

Church of Christ Deer Park

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and phone are
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7/24th!

Weekly Newsletter

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Growing Old Gracefully

Age is relative, isn't it? In our own way, we still search for the fountain of youth. We resist the aging process by camouflaging the spots and wrinkles. Still, aging continues its relentless march.

God places a premium on age. God intends for us to be useful and active in our golden years:

- God ask Noah to build an ark when he was 400 years old.
- Moses was 80 when he lead Israel out of Egypt.
- Proverbs says: "Gray hair is a crown of splendor."
- We hear Job declare: "Wisdom comes with age and with length of days comes understanding."

David writes: *"Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come."*

Paul addresses the aging process: *"Though your body is decaying, the mind is renewed daily. We are working toward an eternal glory. For we know when this earthly body is aged out, God has a body for us not made with hands, eternal in heaven."*

Truth is, wherever we are in the aging process is okay, because that is exactly where God wants us to be. And for us to waste our time, energy, money, and talent attempting to change that state, that season of life, is not God-pleasing. Being dissatisfied with our age only frustrates us, and frustrates His purpose in our life. God had a purpose for us when we were young and He has a purpose for us now that we are older. It's ridiculous to attempt to go back and relive an old purpose.

How do we grow old gracefully?

Understand change. If we want everything to stay the same, life is going to be continually miserable. The senior citizen's world is full of change. Now change is not always bad. But when you pack too much change into a short space, it can be devastating. Our purpose has changed. The ambitions of

climbing career ladders, and plans for raising and educating the children are over. There are health changes, financial changes, changes in our energy level. There are some things we can no longer do, and shouldn't try to do. We must not allow these to overwhelm us.

We need to lose ourselves in something bigger than we are.

One of the problems in retirement is that attention is turned to self. The focus is no longer on: the children, career, church, but directed inward. This creates serious problems at any age. John Gardner, one time Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said, "People can achieve meaning, only if they have a commitment to something larger than their own little egos; be it family, fellowmen, careers or religion." I think Jesus gives us the answer: Serve Others!! There's hospital and hospice visits to be made, nursing home patients that need encouragement. Think about volunteering at one of these institutions. There are numerous ministries at church that can use our expertise.

Don't kill today with yesterday's guilt. Some of us spend our time grieving over our mistakes we've made until we kill the joy of today. We spoil the golden years with resentment from the past. Sure, all of us have made mistakes, serious ones, but there is no reason to allow these to rob us of today's joy. *"Forgetting what is past I press on to the goal, the high calling of Jesus Christ."*

Will to die young. Douglas McArthur had this essay on his wall: "Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind." Grandma Moses was still painting when she was 101. Oliver Wendall Homes was still serving as a Supreme Court Justice at 90. Conrad Adenauer was Chancellor of West Germany at 87. Noah Webster was 70 when he published his dictionary. Golda Myeir became Prime Minister of Israel when she was 71. Paul Southern of Abilene Christian was still teaching college in his nineties. Tillit S. Teddlie was still writing church music and preaching when he died at 101. Mother Teresa died serving others at age 87.

God has providentially brought each of us to this point, and this place in our life for a specific purpose. The question is will we allow Him to use us for that purpose? Indeed! The best is yet to come!

Randall Caselman, Bella Vista Church of Christ, Bentonville, AR

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 successful surgery on her neck 7/25th; Lopez Family, Baby Crue is undergoing tests; Eileen Adair

came forward and asked for prayers Sunday the 21st; Gina Branstetter, fell & injured her knee; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law) heart cath 6/26th & is doing well-no results yet; Rosa Reeves shoulder surgery went well 7/15th; Glenda Peters as she looks for a new job; Betty O'Bannon sprained her ankle 5/21st & seeing physical therapist-healing slowly; Wil Imel needs our prayers-going through a difficult time; Dale Guillory had nuclear stress test 5/30th - will see doctor ~8/1st; Alisabeth Cable is having tests; 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; Gerald Elliott was in the hospital in San Antonio the first two days of camp but came back & finished camp doing very well; Copper Kimbrough (Avery Cable Kimbrough husband) is recovering from gall bladder surgery 5/28th; 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).

TRUCK ROUTE
Sept 10-11, 2024
REQUESTED ITEMS:
Pancake Mix
Paper Towels / Napkins
Body Wash
BBQ Sauce



Join us Wed, July 31st at 5:45pm

Before

Wednesday Night Bible Class

for a Birthday Celebration.

JUSTIN will be 50!

There will be food & cake!



Cathy Friday	1
Robert "Rob" Reed	3
Shannon Burke	8
Leslie Hoffman	12
Ellie Burke	18
Jim Thomason	19
Kevin Koctar	28
Justin Imel	31



Adrian & Traci Burke	5
Jim & Linda Thomason	11
Randy & Karen Forse	29

Reading with Your Tongue

House to House Heart to Heart

In his book, *The Wonder of the Word of God*, Robert L. Sumner tells of a man in Kansas City who was severely injured in an explosion.

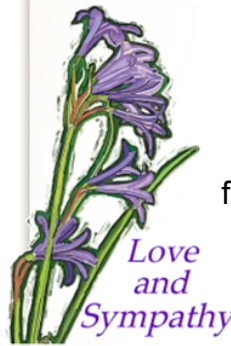
The man's face was badly disfigured, and he lost his eyesight as well as both hands. He was just a new Christian, and one of his greatest disappointments was that he could no longer read the Bible. Then he heard about a lady in England who read braille with her lips. Hoping to do the same, he sent for some books of the Bible in braille.

Much to his dismay, however, he discovered that the nerve endings in his lips had been destroyed by the explosion. One day, as he brought one of the braille pages to his lips, his tongue happened to touch a few of the raised characters and he could feel them. Like a flash he thought, *I can read the Bible using my tongue*. At the time Robert Sumner wrote his book, the man had read through the entire Bible four times.

This reminds us that when we really want to know the will of God, we can find a way. Now is a great time to start a pursuit of the knowledge of God.—

Observations made from Robert Sumner's book "The Wonder of the Word of God."

"Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4



To Mike Sharp & his family in the loss of his loving wife Yvette Sharp.

After a 3 year struggle with health issues resulting from a fall, Yvette "graduated early into eternal life to be with her

Heavenly Father

on July 15, 2024".

Services: 8-3-24, 11:00am
Lake Houston Church of Christ
8003 Framingham Rd
Humble, TX 77346

Are We

Reading Our Bible Every Day?

Daily Bible Reading

Jul 28—Aug 3

Sun 28	am	Psalm 53-55
	pm	Acts 27:26-44
Mon 29	am	Psalm 56-58
	pm	Acts 28:1-15
Tues 30	am	Psalm 59-61
	pm	Acts 28:16-31
Wed 31	am	Psalm 62-64
	pm	Romans 1
Thurs 1	pm	Psalm 65-67
	pm	Romans 2
Fri 2	am	Psalm 68-69
	pm	Romans 3
Sat 3	am	Psalm 70-72
	pm	Romans 4



Through the Bible in a year



PRISON MINISTRY

We now have **592** Inmate Students. Great news: We send the World Bible School Bibles with all the lessons included & we can again get them for \$5.00.

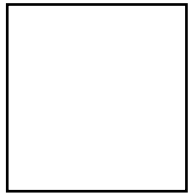
We have a few that only speak/read Spanish. There are specific County guidelines we have to adhere to in corresponding with the inmates. Some Counties are digitalizing all correspondence which eliminated Bible receipt, so our effort has been greatly curtailed. BUT A FEW BIBLES are still getting to the inmates at some locations. Let David Camp know if you want to help buy Bibles.



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Church of Christ Deer Park,
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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:

July 28, 2024

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
Psalm 14

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "**Ungodly Fool**"
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!