

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Remodeling Your Spiritual House

There are tons of television shows centered around the idea of remodeling your home, and most of them operate on the same principle: helping a homeowner improve their living environment. Without proper care, houses deteriorate, or residents simply tire of the old furniture, paint and decorations around them. They need to remodel!

Sometimes we need the same thing spiritually! James 1:21-25 gives us a blueprint to do an "extreme makeover" on our spiritual houses, and it all centers around the powerful word of God (James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:22-25; John 17:15-17; Acts 20:28-32).

MAKE ROOM for the Word! The first thing that happens in a remodeling job is tearing out the old walls, furniture, etc. You can't bring in the new unless you get rid of some old! Likewise, in order to remodel our spiritual houses, we have to lay aside "filthiness and overflow of wickedness" (James 1:21). That means we have to throw away the sin that is in our lives and put on the "new man" (Col. 3:1-10). Sin is heavy (Heb. 12:1) and it clutters our environment. Get rid of it!

RECEIVE the Word! The next thing to do is bring in the new, useful material. For our spiritual houses, that useful material is the word of God. James says to receive it with "meekness" (James 1:21). We should have the same mind as David in Psalm 119:11 and the Christians in 1 Thess. 2:13. God's word must be "implanted" or "engrafted" into our hearts, which is God's plan (Heb. 8:6-13).

DO the Word! If you are remodeling a home, it doesn't do any good to have a bunch of lumber and uninstalled fixtures laying around. You have to actually put the stuff to work! The same goes with God's word (James 1:22). We can't be hearers only. Jesus teaches this same lesson (Luke 6:46; John 14:15).

CONTINUE in the Word! You have to take care of the new remodel! Remember Paul's words in 1 Cor. 10:1-13.

If you follow God's blueprint, you can have a successful spiritual home makeover! But make sure your house has a strong foundation first (Matt. 7:24-27; John 8:24; Matt. 10:32-33; Luke 13:3,5; John 3:3,5; Mark 16:16).

Matt Clifton



Love & Sympathy
to the Family of our dear
Friend and Brother,
GERALD STARNES.

Gerald passed into the arms of his
Savior September 7, 2023.
Services were 9/15/2023
at Grand View.



With Heartfelt Sympathy
To Erin Burke and Family
in the loss of her Mother,
Kathy York
on September 13, 2023.

Service at Rosewood Funeral Home,
Jessie Faye Fields Chapel
7908 Rankin Rd., Humble, TX 77396
Monday, September 18, 2023
Visitation will be 1:00pm, followed by
Memorial Service at 2:00pm

PRISON MINISTRY Join in the Work!



We now have **448**
Inmate Students.
The World Bible
School Bibles with
all the lessons in-
cluded have gone up

from \$5.00 to \$7.95. 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 if you want to help
buy Bibles.

Why Go to Church?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals but I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

via Grand Blanc church of Christ
Grand Blanc, MI



Please be
Praying for...

PRAYER NEEDS & REQUESTS: Our Country & Our National Leaders be guided by God; The Family of Gerald Starns; Ella Thomas (Nancy Barton sister-in-law) is in MA Anderson for testing & suffered a stroke; Kaylin Schuster (Camp granddaughter) pregnancy complications; Ann McKinney (Tammy Imel mother) heart & dehydration issues; Randy & Tammy Adair as they get back into their home; Jared Robertson (Scott Burke friend) brain tumor is coming back; Susan Williams is having "bone healing" issues & seeing new doctors; Karl Vinson has been under the weather; Bruce Bramlett (Jimmy Burke associate) seriously injured away from home; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law) is having test. She is home with speech & physical therapy; The Courtyard at Pasadena where Gina Branstetter lives has a COVID shutdown; Jess Williams (Nancy Barton's son-in-law) who has cancer had a stroke & other issues that are being watched; Sherri Moody, PALS Teacher & friend of many has been moved to TIRR Memorial Hermann for rehab; Dennis Gray is dealing with health issues; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); The people of Ukraine; Inmates of our Prison Ministry. We have responded to **448** inmate requests for Bibles & Study Material. Many are very grateful, participate in Bible Study Groups and ask for our prayers; Be THANKFUL for our MANY BLESSINGS; Love Our Neighbor; 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; 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; Deny Self and not be Mere Human; Love! Church; Breathe the Spirit of God

CONTINUAL PRAYER: Adair Family; Eileen Adair; Gene Barton; Diane Bowman (Tammy Imel friend); Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; Jimmy Burke; David Camp; Patsy Camp; Debbie Clark (Sonoma O'Bannon's cousin); Louise Friday; Pat & Hugh Fletcher; Lisa Fowler (Gerald Starns niece); Edna Earl Goodman; Deavyn Gordon; Robert Gordon (Sanoma's cousin); Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; Myra Higgins and her granddaughters-Alysa & Samantha Higgins; Leslie Hoffman; Justin Imel; Pat Jackson & Norma McBride (Peggy Burke friends); Glenda Peters; Bernice Reed; Brandon Reed; Kenny Reed; Robert Reed; Mike Reed; Mike Ritter; Bobby Rowan; Cindy Russell (Gina Branstetter friend); Johnny Salas; Joe Skinner, (Gerald Starns friend); Carolyn Sparks & Marion Hood (Shannon Burke's mother & aunt); Stephen & Mary Ann Smith; Jim & Linda Thomason; Lara Tucker (Nancy Barton niece), Karl Vinson; Sheri & Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's sister); Susan Williams

**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 (Rebeca Holifield brother-in-law); Mother of Mrs. Farris (Gina Branstetter friend); Brenda Rowan (Peggy Burke sister-in-law); Ella Thomas (Nancy Barton sister-in-law); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law).



ASAP—ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER
from House to House Heart to Heart



Ever wonder about the abbreviation ASAP? It brings to mind hurry and stress—"Get this done as soon as possible." Let us give it a new meaning.

There is work to do, deadlines to meet. You have no time to spare, but as you hurry and scurry—ASAP (**A**lways **S**ay **A** Prayer).

In the midst of family chaos, quality time is rare. Do your best; let God do the rest—ASAP (**A**lways **S**ay **A** Prayer).

It may seem like your worries are more than you can bear. Slow down and take a breather—ASAP (**A**lways **S**ay **A** Prayer).

God knows how stressful life is; He wants to ease our care. He will respond to all our needs—ASAP (**A**lways **S**ay **A** Prayer). —Author Unknown

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication." Ephesians 6:18

“God is our refuge & strength, a help in distresses, very readily found.” Psalm 46:1

Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

Daily Bible Reading
Sept 17—Sept 23

Sun 17	am	Eccl 1-3
	pm	II Cor. 9
Mon 18	am	Eccl 4-6
	pm	II Cor. 10
Tues 19	am	Eccl 7-9
	pm	II Cor. 11:1-15
Wed 20	am	Eccl 10-12
	pm	II Cor. 11:16-33
Thurs 21	pm	Song of Sol 1-3
	pm	II Cor. 12
Fri 22	am	Song of Sol 4-5
	pm	II Cor. 13
Sat 23	am	Song of Sol 6-8
	pm	Galatians 1



The Bible Is... by House to House Heart to Heart

The greatest text in the Bible, on the Bible, is **2 Timothy 3:15–17**. It shows the characteristics of the Bible.

The Bible is

- Simple—from a child
 - Knowable ([John 8:32](#))
 - Holy ([1 Peter 1:13–16](#))
 - Written form—Scriptures
 - Inspired—God-breathed
 - Powerful—“able” instruction, correction
 - Complete—for every good work
 - Soul-saving—for salvation
- Have you read the whole Bible?
Why not make that your goal?

The Indestructible Word

by House to House

Many have tried to destroy the Bible. In a.d. 303, the Roman emperor Diocletian issued an edict to destroy Christians and their Bibles. Over a burned Bible, he built a monument on which he wrote these words, *Extincto momene Christianorum* (the name Christian is extinguished). Twenty years later, Diocletian was dead and the new Emperor Constantine commissioned fifty copies of the Bible to be prepared at government expense.

In 1776 Voltaire, the French philosopher, announced, ‘One hundred years from my day, there will not be a Bible in the earth except one that is looked upon by some antique seeker.’ One hundred years later, Voltaire was dead and his own house and press were being used to print and store Bibles by the Geneva Bible Society. One hundred years from the day of Voltaire’s prediction, the first edition of his works sold for eleven cents in Paris, but the British government paid the Czar of Russia half a million dollars for an ancient Bible manuscript.

God’s Word shall stand forever. *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away”* Matthew 24:35.



Bradley Burke	7
Jason Cable	7
Otis Riggs	9
Sonoma O’Bannon	12
Rebeca Holifield	15
Gerald Starns	16
Karl Vinson	20
Patsy Camp	27

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

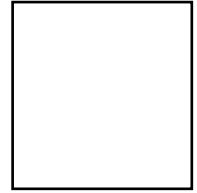
Live Faithfully: Romans 12:1-2, I Corinthians 10:12, Titus 2:11-14, 2 Peter 1:5-11, I John 1:7, Revelation 2:10



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



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Invites you to join us in Worship!

Service this Week:

September 17, 2023

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: Dennis Gray

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

I Corinthians 1:18-24

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "The Word of the Cross"

Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:

Jimmy Burke

Greeter Tammy Adair

Communion Prep: Patsy Camp

Livestreaming: R.J. Imel

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Meet With Us

Sunday Morning

Coffee & Donut Fellowship 9:00am

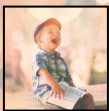
Bible Class 9:30am

Morning Worship 10:30am

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

Wednesday Evening

Bible Class 6:30PM



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!