

# Church of Christ Deer Park

## Weekly Newsletter

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### Get Up!

Justin Imel

The Israelites conquered Jericho easily, thus the people of Ai should have been no match for the Israelites. After all, the spies Joshua sent to scout out the land told him there wasn't even a reason to send the whole army against such a small city. Joshua listened to his spies, and about 3,000 Israelites went out against Ai. But *"the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent"* (Josh 7:5).

Joshua fell on his face and complained to God. He couldn't understand how Yahweh could allow such a thing to happen when he had promised his people complete and utter victory. As Joshua was moping on the ground, the Lord said to him, *"Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? Israel has sinned"* (Josh 7:10-11). Achan, of course, had taken spoil from Jericho God had forbidden the soldiers to take, and his sin brought disaster on Israel.

God had not abandoned his people. Disaster had not befallen the Israelites at Ai because Yahweh was impotent to save. Brave Israelite soldiers did not fall on the battlefield because the Lord did not care. Israel was suffering the consequences of sin—*sin about which God had warned them*—and God didn't want to listen to Joshua bellyache because he had to suffer the consequences of sin.

How many times do people bellyache when they suffer for their sins? If we're completely honest, many (if not all) of us have moped on the floor like Joshua when we faced consequences for our sins (I certainly have). I wonder if perhaps we don't need to tell ourselves, and, if God himself wouldn't say to us, *"Get up!"*

Jesus showed great compassion toward sinners (e.g., the woman caught in adultery, the woman at the well, and the woman who anointed him with oil), and I don't wish to diminish his compassion one iota. However, all Israel was told disaster would come if they kept some of the spoil for themselves, and no one should be surprised disaster came. We're warned over and over and over and over again about the consequences of sin. The best way to avoid those consequences is to lean on Jesus and not sin in the first place.

*"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap"* (Gal 6:7).

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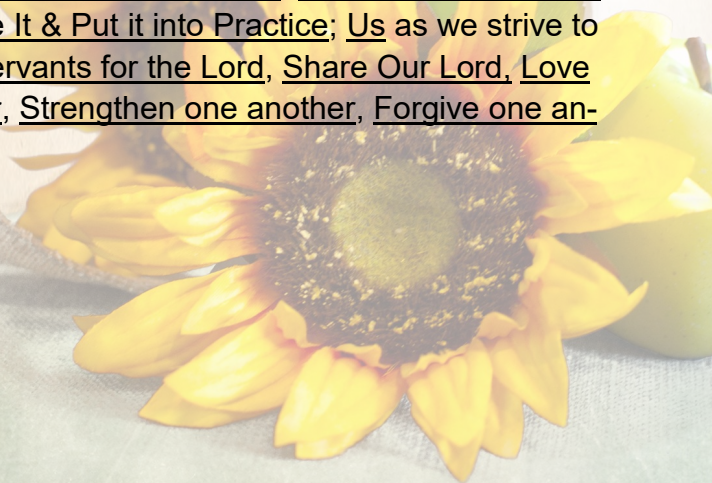
Our Country & Our National Leaders look to & be guided by God; The people of Israel; The people of Ukraine; Eileen Adair post op is now

scheduled for March 25th & surgery March 27th; Debbie Clark (Sonoma O'Bannon's cousin); is now cancer free-PRAYERS ANSWERED; Sam Allen is preparing for heart valve replacement 3/21st; Justin Imel health issues; Gerald Elliott had one kidney remove 3 months ago & begins immunotherapy 2/29th; Copper Kimbrough (Avery Cable Kimbrough husband) has had unresolved health issues since Christmas & will have further testing; Gene Barton (Nancy's husband) test results were very good; Tammy Adair back issues; 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; 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; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law); David & Patsy Camp; Bernice Mobley (Camp's daughter's mother-in-law); Andrew Shirley (Scott & Erin Burke Son-in-law) heart issues; Deanna & Norman Cox (Carole Broyles sister & brother-in-law); Dennis & Mary Gray; Louise Friday; Pat & Hugh Fletcher; Edna Earl Goodman; Deavyn Gordon; 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); 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); Gerald Elliott; 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).



# Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

## Daily Bible Reading

Mar 17—Mar 23

Sun 17	am	Deut. 29-30
	pm	Mark 16
Mon 18	am	Deut. 31-32
	pm	Luke 1:1-23
Tues 19	am	Deut. 33-34
	pm	Luke 1:24-56
Wed 20	am	Joshua 1-3
	pm	Luke 1:57-80
Thurs 21	pm	Joshua 4-6
	pm	Luke 2:1-24
Fri 22	am	Joshua 7-8
	pm	Luke 2:25-52
Sat 23	am	Joshua 9-10
	pm	Luke 3



Through the Bible in a year



Justin & Tammy Imel 15



Mary Gray 5  
Myra Higgins 8  
Jeffrey Adair 10  
Susan Williams 20  
Zane Willis 17



TRUCK ROUTE

**MARCH 20, 2024**

THIS GIVES US ANOTHER WEEK

Supplies Requested:

Baby Wipes  
Pamper Pull Ups Size 6  
Comet Cleaner

Boxes at Front Door

## SUGGESTIONS FOR BIBLE READING

To best interpret the Bible, read sections instead of randomly-selected verses. A chapter (26 verses on average) is a good rule of thumb, but remember that chapter and verse divisions are not inspired and therefore are not always reliable boundary guides. For instance, [Matthew 24-25](#) records a single sermon Jesus preached (the Olivet Discourse) and should be read together.

**Find the flow of thought.** Look for key facts. Who wrote, when, under what conditions, regarding what theme, for what purpose? Use Rudyard Kipling's six basic questions to analyze a passage. He wrote in

*The Elephant's Child*

I keep six honest serving men  
(They taught me all I knew);  
Their names are **What** and **Why** and **When**  
And **How** and **Where** and **Who**.<sup>1</sup>

**Look for key terms.** For example, [Matthew 6:25-34](#) repeats the idea of "taking thought" six times (kjv). The section thus relates to worry or anxiety. "Believe" is used 79 times in the 879 verses of the gospel according to John, or about once every eleven verses. If we are going to understand John, we must focus on faith ([John 20:31](#)).

**Identify the speaker and the audience.** The Bible contains many untrue statements—from false prophets, pagan kings, Job's friends, Roman authorities, Jewish leaders, and even Satan. They are correctly recorded but are not to be followed. If we fail to see who is addressed, we may apply things not intended for us.—**Allen Webster**

Endnote

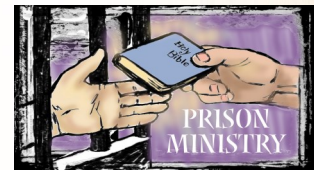
<sup>1</sup>[http://www.kiplingsociety.co.uk/poems\\_serving.htm](http://www.kiplingsociety.co.uk/poems_serving.htm).



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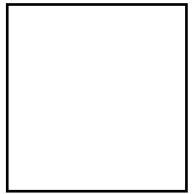


## PRISON MINISTRY

- 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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*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:**

**March 17, 2024**

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

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:  
**John 12:20-33**

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **"The Life of a Seed"**  
**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: [dpcofc.org](http://dpcofc.org)

**REMEMBER**



**WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm**

**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!