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We Seemed Like Grasshoppers

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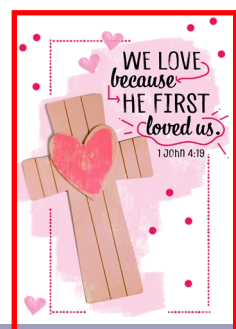
Moses sent twelve spies, one from each of the Israelite tribes, to scout out the land of Canaan, land God had promised to give them. For forty days, the twelve Hebrews went throughout the land, and, as Moses had asked them to do, they brought back some of the amazing fruit they found. The spies saw marvelous sights—strong people, large and fortified cities, and descendants of Anak. As Moses and the people stood around the spies, ten of the men said, *“We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are. . . . And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them”* (Num 13:31, 33).

You know the spies were right; there was no way under heaven that they could go up against the giants living in Canaan and win. The giants were far too huge to conquer, and the Israelites simply didn't have the tactical skills to overcome a formidable foe. No wonder the Israelites seemed like grasshoppers to the Nephilim!

But the ten spies who argued against taking the land forgot God was on their side. It's hard to understand how they could have been so shortsighted. After all, God had brought destructive plagues on Egypt; opened the Red Sea so that the Israelites could cross on dry land and then flooded the Egyptians when they tried to cross; gave the Israelites manna, quail, and water; led his people with a pillar of cloud and of fire; and showed himself on the mountain with great rumblings and lightning and thunder.

Why did the ten spies not recognize that the God who had displayed his power over and over and over could give Abraham's descendants the Promised Land regardless of how huge the inhabitants were? But then why do you worry when you face trouble when you know that God will bring you to the other side? It may not be fun or pleasant, and you may (like the Israelites) have work to do, but God will bring you to the other side.

When your problems seem huge and you seem like nothing but a grasshopper beside it, remember the Creator of all the universe has made you a special promise: *“I will never leave you nor forsake you”* (Heb 13:5).



Please be Praying for...

Our Country & Our National Leaders look to & be guided by God; God bless & protect President Trump & God Bless the United States of America; The people of Israel & Ukraine; Johnny Singletary (Emma O'Bannon grandfather) has Leukemia & treatment was not working, Johnny started treatment at MD Anderson, he & his wife will be living close to the hospital a little longer. The treated cells were returned to Johnny 2/6/25 and things are going wonderful-**Many Prayers of Thanksgiving**; Brenda Rowan (Peggy Burke sister-in-law) is undergoing infusion treatment at MDA again; Mary Miller is on the mend as are: Chad Burke & Myra Higgins; Jerry Horn (Husband of Mary Miller's cousin) is home now receiving therapy to help swallowing-*Thank You for the Prayers*; Justin Imel is still recovering from bike accident that occurred before Christmas; Eileen Adair will have another PET Scan in a few months; Joyce Gray (mother of Dennis Gray) has health issues; Tammy Adair is having radiation, Botox treatment for shoulder & a hip procedure in March; Cooper Kimbrough (husband of Avery Cable Kimbrough) had surgery 2/11 & is doing well; Gina Branstetter is back in a wheelchair with leg issues; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law) has been diagnosed with sarcoidosis & will continue seeing doctors for plan forward. She is also about to have cataract surgery in the near future; Jimmy Burke more dental work 2/13th; Tracy-after being on our prayer list received the meds he needed for prostrate treatment, Archie-cancer removed & think got it all, Ruben hernia surgery (friends of Dale Guillory); Charlott Wagner (Dale Guillory friend); Inmates of our Prison Ministry; **IN THE NEW YEAR-PUT GOD FIRST!**; **Halleluiah! What a Savior!**; 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

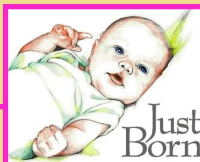
PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER:

Tammy Adair; Richard Cardenas (Bernice Reed son-in-law); Gerald Elliott; Mother of Mrs. Farris (Gina Branstetter friend); Frances (Sonoma O'Bannon friend); Nathan Lunday-prostrate cancer & Tracy Park (Dale Guillory friends); Brenda Rowan (Peggy Burke sister-in-law); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law); Paul friend & Jerry brother-in-law of Susan Williams.

CONTINUAL PRAYER:

Adair Family; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton's husband) ; Diaine Bowman (Tammy Imel friend); Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); 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; Justin Imel health issues; Summer Imel (Justin & Tammy Imel niece); Wil Imel; Pat Jackson & Norma McBride (Peggy Burke friends); Ann McKinney (Tammy Imel mother); Glenda Peters; Bernice Reed; Brandon Reed; Kenny Reed; Robert Reed; Mike Reed; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); Mike Ritter; Bobby Rowan; Johnny Salas; Jim & Linda Thomason; Lara Tucker (Nancy Barton niece), Sheri & Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's sister); Susan Williams, Karl Vinson

Congratulations to Rosa & Leanna Reeves on the birth of their Great Granddaughter & Granddaughter
Isabella Mona Loree Mitchell
Born: February 13, 2025
Home in Henton, OK



To the Family of Leslie Hoffman
who passed into the arms of her Lord
February 11, 2025

Pick up the latest Spiritual Sword on the front table. Theme of latest issue "THE BEST LIFE"

**Are We
Reading Our Bible Every Day?**

Daily Bible Reading

Feb 16- Feb 22

Sun 16	am	Leviticus 22-23
	pm	Mark 1:1-22
Mon 17	am	Leviticus 24-25
	pm	Mark 1:23-45
Tues 18	am	Leviticus 26-27
	pm	Mark 2
Wed 19	am	Numbers 1-2
	pm	Mark 3:1-21
Thurs 20	pm	Numbers 3-4
	pm	Mark 3:22-35
Fri 21	am	Numbers 5-6
	pm	Mark 4:1-20
Sat 22	am	Numbers 7
	pm	Mark 4:21-41



Through the Bible in a year



Nancy Barton 2-6



Scott & Erin Burke 2-14-87



Ladies' Class & Pillow Ministry

Tuesday Mornings - Devo & Pillows
9:00 to 11:30

Stay as long as you can.
You do not need to sew. We have
a lot of hose that need cutting.
COME JOIN US



Food Pantry Needs
SPAM, VIENNA SAUSAGE,
CANNED CHICKEN & SPAGHETTI SAUCE.
Thanks to all that keep our Pantry filled!
We have helped 5 families and ~15 people
in the past couple months.

The Rearview Mirror

by House to House Heart to Heart

Paul speaks of forgetting those things left behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead (Philippians 3:13). As we drive down the high way, we often look in the rearview mirror to see what is behind us. That view is somewhat limited. We see what is directly behind us, but not the things to the left and right. When we look through the wind shield, we have a much wider view of things in front of us because the angle also reveals things to the right and left. Many live in the past spiritually. They see past problems and dwell on them. Have we considered that the past is a limited view? When we look to the future, the opportunities are endless. Paul said, "To me, to live is Christ" (Philippians 1:21) Can we say that? Consider the spiritual blessings that are found in Christ. Those of the world do not enjoy these spiritual blessings. Instead of looking back, let us look forward.



Family Rules

ALWAYS BE HONEST
Proverbs 12:22

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS
Ephesians 1:3

FORGIVE AND FORGET
Micah 7:18

BE SUPPORTIVE OF ONE ANOTHER
Acts 20:35

BE KIND & TENDERHEARTED
Ephesians 4:32

KEEP YOUR PROMISES
Joshua 21:45

COMFORT ONE ANOTHER
1 Thessalonians 4:18

And above all...

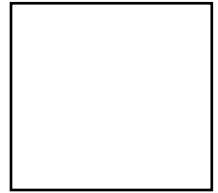
LOVE ONE ANOTHER
1 Peter 1:22



Thank You for the 300 lbs of clothing donated to help care for the Children & Single Mother Families in Arms of Hope. The Collection Bins are in our side parking Lot.



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**Love is patient,
 Love is kind.**
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

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Invites you to join us in Worship!

We are located at:
617 Avon
Deer Park, TX

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:

February 16, 2025

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

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
Luke 15:12-20

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "If Christ Has Not Been Raised"
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
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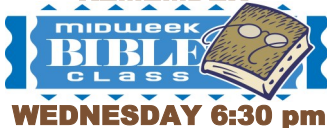
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REMEMBER



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!