

Church of Christ Deer Park

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Who May Stand?

Justin Imel

During a battle in which Yahweh permitted the Philistines to defeat his people, the Philistines captured the ark of the covenant. However, life wasn't enjoyable for the Philistines while they had the ark: mice ravaged the land and deadly tumors broke out in the people's groin (the connection with mice and deadly tumors in the groin has led many modern scholars to believe Yahweh inflicted the Philistines with the bubonic plague). Since *"the hand of God was very heavy"* on the Philistines (1 Sam 5:11), they naturally wanted to rid themselves of the ark.

They put the ark on a cart pulled by two milk cows which had never before been yoked, and the cows made their way in a straight line to Israel at Beth-shemesh. The people of Beth-shemesh celebrated the return of the ark with worship before Yahweh. However, some of the men got a bright idea and *"looked upon the ark of the LORD"* (1 Sam 6:19), and 70 of the men died. The Hebrew for *"looked upon"* means to stare or to gloat, certainly an act of irreverence.

As the people mourned for their lost family and neighbors, the men of Beth-shemesh said, *"Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God?"* (1 Sam 6:20). The men of the town understood immediately that one doesn't simply play with God. The ark of the covenant was no ordinary object; the box had come from the mind of God and had been built to Yahweh's specifications, contained sacred objects to remind the Israelites of God's great power, and was the meeting place between the Lord and the high priest. Yet, some men disregarded God's holiness and paid a great price.

We dare not disregard God's holiness, or we, too, shall pay a high price. When we assemble in God's presence, we're not playing; we have, instead, come into the presence of a holy and awesome God to worship. What we're doing is serious business: the most serious business in which anyone can engage. Minds and hearts need to be centered on God. We must center our own minds and hearts on God and help our neighbors do so by not creating distractions.

God is holy, and he must be regarded as holy by those who would draw near to him. Let us assemble in God's presence with holiness and righteousness that the Lord God may be honored.

Please be Praying for...

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

Gene Barton (Nancy Barton's husband) will have surgery on his nose 4/15th; Mary Miller had an injection in her hand for the pain she has been experiencing; Eileen Adair had lung surgery March 27th & is coming along with PT at home & testing on 15th; Rosa Reeves, fell recently jamming her spine –was good to see her at worship; 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; Peggy Burke is much better now-thank you for prayers; Jimmy Burke therapy for low back pain; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); Inmates of our Prison Ministry. We have responded to **578** 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; 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; 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).



And Sympathy to
the Family of
CHARLIE WALLER
who passed into the arms of
his savior March 14th.

Why People Do Not Understand the Bible

—Part 1 of 4

by Allen Webster, House to House

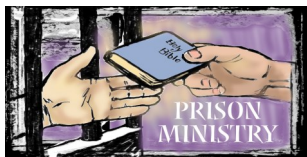
People know more about more things than ever before. Technology. Art. Health. Business. Music. Ecology. Accounting. Fitness. Relationships. Architecture. History. Math. Physics. Botany. Computers. Engineering. Film. Medicine. Economics. Genetics.

People know less about the Bible than their great grandparents who followed a plow around a field for twelve hours a day.

Why? Is the Bible that hard to understand? Was it impossible for God to give a book that the minds He created could grasp?

It is possible to understand the Bible. Jesus said, *“You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* ([John 8:32](#)). Christians possess the mind of God, ([1 Corinthians 2:12-13](#)) and Christ ([1 Corinthians 2:16](#)) in written form. God expects all men to understand His word alike ([1 Corinthians 1:10](#)). If two understand the Word differently, at least one misunderstands.

God wants us to desire ([Matthew 5:6](#); [1 Peter 2:2](#)), dig into ([John 5:39](#)), divide ([2 Timothy 2:15](#)), discern and learn His Word ([John 6:44-45](#)). By so doing, freedom is gained ([John 8:32](#)), faith is attained ([Romans 10:17](#)), access to the Father is sustained ([John 6:44-45](#)), man is perfected ([2 Timothy 3:17](#)) and the world neglected ([2 Peter 1:3](#); [James 4:4](#); [1 John 2:15--17](#)). (to be continued)



PRISON MINISTRY

We now have **578** In-mate 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



Congratulations to Mary Miller who has another Great Grandson. CRUE was born to Aimee & Thomas Lopez April 1, 2024 weighing in at 5lbs 11oz, 19” long. Crue is 3 weeks early and needs our prayers as his lungs continue to develop.

Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

Daily Bible Reading

Apr 7—Apr 13

Sun 7	am	Judges 20-21
	pm	Luke 11:1-28
Mon 8	am	Ruth 1-4
	pm	Luke 11:29-54
Tues 9	am	I Sam 1-3
	pm	12:1-34
Wed 10	am	I Sam 4-6
	pm	Luke 12:35-59
Thurs 11	pm	I Sam 7-9
	pm	Luke 13:1-21
Fri 12	am	I Sam 10-12
	pm	Luke 13:22:35
Sat 13	am	I Sam 13-14
	pm	Luke 14:1-24



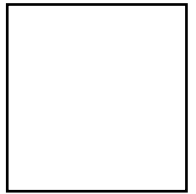
Through the Bible in a year



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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:

April 7, 2024

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
1 John 2:1-2

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **"Atonement"**

Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:

Jimmy Burke

Greeter **Tammy Adair**

Communion Prep: **Patsy Camp**

Livestreaming: **R.J. Imel**

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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!