



# CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Deer Park

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#### Using ALL of Your Strength

A father was watching his young son struggle to lift a heavy rock. The little fellow grunted and strained, but couldn't move it. The father said, "Son, are you sure you are using all your strength?" The exhausted boy said, "Yes, I am!" The father replied, "No, you are not. You haven't asked me to help you."

How true is this illustration! We grunt and struggle with our burdens in this earthly life, often forgetting the Father in heaven is always willing to aid us.

Throughout the Bible, God tells us to rely on His strength, and not our own. Consider how David proclaimed, *"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold"* (Psalm 18:2).

In times of old, God promised Israel that He would come to their aid in times of trouble. The prophet Isaiah recorded the words of God as He said, *"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, and I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous hand"* (Isa. 41:10).

Under the New Covenant of Jesus Christ, God also encourages us to come to Him for help. Jesus said, *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"* (Matt. 11:28). And since sin is our biggest burden (Rom. 3:23; 6:23), we need to come to Jesus, who is the only one who can take away our sins (Heb. 9:25-28; John 14:6). This happens when we are born again the Bible way: through (1) belief in Christ (John 3:16; 8:24), (2) open confession of His name (Matt. 10:32-33); (3) repentance (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30-31), and (4) baptism in water (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).

Remember today that "all your strength" includes a loving Father in heaven! He's willing to aid you. Are you willing to cast your burdens upon Him, and ask for His help? Do it the Bible way!

Matt Clifton  
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#### PRISON MINISTRY Join in the Work!



We now have **516** Inmate Students. The World Bible School Bibles with all the lessons included 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.

#### 5 Things Jesus DID NOT Say:

Have you heard this before?

1. Follow your heart  
*\*Jesus said, "Follow me."*
2. Be true to yourself  
*\*Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny himself."*
3. Believe in yourself  
*\*Jesus said, "Believe in me."*
4. Live your truth  
*\*Jesus said, "I am the Truth."*
5. As long as you are Happy  
*\*Jesus said, "What will it profit a man if he gains the world and loses his soul."*  
*Romans 15:13, Jeremiah 17:9*

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# Please be Praying for...

Our Country & Our National Leaders be guided by God; The people of Israel; Eileen Adair will have a PET Scan 10/30 while treatment plans are being developed; Susan Williams will have surgery 11/7; Cheryl McKinney (Tammy Imel sister-in-law) who has 4 autoimmune diseases has been diagnosed with serious nerve problem in her face; Bob Gordon (Sonoma's cousin) diagnosed with blood cancer; Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law) was taken to the hospital with internal bleeding; Deanna & Norman Cox (Carole Broyles sister & brother-in-law) Norman has been diagnosed with Lewy body dementia; Rosa Reeves had a stress test 10/11 that went successfully; The Family of Gerald Starns; The Family of Erin Burke; Jared Robertson (Scott Burke friend) brain tumor is coming back; Bruce Bramlett (Jimmy Burke associate) seriously injured away from home; is having test; Sherri Moody, PALS Teacher & friend of many is home and encouraging others with her beautiful smile & attitude, "It's not about what you've lost, it's about what you still have and what you can do with it", says Sherri. Sherri lost both hands and both feet this past year; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); The people of Ukraine; Inmates of our Prison Ministry. We have responded to **516** inmate requests for Bibles & Study Material. Many are very grateful, participate in Bible Study Groups and ask for our prayers; FEAR GOD! Practice your Christianity Daily; Be THANKFUL for our MANY BLESSINGS; You must hear The Word to be saved—DEVOUR THE WORD; Hunger for God's Word & read it Daily; Keep Your Eyes on Heaven; Love Our Neighbor; Be rich toward God; Actions Speak Louder; 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; Remember God is in Control; Pray Without Ceasing for Each Other; Building Program; Serve Others; Deny Self and not be Mere Human; Love! Church

**CONTINUAL PRAYER:** Adair Family; Gene Barton; Diane Bowman (Tammy Imel friend); Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; Jimmy Burke; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law); David & Patsy Camp; Debbie Clark (Sonoma O'Bannon's cousin); Dennis & Mary Gray; 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; Pat Jackson & Norma McBride (Peggy Burke friends); Ann McKinney (Tammy Imel mother); 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:

Eileen Adair; Lori Bailey; Richard Cardenas (Bernice Reed son-in-law); Lisa Cunningham (Erin Burke friend); Tom McCulley (Bradley Burke's great grandfather); Mother of Mrs. Farris (Gina Branstetter friend); Brenda Rowan (Peggy Burke sister-in-law); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law).



Family is from Uganda. Three year old sister gave brother bone marrow transplant.

**PILLOW MINISTRY**  
Our Pillow Ministry provided "Comfy Pillows" for 10 boys and 10 girls at The Joy & Hope Project which is a "home away from home" for children who are undergoing treatment, need palliative care or need to recover from transplant.



Project Joy & Hope Staff



Family from Pakistan. Anaya has brain cancer & will be 12 Sunday. Family including 2 additional siblings stay in one of the 6 units at Project Joy & Hope.



Nancy & Gene Barton & their family in the loss of their Sister-in-law Ella Thomas. After a very brief illness Ella passed into the arms of her Lord last Friday, October 20th.

“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

Oct 29—Nov 4

Sun 29	am	Jeremiah 25-26
	pm	2 Timothy 3
Mon 30	am	Jeremiah 27-28
	pm	2 Timothy 4
Tues 31	am	Jeremiah 29-30
	pm	Titus 1
Wed 1	am	Jeremiah 31-32
	pm	Titus 2
Thurs 2	pm	Jeremiah 33-35
	pm	Titus 3
Fri 3	am	Jeremiah 36-37
	pm	Philemon
Sat 4	am	Jeremiah 38-39
	pm	Hebrews 1



Through the Bible in a year

## HAVE YOU READ THE BOOK THAT SHAPED AMERICA?

America’s earliest settlers came in search of religious freedom, to escape religious persecution—which has again become an issue in modern times.

A new arrival who joined the Pilgrims at Plymouth in 1623 “blessed God for the opportunity of freedom and liberty to enjoy the ordinances of God in purity among His people.”

The Bible shaped much of our culture and society. Classic literature echoes Scriptural themes. Art museums are filled with pictures inspired by Bible stories.

The Bible’s regulations—do not murder, commit adultery, steal, or give false testimony ([Exodus 20](#))—form the basis of modern law.

Its lessons—treat others as you wish to be treated and be a “good Samaritan”—guide behavior in civilized society.

Early settlers founded colleges to train preachers, starting with Harvard in 1636.

Nearly half (49 percent) of Americans strongly agree the Bible contains everything a person needs to know and live a meaningful life.

More than half (51 percent) believe the Bible has too little influence on American society today.

U.S. laws enforcing punishments for the assault and rape of women, murder, and the abuse of children comes directly from the Bible. Many of these laws are found in the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy. —Adapted from American Bible Society’s State of the Bible as reported in the *Washington Post*.



## CHRISTMAS for the Orphans at Arms of Hope



Pick your Stars off the Giving Tree and fill out. Have Star & Gift Cards to Church Office **by Sunday, 12/10th** **Wal Mart, Belk, Academy, Visa, etc.** (Please hand Gift Cards to Peggy or use Drop Box in Office)



Jeff & Monica Riggs

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Erin Burke	2
Jimmy Burke	2
Scott Burke	6
Michelle Koctar	6
Courtney O'Bannon	13
Tabitha Salas	14
R.J. Imel	16
Karen Forse	19
Jimmy A Burke	22
Rena' Cable	23
John Salas	29
Edna Earl Goodman	31

## 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,

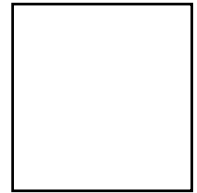
I John 1:7, Revelation 2:10



“If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?” Psalm 11:3



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*Invites you to join us in Worship!*

**Service this Week:**

October 29, 2023

**Donut Fellowship 9:00am**  
**Bible Class 9:30am**  
**Worship 10:30am**

*Song Leader: Dennis Gray*  
*Scripture Reading & Prayer:*  
**Matthew 27:51-53**

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

*Sermon: "Night of the Living Dead"*  
**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

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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!