

Church of Christ Deer Park

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Are You Living Up to Your Clothing?

It's Friday evening a little after sundown when he walks through the front door after a long day at work and announces his arrival, "Hi honey, I'm home."

"What took you so long? Supper's been ready for an hour," his wife says rather loudly from the kitchen.

He walks in the kitchen and explains, "Oh, things were pretty crazy downtown today. We just about had a riot. I'm surprised you hadn't heard about it already."

The subject quickly changes as she looks up and notices his clothing. "Where did you get that coat? It's not the one you were wearing when you left home this morning. I know it's not yours."

"Well, it is now," he said.

"What do you mean, 'it is now'?"

"Oh, I won it today at work."

"Don't tell me you've been gambling again."

"It's not what you think. We ended up having three executions instead of two. The third guy took the place of that robber fellow Barabbas. He only had one coat, and since we couldn't tear it up, we had to cast lots for it. It just must have been my lucky day, I guess."

Have you ever wondered about the Roman soldier who walked away from the cross that Friday night wearing Christ's coat? If only he had realized whose coat he was wearing! Maybe then he'd have the mind to try to live up to his clothing. I wonder if he ever changed his lifestyle after he changed his coat.

When you really stop and think about it, you and I aren't a lot different from this man. When we became Christians, we did more than simply witness the death of Christ like that Roman soldier did; we reenacted and united with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection when we were baptized (Rom. 6:3-4). On that day, we walked away from the foot of the cross not merely with Christ's clothes like that Roman soldier did; we left the water clothed with Christ Himself. That's exactly what Paul says in Galatians 3:27, "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" (NASB).

Being a Christian involves a lot more than blocking off a couple of hours a week, putting on a skirt or slacks, and coming to church. Being a disciple of Christ involves a total transformation that should gradually permeate every area of a person's life (2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 2:20; 4:19; Eph. 4:17-24; Col. 1:28-29; 3:1-17; 1 John 2:6). When we became Christians, we clothed ourselves with Christ, and we are called to live up to our clothing on a daily basis. Does your character and conduct match your clothing? Are you living up to your clothing?

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Please be Praying for...

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

Eileen Adair testing on 15th

showed her to be Cancer Free -Thank You God for ANSWERED PRAYERS! Harley Imel had a kidney procedure 4/15th & will see doctor again 5/9th; Aimee Lopez & baby Crue, born 3 wks early on 4/1/24. Aimee is home from the hospital & Crue came home Sunday evening 4/21/24-the twins are thrilled with Baby Brother; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton's husband) is recovering surgery on his nose 4/15th & Nancy has been dealing with an abscessed tooth and an eye infection but both better now; Mary Miller having difficulty with her hand; Sam Allen underwent heart valve surgery 3/21st & receiving therapy to build his blood back up; 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; Tammy Adair seeing doctor with back issues; Jimmy Burke therapy for low back pain; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); Inmates of our Prison Ministry. We have responded to **581** inmate requests for Bibles & Study Material. Many are very grateful, participate in Bible Study Groups and ask for our prayers; Ask for Wisdom; Give; 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; Diaine 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; Justin Imel health issues; 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; Rosa Reeves; Mike Ritter; Bobby Rowan; Johnny Salas; Carolyn Sparks & Marion Hood (Shannon Burke's mother & aunt); Jim & Linda Thomson; 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:

Lori Bailey; Gene Barton; 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).



Why People Do Not Understand the Bible

—Part 4 of 4

by Allen Webster, House to House

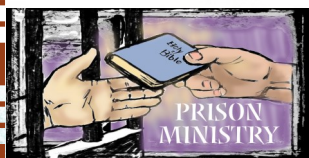
WHY ARE PEOPLE IGNORANT OF THE BIBLE?

Some Have Not Learned to Rightly Divide It (2 Timothy 2:15). A great number of people do not know that the Bible is divided. There is an old and new covenant, the Law of Moses and the Law of Christ, called the Old Testament and the New Testament in our Bibles. We live under the New Law (Colossians 2:14). If one misses this, he will never understand the Bible.

Further, one must always consider who is speaking to understand the Bible. The words of Satan (cf. Genesis 3:1-4; Matthew 4), fools (Psalms 14:1) and false teachers (John 9:34) are recorded. Always observe the context.

Some Are Prejudiced against It. If we wear sunglasses, the world looks dark. When we put shades over our mind's eye, the Gospel light becomes dim. Many come to the Bible with their minds already made up as to what it says. Like the ancient Jews (Matthew 13:15), they make it fit their beliefs rather than fitting life to it. This makes proper interpretation impossible.

Men can understand the Bible! We can remove these obstacles from our path and run the race to heaven (Hebrews 9:27).



PRISON MINISTRY

We now have **581** 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.



Randy & Tammy Adair 16



Chad Burke 4
Tammy Imel 10
Dale Guillory 28



Pantry Needs

Jelly
Can Corn,
Can & Instant Potatoes
Tuna & Can Chicken
Ravioli (all kinds)
Vienna Sausage

Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

Daily Bible Reading

Apr 28—May 4

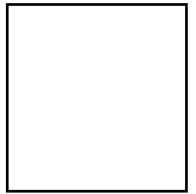
Sun 28 am II Sam 19-20
pm Luke 21:20-38
Mon 29 am II Sam 21-22
pm Luke 22:1-30
Tues 30 am II Sam 23-24
pm Luke 22:31-52
Wed 1 am I Kings:1-2
pm Luke 22:54-71
Thurs 2 pm I Kings:3-5
pm Luke 23:1-26
Fri 3 am I Kings:6-7
pm Luke 23:27-38
Sat 4 am I Kings:8-9
pm Luke 23:39-56



Through the Bible in a year



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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:

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

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
John 15:1-8

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **"Living In The Vine"**
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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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!