

Church of Christ Deer Park

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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REMADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

One of the most frustrating experiences in life for me is doing something and then having to do it all over again. It may have been that I was not attentive when doing it the first time and I did something wrong causing me to need to do it over. It may have been that I rushed through it to get it completed without doing a quality job demanding that I do it over and get it right this time! Regardless of the reason, it is very frustrating.

The most frustrating and discouraging would be to have failed as a father to my children only to realize too late that it was my fault that they turned out the way they did because of my inattention or sloppy work as a father. How sad it would be to come to that knowledge too late!

God made man in His own image ([Genesis 1:26-28](#)). He and she were the crowning act of the loving, creating God. His desire was to have someone to love! That is why He created! Sure, He also wants to be loved, but it is a quality of God to love.

Adam and Eve, and every person since their time, have fallen short of the loftiness of their own creation ([Romans 3:23](#)). Each person has taken on a new nature. It was a conscious decision, at some point, to take on a different nature from the one given to us at creation.

God wants His people to be whole. He desires all people to be saved ([II Peter 3:9](#)). He desperately wants to remake each one of them and return them to the pure, innocent state that was theirs from birth.

In His justice, He sent Jesus to be the atoning sacrifice. His was a pure sacrifice. One without blemish and without spot ([I Peter 1:19](#)). Through Jesus, God remakes those who desire it into that new creature ([Romans 6:1-6](#)) which is nothing more or less than what originally made!

It is the restoration of the right to be in His presence again without the dividing wall of sin! That's just the way it was in the Garden. We can again be in the presence of God boldly because of Jesus ([Hebrews 4:16](#))!

God closed His written word with that very image. John said, *"Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."* That day and time are coming! Are you ready? Do you look forward to it? As the new year begins, why not allow it to motivate you to be new again!!

Mike Johnson—Church of Christ, Richmond, KY



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 has been hospitalized with excessive nose bleed; 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 has a slightly elevated white count; Eileen Adair has had two sessions of auto immune therapy & further treatment delayed to strengthen her before resuming & surgery on other lung in March 2024; Andrew Shirley (Scott & Erin Burke Son-in-law) heart issues; Tammy Adair back issues are a little better; Edna Earl Goodman is getting stronger after straining her back pinching a nerve; Michelle Koctar, broke her wrist; Cheryl McKinney (Tammy Imel sister-in-law) who has 4 autoimmune diseases has been diagnosed with 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 (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, 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

Dec 31—Jan 6

Sun 31	am	Malachi
	pm	Rev. 22
Mon 1	am	Genesis 1-2
	pm	Matthew 1
Tues 2	am	Genesis 3-5
	pm	Matthew 2
Wed 3	am	Genesis 6-8
	pm	Matthew 3
Thurs 4	pm	Genesis 9-11
	pm	Matthew 4
Fri 5	am	Genesis 12-14
	pm	Matthew 5:1-26
Sat 6	am	Genesis 15-17
	pm	Matthew 5:27-48

Daily Bible Reading

Jan 7—Jan 13

Sun 7	am	Genesis 18-19
	pm	Matthew 6
Mon 8	am	Genesis 20-22
	pm	Matthew 7
Tues 9	am	Genesis 23-24
	pm	Matthew 8
Wed 10	am	Genesis 25-26
	pm	Matthew 9:1-17
Thurs 11	pm	Genesis 27-28
	pm	Matthew 9:18-38
Fri 12	am	Genesis 29-30
	pm	Matthew 10:1-23
Sat 13	am	Genesis 31-32
	pm	Matthew 10:24-42



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



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

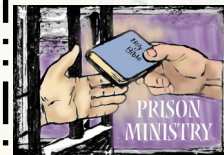
Confess Jesus to others: Matt 10:32-33, Romans 10:9-10, 1 Timothy 6:12

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!

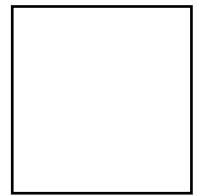


We now have **590** Inmate Students. The World Bible School Bibles with all the lessons included have gone up

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!*

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Invites you to join us in Worship!

Service this Week:

January 7, 2024

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: Dennis Gray

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

John 17:6-8

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "Making the Father Known"
Christian Joyner

Closing Payer:

Jimmy Burke

Greeter Tammy Adair

Communion Prep: Patsy Camp

Livestreaming: R.J. Imel

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617 Avon

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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!