

Church of Christ Deer Park

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Removing Ancient Landmarks

In various places throughout the world today ancient landmarks are still recognizable and in force. Many of those ancient landmarks were built to establish boundaries, without which confusion would have ensued. Unfortunately, many ancient landmarks have been removed or destroyed, leaving no identifiable traits of any past existence.

Tragically, the same can be said spiritually. God, through His Word, established landmarks to keep people within the parameters of His holy and divine will. But down through the years man has sought to remove and destroy them, resulting in mass confusion and destruction. Let us consider just a few of those ancient landmarks.

First, God set up a landmark for salvation that has forever been established (cf. Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 4:12; 10:34-35; John 14:6; Rom. 6:3-4; Eph. 4:4-5). But down through the years man has sought to alter, even remove altogether, that ancient and divine landmark (Gal. 1:6-9; 1 Tim. 4:1ff.; Rev. 22:18-19).

Second, God set up a landmark for the church. The distinctiveness/oneness of the Lord's church is clearly seen throughout the New Testament (cf. Dan. 2:41ff; Mat. 16:13ff; Eph. 4:4; Acts 2:47; 20:28; Col. 2:18; 1 Cor. 1:10; 3:1ff). But man has sought to remove that ancient landmark and has done so to their own demise (Mat. 7:21-23).

Third, God has set up a landmark for worship that must never be tampered with or ignored (cf. John 4:24; Acts 2:42; 23:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; Col. 3:17). Unfortunately, man makes the same fatal mistake as did Cain, Nadab and Abihu, and others by offering unto God something He did not authorize (Gen. 4:1ff; Lev. 10:1ff; cf. Matt. 15:8-9)!

Spiritual landmarks erected by God must never be removed! The wise man's words will suffice as we close: "Do not remove the ancient landmarks which your fathers have set" (Pro. 22:28).

Terry R. Townsend
Curry Church of Christ



Please be Praying for...

Our Country & Our National Leaders look to & be guided by God; The people of Israel; The people of Ukraine; 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; Eileen Adair had a PET Scan 10/30 & saw surgeon 11/13 & was in a car crash on Center St 11/9 – she is OK just sore & bruised. Autoimmune Therapy will start on 1st tumor on 12/6, surgery on other lung in March 2024; Susan Williams had surgery 11/7-continues to improve-voice still affected; 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; 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); Mrs. Farris (friend of Gina Branstetter) had a family tragedy; Inmates of our Prison Ministry. We have responded to **539** 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

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); 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).



Rosa Reeves & Jerry Goucher in the loss of their Aunt in Oklahoma. Rosa & Jerry will be traveling to Oklahoma for the funeral this weekend so please keep them your prayers.

Family & Friends of Jared Robertson who has been on our prayer list for a long time (Scott Burke friend) who passed away this week. Jared had a returning brain tumor & was just 40 yrs old.



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?

Daily Bible Reading

Nov 26—Dec 2

Sun 26	am	Ezekiel 36-37
	pm	I Peter 3
Mon 27	am	Ezekiel 38-39
	pm	I Peter 4
Tues 28	am	Ezekiel 40
	pm	I Peter 5
Wed 29	am	Ezekiel 41-42
	pm	2 Peter 1
Thurs 30	pm	Ezekiel 43-44
	pm	2 Peter 2
Fri 1	am	Ezekiel 45-46
	pm	2 Peter 3
Sat 2	am	Ezekiel 47-48
	pm	I John 1



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



PRISON MINISTRY Join in the Work!



We now have **539** 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.

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



CHRISTMAS for the Orphans at Arms of Hope

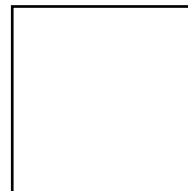


Pick your Stars off the Giving Tree and fill out. Have Star & Gift Cards to Church Office **by Sunday, 12/10th** **Wal Mart, Belk, Academy, Visa, etc.** (Please hand Gift Cards to Peggy or use Drop Box in Office)





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

Service this Week:

December 3, 2023

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

Luke 1:39-45

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **"Blessed Among Women"**

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!