

# Church of Christ Deer Park

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Christians Should Be Industrious

An industrious person is attentive and active. An industrious person is committed and conscientious. An industrious person is dedicated and diligent. An industrious person is focused and faithful. An industrious person is hardworking and helpful. An industrious person is studious and steady.

A Christian is an industrious person. Paul exhorted, *"not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord"* (Romans 12:11). He further exhorted, *"But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing"* (1 Thessalonians 4:10-12).

Being industrious translates down to two things: heart and effort! Paul exhorted, *"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ"* (Colossians 3:23-24). Solomon exhorted, *"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going."* We serve with all our heart because we are serving Christ. We serve with effort because in this life only we have that opportunity.

Johannes Sebastian Bach, the great German composer and musician said, "I am obligated to be industrious. Whoever is equally industrious will succeed equally well." Is that not true of Christians? Are we not obligated to be industrious? Can we as the servants of Christ be less? Solomon wrote, *"Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings"* (Proverbs 22:29). We just want to stand before "the King."

Dwight Fuqua  
Findlay church of Christ  
Sparta, TN



Courtyards of  
Pasadena 45  
Christmas Pillows



Sarah's House  
25 Christmas Pillows



Serenity Gardens 15  
Christmas Pillows



Sodalis 30  
Christmas Pillows

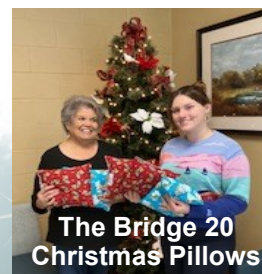
**PILLOW MINISTRY UPDATE**  
Our Ladies meet Tuesday  
mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 for  
Devo, Prayers & Pillows  
Come Join!



Parsons House 15  
Christmas Pillows



Joy & Hope 12  
Christmas  
Pillows



The Bridge 20  
Christmas Pillows

# Please be Praying for...

Our Country & Our National Leaders look to & be guided by God; The people of Israel; The people of Ukraine; Sam Allen underwent stint surgery recently—all is well; Wil & Harley Imel miscarried 12/5—Harley will have to undergo surgery some time in the future; Bob Gordon (Sonoma's cousin) diagnosed with blood cancer. His sister is a match they will undergo stem cell transplant after the first of the year, presently he is very sick with an infection; Eileen Adair went to get set up for her Autoimmune Therapy 12/6, the first session will be 12/8 & surgery on other lung in March 2024; was good to see Susan Williams in worship Sunday following surgery 11/7; Karl Vinson—the trip to Little Rock for his father's funeral really wore him out & is still dealing with a lingering cough from his surgery; Tammy Adair is having severe back issues & seeing doctors; Edna Earl Goodman is getting stronger after straining her back pinching a nerve; Cheryl McKinney (Tammy Imel sister-in-law) who has 4 autoimmune diseases has been diagnosed with serious nerve problem in her face; 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; The Family of Gerald Starns; The Family of Erin Burke; Bruce Bramlett (Jimmy Burke associate) seriously injured away from home; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); Mrs. Farris (friend of Gina Branstetter) had a family tragedy; Inmates of our Prison Ministry. We have responded to **590** inmate requests for Bibles & Study Material. Many are very grateful, participate in Bible Study Groups and ask for our prayers; Let Your Light Shine; 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;

**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 (Sonoma'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); Sherri Moody PALS Teacher & friend of many; 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), 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); Bob Gordon (Sonoma's cousin); 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).

### PRISON MINISTRY Join in the Work!



We now have **590** 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.



Kevin & Michelle Koctar 8th

Carolyn Carpenter	5
Mary Miller	6
Gloria O'Bannon	11
Kristen Adair	16
Jake Riggs	17
Gene Barton	18
Jeff Riggs	18
Louise Friday	21
Adalyn Cable	28
CJ Campbell	28
Briana Adair	31

# Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

Happy Holidays!

The Dinner & Devo Holiday Gathering for Prayers, Fellowship and Food was enjoyed by all!



## Daily Bible Reading Dec 17—Dec 23

Sun 17	am	Obadiah
	pm	Rev. 8
Mon 18	am	Jonah
	pm	Rev. 9
Tues 19	am	Micah 1-3
	pm	Rev. 10
Wed 20	am	Micah 4-5
	pm	Rev. 11
Thurs 21	pm	Micah 6-7
	pm	Rev. 12
Fri 22	am	Nahum
	pm	Rev. 13
Sat 23	am	Habakkuk
	pm	Rev. 14

## Daily Bible Reading Dec 24—Dec 30

Sun 24	am	Zephaniah
	pm	Rev. 15
Mon 25	am	Haggai
	pm	Rev. 16
Tues 26	am	Zech 1-3
	pm	Rev. 17
Wed 27	am	Zech 4-6
	pm	Rev. 18
Thurs 28	pm	Zech 7-9
	pm	Rev. 19
Fri 29	am	Zech 10-12
	pm	Rev. 20
Sat 30	am	Zech 13-14
	pm	Rev. 21



Through the Bible in a year

### Every Man's Book

The Bible is every man's book. To know the Bible and to handle it correctly is one of the greatest accomplishments within the reach of any person.

One may know English, astronomy, literature, music, sociology, and philosophy, but if one does not know the Bible, one has failed in the only subject that brings all things into the proper relationship and enables one to know life at its best. The best evidence of the inspiration of the Bible is found between its covers. No one will ever be a useful Christian without being a student of the Bible. Matthew Henry said, "The Scriptures were not written to make us astronomers, but to make us saints."

The Bible is not intended solely for some special group. It is every man's book; it was written for the average person. Scholars may study it, but it is not written for scholars. No one ever outgrows the Scriptures. The more one studies them, the wider and deeper they become. The Bible enables every reader to look into eternity.

It is no wonder that Paul urged Timothy to study the Scripture, "rightly dividing [handling aright] the word of truth," so he might be an approved workman before God ([2 Timothy 2:15](#)).

The Bible acknowledges man's faults; it is patient with man's weaknesses; it is honest with his virtues and his hopes. To own the Bible is to be rich. To study, to know, and to trust the Bible is to find life. To study the Bible is to be wise; to obey it, to be strong. —Franklin Camp - HTH HTH



A Skeleton Crew will be in the office through the holidays. If you need any of us, call the church office and we'll get back to you ASAP!  
Happy Holidays!!

Our Church Family made and delivered six Christmas Stockings for our church members that have been ill & one huge Christmas Basket wishing our minister & family a Merry Christmas! They were beautiful!

### 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



CHRISTMAS for the Orphans at Arms of Hope



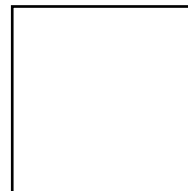
Pick your Stars off the Giving Tree and fill out. Have Star & Gift Cards to Church Office **by Sunday, 12/10th** **Wal Mart, Belk, Academy, Visa, etc.** (Please hand Gift Cards to Peggy or use Drop Box in Office)



**THANK YOU to everyone that participated!**  
**Our gift Cards were mailed this week.**



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*Church Of Christ  
Deer Park  
Invites you to join us in Worship!*

**Service this Week!**

December 17, 2023

**Donut Fellowship 9:00am**

**Bible Class 9:30am**

**Worship 10:30am**

*Song Leader:* **Dennis Gray**

*Scripture Reading & Prayer:*

**Luke 2:15-20**

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

*Sermon: "O Holy Night"*

**Dr. Justin Imel**

*Closing Payer:*

**Jimmy Burke**

*Greeter* **Tammy Adair**

*Communion Prep:* **Patsy Camp**

*Livestreaming:* **R.J. Imel**

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Church of Christ Deer Park, Texas

& our Web Site: [dpcofc.org](http://dpcofc.org)

We are located at:

617 Avon

Deer Park, TX

*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!