Gina Branstetter	7
Adrian Burke	9
Jolie Burke	9
Glenda Peters	17
Dennis Gray	28



Jimmy & Peggy Burke	2
Gene & Nancy Barton	7
Chad & Shannon Burke	17
Billy & Gloria O'Bannon	17



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

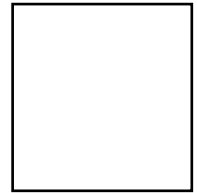
How do I become a Christian?

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, 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, 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



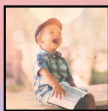
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Meet With Us

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 28, 2023

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

Song Leader: Dennis Gray

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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 Email Messages, Everything happening on
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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!