

# Church of Christ Deer Park

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### **He Made Israel to Sin** Justin Imel

When the kingdom was divided, God gave the northern kingdom of Israel to Jeroboam, the son of Nebat. Jeroboam feared that if the people went to Jerusalem to worship at the Temple as God had commanded they would remain in Judea and pledge their allegiance to Rehoboam and the rest of David's dynasty. Being the ingenious fella he was, Jeroboam erected two golden calves, one in Bethel and one in Dan, for the people to worship (1 Ki 12:25-33). Thanks to the golden calves the people no longer needed to make the arduous journey to Jerusalem for worship; they could honor the gods "who brought [them] up out of the land of Egypt" (1 Ki 12:28) right in Israel.

This great sin—a sin which came from Jeroboam's fear, pride, and lack of trust in God—became synonymous with the king's 22-year reign. In fact, Jeroboam became the measuring rod against which evil kings were judged. For example, the historian summarized the reign of Nadab, Jeroboam's son, this way: "He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin which he made Israel to sin" (1 Ki 15:26). And so it goes throughout the rest of Kings; you often find references to Jeroboam's "sin which he made Israel to sin."

A king whom God chose to lead his people. because of great potential royally, squandered his moment and led the nation to sin. Yes, the Israelites who chose to worship at the golden calves were responsible to God for their own sins, yet their king had encouraged and enticed them in an easier, softer way.

Are there people in your life whom you lead into sin?

- Do you give the necessary encouragement to your family?
- Do you set the right example before your neighbors?
- Do people see a different you on Monday morning than they see on Sunday morning?
- Do you say one thing but do another?
- Do your children see your Christ-like character?
- Do your friends see you reject the good and rejoice in wrongdoing?

**Are you leading anyone to sin?**



Congratulations & God's Blessings to  
**OTIS & KAY RIGGS**  
who celebrate their  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
January 18th! (& many more!)

*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 is out of the hospital; Bob Gordon (Sonoma's cousin) diagnosed with blood cancer. His sister is a match they will undergo stem cell transplant soon— Bob is very sick; Eileen Adair has had two sessions of auto immune therapy treatments & further treatment delayed to strengthen her before resuming & surgery on other lung scheduled in March 2024; Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law) will have a mass removed from his neck 1/31/24; Andrew Shirley (Scott & Erin Burke Son-in-law) heart issues; Courtney Gunn (Mary Miller granddaughter) is undergoing tests 1/11/24; Tammy Adair back issues are a little better; Michelle Koctar, broke her wrist; Cheryl McKinney (Tammy Imel sister-in-law) diagnosed with (almost 100% sure) non malignant brain tumor which is causing serious nerve problem in her face; Peggy Burke, therapy for back issues; Deanna & Norman Cox (Carole Broyles sister & brother-in-law) Norman has been diagnosed with Lewy body dementia; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); 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; Pray Without Ceasing for Each Other; Building Program; Serve Others; 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; 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); 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, Karl Vinson

**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).



To David Smith & Family  
in the loss of our sweet sister  
**GAIL SMITH**  
who passed into the arms of her Lord  
December 31, 2023.  
Services will be at Grand View  
Visitation: Friday 1-5-24, 6-8pm  
Service Saturday 1-6-24, 2pm  
Internment Monday 1-8-24 10:00am

To Family of  
**SHIRLEY CHADWICK**  
who went to be with her Lord,  
December 28, 2023  
Memorial Visitation will be held  
Saturday, January 27, 2024  
4:00—6:00pm at  
Scott Funeral Home, Alvin, TX



Linda Thomason 12



Jason & Rena' Cable 8th  
Otis & Kay Riggs 18th

# Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

## Daily Bible Reading

Jan 14—Jan 20

Sun 14	am	Genesis 33-35
	pm	Matthew 11
Mon 15	am	Genesis 36-37
	pm	Matthew 12:1-12
Tues 16	am	Genesis 38-40
	pm	Matthew 12:22-50
Wed 17	am	Genesis 41
	pm	Matthew 13:1-32
Thurs 18	pm	Genesis 42-43
	pm	Matthew 13:33-58
Fri 19	am	Genesis 44-45
	pm	Matthew 14:1-21
Sat 20	am	Genesis 46-48
	pm	Matthew 14:22-36



Through the Bible in a year

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE

### Why must you know your Bible?

1. To have everlasting life. (John 17:3). With regards to the words of Jesus, the Bible is the only source of the perfect, saving knowledge of God and Christ.
2. To know the greatest book ever written. The Bible is the greatest book because God is the author. There were 40 writers but one author. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2 Timothy 3:16).
3. To know who you are. The Bible tells us our origin, purpose, and destiny (Genesis 1:26–27; 2:7).
4. To be saved from sin. The Bible answers the world's greatest question, "What must I do to be saved?" The gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16).
5. To identify the church of the Lord and know its importance. Christ has one body (the church, Ephesians 4:4) and Christ is the head of the body (Ephesians 1:22–23).
6. To find the Christian way of life, worship, and service. The inspired word teaches us that "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age" (Titus 2:12).
7. To reach the highest goal: "The prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). —Frank Dunn, HTHHHTH

*"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."*

2 Timothy 4:6-8



TRUCK ROUTE  
**MARCH 13-14, 2024**

Supplies Requested:  
Baby Wipes  
Pamper Pull Ups  
Size 6  
Comet Cleaner  
Pinto Beans

### 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

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.



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*Happy  
New  
Year!*

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

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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:**

January 14, 2024

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

*Song Leader:* Dennis Gray

*Scripture Reading & Prayer:*  
Luke 2:22-34

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

*Sermon: "What Simeon Saw"*  
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  
Facebook Page:  
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& our Web Site: [dpcocf.org](http://dpcocf.org)



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!