



Church of Christ Deer Park



Weekly Newsletter

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Men of Valor Justin Imel

A couple weeks ago, the free world remembered the men of valor who stormed the beaches of Normandy to save Europe and the world from enslavement to a madman. In a couple weeks, our nation will remember the men of valor who stood up in the face of a tyrant across the sea to establish a bastion of freedom. Honestly, I cannot fathom the courage the men demonstrated on D-Day, nor can I imagine the courage required to declare independence from a king and establish a new system of government. It's right and good to honor those courageous men who gave us the freedoms we enjoy today.

While we remember those men of valor, it's right to remember some priests who acted courageously during Uzziah's reign. King Uzziah was a good and faithful king who *"did what was right in the eyes of the LORD"* (2 Chr 26:4). However, as King Uzziah aged, *"he grew strong, to his destruction"* (2 Chr 26:16). The king entered the temple *"to burn incense on the altar of incense"* (2 Chr 26:16). None but a descendant of Aaron could burn incense before the Lord (cf. Num 16:40); you already knew that, and Uzziah knew that, but the king was determined to burn the incense himself.

Azariah the high priest entered the temple to keep the king from making such a foolish mistake, and *"eighty priests of the LORD who were men of valor"* accompanied Azariah (2 Chr 26:17). Think about the courage Azariah and the other priests exhibited when they confronted God's anointed king. They were willing to risk their lives and their livelihood to do the right thing; no wonder the Chronicler called them *"men of valor!"*

How much valor do you exhibit? How about in your family—do you stand up to wrong, or do you go along with it? What about in the workplace—do you stand up to wrong, or do you go along with it? What about with your friends—do you stand up to wrong, or do you go along with it? What about with the church—do you stand up to wrong, or do you go along with it?

How much a man or woman of valor are you?



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW HOME!

Justin & Tammy moved into their new home.

210 Oak Street, Deer Park, TX

Please be Praying for...

Our Country & Our National Leaders look to & be guided by God; The people of Israel; The people of Ukraine; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law)

heart cath 6-26-24; Rosa Reeves pre-op blood work 6/26th & x-rays 6/28 with possible surgery 7/15th; Tammy & RJ Imel as they visit family in Kentucky the next three weeks; Ann McKinney (Tammy Imel mother) had out patient heart procedure 6/4-color good, doing fine-amazing!; Betty O'Bannon sprained her ankle 5/21 & seeing physical therapist-healing slowly; Wil Imel needs our prayers-going through a difficult time; Jonathan Groft (Lydia Groft husband) suffered severe burns on the job 6/4, please remember him, Lydia & the kids in your prayers; Dale Guillory had nuclear stress test 5/30 - will see doctor ~8/1/24; Lopez Family, Baby Crue is now gaining weight but still having difficulty with nursing; Maurice, (Justin Imel friend) who suffered a brain bleed in a bike accident is slowly improving; Tammy Adair had an injection in her SI joint which provided much needed relief & will be seeing a new doctor regarding her back issues; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton's husband) is recovering from 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; Gerald Elliott had one kidney removed early in the year & is having 2 month checkups & procedures plus immunotherapy until clear - coming along well; Copper Kimbrough (Avery Cable Kimbrough husband) is recovering from gall bladder surgery 5/28th; Mary Callais & Family (Sherri Williams friends); Inmates of our Prison Ministry. We have responded to **592** inmate requests for Bibles & Study Material. Many are very grateful, participate in Bible Study Groups & ask for our prayers; Produce much fruit; Ask for Wisdom; Give; Commit; 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 & not be Mere Human; 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! Church; 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; David & Patsy Camp; 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; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); 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:

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).

welcome
to our church family



Jerry Goucher & Rosa Reeves have cast their lot with us. We are so happy to have them in the Church Family at Deer Park
WELCOME FOLKS!

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HAVE WE OUTGROWN THE BIBLE? Allen Webster

Times change. Today's "new" is tomorrow's "old," this morning's "breakthrough" is this afternoon's "castaway," and this year's "popular" is lost in next year's "latest." Clearly, the "up-to-date" is soon "out-of-date."

Truth, however, doesn't change. It reads the same today as yesterday and as it will tomorrow. It was *"once for all delivered to the saints"* (Jude 1:3).

Some feel they have outgrown the ancient Gospel. Its absolute standard is, to them, obsolete. The concepts of sin and spiritual death are replaced by the exaltation of **self and sensuality**. The idea of self-denial now to gain heaven later is given a passing thought—and then passed on. Bible concepts—power in the blood, a virgin-born, sinless, sacrificial, miraculously resurrected Savior—are but myths of a bygone era.

Children of the postmodern age have "grown-up." They don't need the gospel anymore. Or do they? Has man outgrown the gospel?

NOT UNLESS HE HAS FOUND ANOTHER FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Vegetables and fruits have been on kitchen tables since Eve prepared meals in the Garden, but no one is calling them outdated. Noah must have grilled the first T-bone just after the Flood. Several thousand years have passed, but steakhouses still do pretty well.

What nourishes the spirit? The gospel fills those who *"hunger and thirst for righteousness"* (Matthew 5:6). Baby Christians first take *"the pure milk of the word"* (1 Peter 2:2) and then progress until they can eat solid food at God's table (Hebrews 5:12-14). No one has found a substitute for God's soul food.

NOT UNLESS HE HAS FOUND ANOTHER CURE FOR MAN'S MOST SERIOUS DISEASE

Medical treatments have been around at least since Moses, but nobody's in a hurry to close hospitals and pharmacies. A cure for sin (forgiveness) is still man's most basic spiritual need (Romans 3:23, 6:23). We all have ancient Israel's contagion: *"From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; they have not been closed or bound up, or soothed with ointment"* (Isaiah 1:6). The only antidote for sin has *"gospel"* on the label (Romans 1:16).

Look around—if anything, sin has greater influence now than it did with ancient man. Violence, greed, lust, selfishness, drunkenness, and drugs are rampant. No society—yea, no individual—has mastered sin. Paul would say today what he said in circa ad 57: *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23). Mankind has not conquered carnal desires. We are still prone to give in to *"the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life"* (1 John 2:15-17). We cannot overcome without the power of the written Word (Hebrews 4:12). Jesus used its power to defeat Satan in the showdown in the desert (Matthew 4:1-11). Paul urged Timothy to make a good warfare by it (1 Timothy 1:18); and we can beat our adversary only with the same time-tested weapon (Ephesians 6:17).

Since the eternal God is the One who determines what sin is, sin does not change from culture to culture or with the passing winds of time. Men may change what they consider sin or what they call it (Isaiah 5:20), but that will not alter reality. Sin is still transgressing God's law (1 John 2:4), violating one's conscience (Romans 14:23), omitting a duty (James 4:17), and, in general, *"all unrighteousness"* (1 John 5:17). We've all done it; thus we all need the cure that only the gospel can give.

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Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

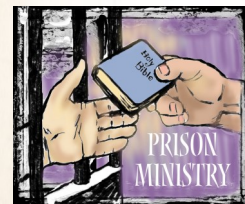
Daily Bible Reading

Jun 30—Jul 6

Sun 30	am	Job 19-20
	pm	Acts 9:23-43
Mon 1	am	Job 21-22
	pm	Acts 10:1-23
Tues 2	am	Job 23-25
	pm	Acts 10:24-48
Wed 3	am	Job 26-28
	pm	Acts 11
Thurs 4	pm	Job 29-30
	pm	Acts 12
Fri 5	am	Job 31-32
	pm	Acts 13:1-23
Sat 6	am	Job 33-34
	pm	Acts 13:24-52



Through the Bible in a year



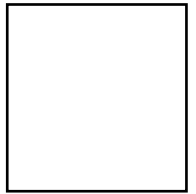
PRISON MINISTRY

We now have **592** 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:

June 30, 2024

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

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **"How the Mighty Have Fallen"**
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!