

Church of Christ Deer Park

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Dying Wedding Vows

Remember when “honor and obey” was a standard part of wedding vows? Then, the feminist movement said, “No way will I vow to obey my husband!” Today, you rarely hear a couple using this worthy vow to recognize and accept the roles and relationships God established in marriage (Genesis 2:22-24; 3:16; Ephesians 5:22-24; 1 Peter 3:17).

Now, “till death do us part” is also being rejected. More and more couples are opting for such preemptive phrases as “for as long as our love shall last,” “until our time together is over,” and “for as long as our marriage shall serve the greatest good” (“Till Death Do Us Part” is Dying Out, Jennifer D’Angelo, *FoxNews.com*, July 22, 2005). The rationale offered is, “Don’t make a promise you can’t keep.”

The same article noted that actor Brad Pitt considers his marriage to Jennifer Aniston a “total success” for having lasted five years. Rationalization does not change reality: after five years, their marriage ended in failure, not success.

When a husband and wife do not honor marriage for what God intends it to be—a lifelong union—they lay the foundation for marital failure. Add to that a distorted and selfish definition of love, and you have a recipe for trouble (Hebrews 13:4; Romans 7:2-3; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; Ephesians 5:25-31; Titus 2:4). To vow “as long as love shall last” implies the person has no say in the matter; that somehow love decides when “it” will leave a marriage. No, love is a conscious decision of the heart that acts toward its object in good ways (in this case, the husband toward his wife, and vice versa). If love does not last it is because one or both parties decided to no longer love the other.

We should also note that wedding vows mean something; they are solemn commitments to bind oneself to another and to fulfill the obligations of a husband or wife. One such obligation is to honor the permanency of marriage. When marriage is not viewed as “till death do us part” it becomes increasingly easy to end it rather than solving the problem (with love). Vows must not be lightly made nor conveniently broken (Proverbs 20:25; Ecclesiastes 5:4-5). God says marriage is “Till death do us part,” regardless of the changing attitudes toward it (Matthew 19:4-6; Malachi 2:14-16).

Joe R. Price
via Huntington Park church of Christ
Shreveport, LA



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
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 & back home; 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 had her last auto immune therapy & chemo treatments 1/17 & is feeling pretty good & has several eye appts before surgery on other lung; 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) tests turned out very well; Students, Family & Faculty at Tammy Imel's school—a child died in an accidental gun accident; Tammy Adair back issues are a little better; Michelle Koctar, broke her wrist & is undergoing therapy ("sad face"—no cake baking for a while); Cheryl McKinney (Tammy Imel sister-in-law) underwent successful benign brain surgery this week & the pain in her face is better; Peggy Burke therapy for SI joint issues; Jimmy Burke therapy for low back pain; 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 **566** 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

CONTINUAL PRAYER: Adair Family; Gene Barton; Diane Bowman (Tammy Imel friend); Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; 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; 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; 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).



PRISON MINISTRY Join in the Work!

We now have **566** Inmate Students. We send the World Bible School Bibles with all the lessons included & the price for them has gone up from \$5.00 to \$7.95. We have a few that only speak/read Spanish. There are specific County guidelines we have to adhere to in corresponding with the inmates. Some Counties are digitalizing all correspondence which eliminated Bible receipt, so our effort has been greatly curtailed. BUT A FEW BIBLES are still getting to the inmates at some locations. Let David Camp know if you want to help buy Bibles.



Linda Thomason 12



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

Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

Daily Bible Reading

Jan 21—Jan 27

Sun 21	am	Genesis 49-50
	pm	Matthew 15:1-20
Mon 22	am	Exodus 1-3
	pm	Matthew 15:21-39
Tues 23	am	Exodus 4-6
	pm	Matthew 16
Wed 24	am	Exodus 7-8
	pm	Matthew 17
Thurs 25	pm	Exodus 9-10
	pm	Matthew 18:1-20
Fri 26	am	Exodus 11-12
	pm	Matthew 18:21-35
Sat 27	am	Exodus 13-15
	pm	Matthew 19:1-15



Through the Bible in a year



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

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE

Why must you know your Bible?

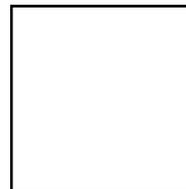
1. To have everlasting life. (John 17:3). With regards to the words of Jesus, the Bible is the only source of the perfect, saving knowledge of God and Christ.
2. To know the greatest book ever written. The Bible is the greatest book because God is the author. There were 40 writers but one author. "All 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, HTHHTH

"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



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*Happy
New
Year!*

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Invites you to join us in Worship!

Service this Week:

January 21, 2024

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **"A Cry from the Deep"**

Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:

Jimmy Burke

Greeter **Tammy Adair**

Communion Prep: **Patsy Camp**

Livestreaming: **R.J. Imel**

Stay tuned to our One Call Now Messages,

Email Messages, Everything happening on

Facebook Page:

Church of Christ Deer Park, Texas

& our Web Site: dpcocf.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!