

Church of Christ Deer Park

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They Were Afraid

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Shortly after moving here, someone asked me in Bible class about the so-called Longer Ending of Mark (Mk 16:9-20). I took a deep breath before noting that most of the ancient and most reliable Greek manuscripts lack Mark 16:9-20; plus, there are significant stylistic differences in those verses with the rest of Mark. As I answered in class, I find Mark 16:9-20 to be a later addition and not originally part of that Gospel. I believe that Mark intentionally ended his Gospel at 16:8: *“And they [the women who brought spices to anoint Jesus’s body] went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.”*

Many people, it seems to me, overlook a simple question when discussing how Mark ended his Gospel: *“Why* would a writer of a Gospel intentionally end with women running away from the empty tomb in terror and utter silence?” The *“young man”* who was *“dressed in a white robe”* (Mk 16:5) told the women to *“go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee”* (Mk 16:7). The women, in Mark’s Gospel, don’t follow that simple instruction; instead, they keep their mouths shut.

I’m convinced Mark ended his Gospel that way to make a point to his ancient readers: *“The women said nothing about the empty tomb, so you had better go out and say something.”* I believe Mark was calling everyone who read his Gospel to go and tell about that empty tomb.

This week the world remembers the empty tomb, but whom have you told about that empty tomb?

- Whom have you told that you no longer fear death because Jesus’s tomb was empty?
- Whom have you told that your sins are forgiven because Jesus’s tomb was found empty?
- Whom have you told that your life has forever been changed because Jesus’s tomb was found empty?
- Whom have you told that you worship a living Savior because Jesus’s tomb was found empty?

Isn’t it time that we, unlike those women, tell others about the amazing discovery the women made on a first day of the week nearly two millennia ago?

Please be Praying for...

Our Country & Our National Leaders look to & be guided by God; The people of Israel; The people of Ukraine;

Mary Miller had an injection in her hand for the pain she has been experiencing; Eileen Adair had lung surgery March 27th & will be in the hospital a 3-4 days; Rosa Reeves, fell recently jamming her spine & has asked for our prayers; Sam Allen underwent heart valve surgery 3/21st & is doing well-& went home next day-thank God for modern medicine; Justin Imel health issues; Gerald Elliott had one kidney remove 3 months ago & began 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 seeing doctor with back issues; 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 577 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.



Peanut Butter & Jelly

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; 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).

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Are We

Reading Our Bible Every Day!

Daily Bible Reading

Mar 31—Apr 6

Sun 31	am	Judges 3-5
	pm	Luke 7:31-50
Mon 1	am	Judges 6-7
	pm	Luke 8:1-21
Tues 2	am	Judges 8-9
	pm	Luke 8:22-56
Wed 3	am	Judges 10-11
	pm	Luke 9:1-36
Thurs 4	pm	Judges 12-14
	pm	Luke 9:37-62
Fri 5	am	Judges 15-17
	pm	Luke 10:1-24
Sat 6	am	Judges 18-19
	pm	Luke 10:25-42



Through the Bible in a year

Bible Infallibility, Denominationalism, Bob Prichard—HTH

“If they will not agree on the **Bible**,
how can God’s people agree on anything?”

As Jesus was preparing to face the cross, He went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray fervently for the disciples, knowing that they would face difficulty in sharing His message of peace and love with the world.

Having prayed for the disciples, he also prayed for Christians down through the ages: *“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me”* (John 17:20-21). His prayer was that all who would believe in Him through the word of the apostles would have the same unity that He experienced with the Father. Sadly, men seek disunity and division, ignoring Christ’s prayer. The consequence of this is that many have rejected the gospel of Christ because of the divisions they see within Christendom.

In Paul’s day there was *“one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all”* (Ephesians 4:4-6). Yet men today claim there are many bodies and many faiths. Most claim to be what might be called hyphenated Christians. A person who is a Denominational-Christian is subject to the creeds, handbooks, and bylaws of his denomination. Why not give up the denominational names and creeds? Why not be just Christians, not members of any denomination?

Lasting unity among the followers of Christ can come only one way—by going back to the Bible and throwing out the creeds, manuals, and man-made traditions. Paul wrote to a divided congregation at Corinth, pleading with them to have real Christian unity: *“I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment”* (1 Corinthians 1:10). They could only find unity by being perfect-



Justin & Tammy Imel 15



Randy & Tammy Adair 16



Chad Burke 4
Tammy Imel 10
Dale Guillory 28

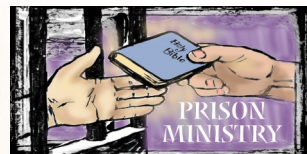


MARCH
BIRTHDAYS

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

SUNNY GLEN Children's Home
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A big
THANK YOU
to everyone that participated.
The children also THANK YOU!



PRISON MINISTRY

We now have **577** 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.

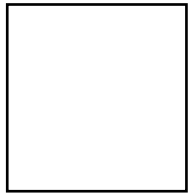
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ly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. Christians can have this unity of mind and judgment only by uniting in the teaching of the Bible, the Word of God. Creeds and handbooks can never bring unity.

There are sometimes unity or ecumenical movements among churches, and some good may be accomplished by these groups banding together for a common cause. There is usually agreement, however, that doctrine will be forgotten or overlooked. Else how can one group that teaches baptism is immersion unite with another group that teaches baptism is sprinkling or pouring? Is this really being joined together in the same mind and the same judgment? If they will not agree on the Bible, how can God’s people agree on anything?



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*Worship With Us
 This Easter*



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

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 Church of 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

Service this Week:

March 31, 2024

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

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
Isaiah 25:6-9

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "**No More Tears**"
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:
 Church of Christ Deer Park, Texas
 & our Web Site: 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!