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The Hot Tub or the Sauna?

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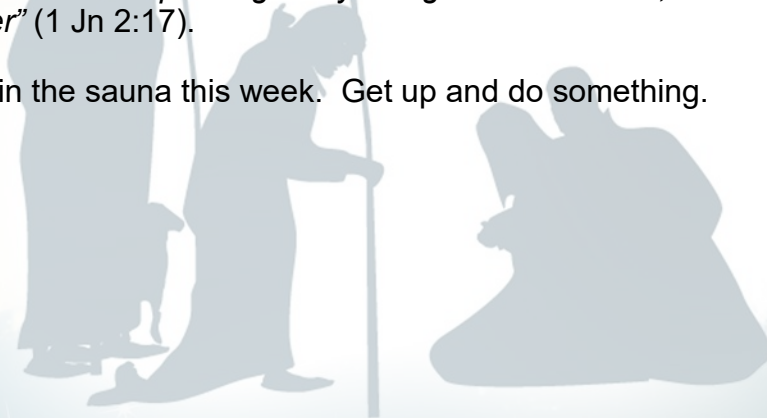
Over the past couple of years, I've watched a handful of regulars at the gym. They come every morning, but they only get in the sauna and/or the hot tub and then go home. There's no swimming of laps, there's no visiting the weight room to pump iron, and there's no mileage on a treadmill or spin bike. Their entire workout regimen, as far as I can tell, is to get out of bed, drive to the gym, and sit in the hot tub or the sauna. Some of these people are seriously overweight and in need of a healthy workout, but they sit in the comfort of the hot tub and sauna.

I love the sauna and hot tub; they relax my muscles after my two-and-a-half mile morning swim. However, neither the hot tub nor the sauna move me closer to my fitness goals. They are marvelous recovery after a stringent workout, not substitutes for the workout itself.

I fear many well-meaning Christians simply use the sauna and hot tub. They get out of bed on the Lord's Day, drive to the assembly, sit in a seat, and that's it. They expect to grow in Christ simply by showing up. They expect to learn the truth of God by osmosis. They expect to be made holy simply by eating the bread and drinking the wine. They expect to win fruit for Jesus simply by filling a seat on Sunday morning.

Assembling with the saints is vital to any Christian's life (cf. Heb 10:25), but so is daily living the faith. Jesus said, "*Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother*" (Matt 12:50). "*If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them*" (Jn 13:17). "*It is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified*" (Rom 2:13). "*Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves*" (Js 1:22). "*The world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever*" (1 Jn 2:17).

Don't just get in the sauna this week. Get up and do something.



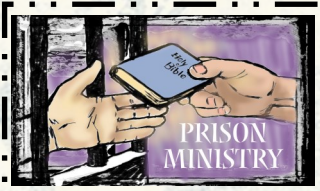
Please be Praying for...

Our Country & Our National Leaders look to & be guided by God; The people of Israel; The people of Ukraine; Sam Allen is still not doing well; Copper Kimbrough (Avery Cable Kimbrough husband) has had unresolved health issues since Christmas & was in ER 14th & will have further testing; Bernice Mobley (Camp's daughter's mother-in-law) was hospitalized with heart issues and fell 2/1; Bob Gordon (Sonoma's cousin) diagnosed with blood cancer. His sister, Becky, had the stem cells harvested successfully 2/14th & prayerfully Bob will receive the transplant 2/16th; Eileen Adair had her last auto immune therapy & chemo treatments 1/17 & is feeling pretty good & has an eye appt 2/23rd; Gene Barton (Nancy's husband) is dealing with an infection awaiting test results; Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law) had a mass removed from his neck 1/31/24 & it was non-malignant-PRAYERS ANSWERED!; Andrew Shirley (Scott & Erin Burke Son-in-law) heart issues; Students, Family & Faculty at Tammy Imel's school—a child died in an accidental gun incident; Tammy Adair back issues are a little better; Michelle Koctar, broke her wrist & is undergoing therapy ("sad face"-no cake baking for a while); Peggy Burke therapy for hip muscle issues; Jimmy Burke therapy for low back pain; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); Inmates of our Prison Ministry. We have responded to **574** 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; Listen; 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

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); Deanna & Norman Cox (Carole Broyles sister & brother-in-law); 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); David Israel (Justin Imel friend); 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 **574** 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.



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| Nancy Barton | 6 |
| Audrey Cable | 8 |
| Stephen Smith | 16 |



Scott & Erin Burke 14th

Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

Daily Bible Reading Feb 18—Feb 24

Sun 18	am	Leviticus 26-27
	pm	Mark 2
Mon 19	am	Numbers 1-2
	pm	Mark 3:1-21
Tues 20	am	Numbers 3-4
	pm	Mark 3:22-35
Wed 21	am	Numbers 5-6
	pm	Mark 4:1-20
Thurs 22	pm	Numbers 7
	pm	Mark 4:21-41
Fri 23	am	Numbers 8-10
	pm	Mark 5:1-20
Sat 24	am	Numbers 11-13
	pm	Mark 5:21-43



Through the Bible in a year



LADIES' CLASS & PILLOW MINISTRY

Meets every Tuesday
9:00 till 11:30
Come out and help cut hose & Devo &

PILLOW MINISTRY
Delivered (All in the name of Jesus)
15 Men & 15 Women Comfy Pillows
to Texas Oncology
last week



THE BIBLE on One Page by House to House

Chronologically, the Old Testament ends with the book of Nehemiah. Every book coming after it can be placed somewhere in the framework of events covered from Genesis through Nehemiah.

1. Creation and Early Civilization ([Genesis 1–5](#)).
2. Noah and the Flood ([Genesis 6–11](#)).
3. Lives of the Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph) ([Genesis 12–50](#)). (The Book of Job belongs here.)
4. Israelites in Egypt and the Wilderness (Exodus–Deuteronomy).
5. Israelites Enter the Land of Canaan (Joshua).
6. Israelites Ruled by Judges (Judges; [1 Samuel 1–8](#); Ruth).
7. Israelites Form a United Kingdom under Saul, David, and Solomon ([1 Samuel 9–2 Samuel 24](#); [1 Kings 1–11](#); [1 Chronicles 1–2 Chronicles 9](#)). (Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon belong here.)
8. Israelites Divide into Southern/Northern Kingdoms ([1 Kings 12–2 Kings 25](#); [2 Chronicles 10–36](#)). (Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Zephaniah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Jeremiah, Lamentations belong here.)
9. Israelites in Captivity (Ezekiel; Daniel).
10. Judah Returns from Babylon to Canaan (Ezra; Nehemiah; Esther). (Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi belong here.)
11. The 430 Years between the Old and New Testaments.
12. The Earthly Life and Ministry of Christ (Matthew; Mark; Luke; John).
13. Beginning and Growth of the Church (Acts).
14. Christianity Applied: Individually and Congregationally (Romans–Jude).
15. The Ultimate Victory of the Church (Revelation). —

Hugh Fulford

TRUCK ROUTE MARCH 13-14, 2024



Supplies Requested:

Baby Wipes
Pamper Pull Ups
Size 6
Comet Cleaner
Pinto Beans

Box at Front Door

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

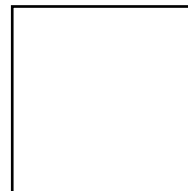
Be Baptized in the name of Jesus for salvation (immersed in water as a believer): Mark 16:16, Acts 2:37-38, Romans 6:3-5, 1 Peter 3:21

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



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

Service this Week:

February 18, 2024

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: Dennis Gray

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

Mark 1:12-13

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "The Temptation of Jesus"

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

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Christ Deer Park, Texas

Meet With Us

Sunday Morning

Coffee & Donut Fellowship 9:00am

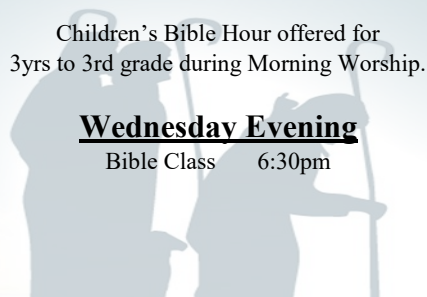
Bible Class 9:30am

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!