

Church of Christ Deer Park

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patient in
affliction, faithful
in prayer."
Romans 12:12

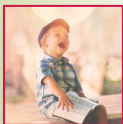
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My Trip to the Neurologist

Justin Imel

All my life something has been just a tad off; I've been just a little clumsy, and I've had multiple doctor appointments for "weird" things that just never made much sense to the doctor. The older I got, the more pronounced my symptoms became, and my walking deteriorated rapidly. My family physician was confident I had multiple sclerosis, and in early 2000, I was sent to my first neurologist.

Dr. Kelly, that first neurologist, was good and also confident that testing would confirm MS. And, he did a battery of tests—some of which are rather painful. Without any surprise, some of them came back abnormal, but they didn't show MS. So, I got to do the golden standard for diagnosing multiple sclerosis—a lumbar puncture (spinal tap). That was one of the worst experiences I've faced, and even writing about it 25 years after the fact makes me queasy.

The spinal tap showed nothing, but Dr. Kelly told Tammy and me that within 10 years I would have full-blown MS, but it was just too early to diagnosis. Well, almost 10 years to the day, I started having more serious problems, but, because Tammy and I were living in a different location, I was sent to a different neurologist.

The new neurologist did tests after tests after tests, and, yes, some were rather, let's just say, unpleasant. Needles stuck deep in the flesh all the while being told to hold still and relax. A totally incompetent neurologist even yanked a chunk of muscle from my leg, and she didn't even use local anesthesia. She was looking for muscular dystrophy, but her clinical notes, I later learned, showed the condition was in the central nervous system. That totally begs the question, "Why was she testing my muscles when the problem was obviously in my brain or spinal column?"

Not a single neurologist (and there were many different ones in those days) even tried to help. They had no problem running painful test after painful test, tell me nothing diagnostically significant showed up, run another painful test, tell me the same thing, run another test.... Well, I think you get the picture. They never treated me as a human being, and they never tried to ameliorate my symptoms; I was simply a lab rat.

When I lost consciousness at the dentist's office, my PCP asked me to see my neurologist in Clear Lake. To say I was not a happy camper would put it mildly. I knew I had no choice if I wanted my tooth fixed, so I made the appointment. However, I told Tammy she was going with me because all neurologists are quacks, I have no respect for the specialty of neurology, and I wouldn't submit to another neurological test as long as I live (yes, I actually said all that). I had been treated poorly, and I refused to consider for even a moment going through it again.

I had seen Dr. Chen briefly after I moved to Texas just to establish care, but I didn't follow up and I didn't go regularly as he wanted. (Remember, I don't like neurologists!). I couldn't have picked Dr. Chen out of a lineup, I remembered little of our two or so interactions, and I really didn't want to go. Tammy told me later that she didn't realize what a hard time I had with neurologists until she saw me that morning (yes, I was a total wreck).

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Grow
in the
Grace
and
Knowledge
of our
LORD and SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST
To
HIM
be
Glory
both now
and
Forever.
Amen
2 Peter 3:18

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However, Dr. Chen was lovely. He listened. He cared, and he was ready to help. No unnecessary neurological tests, no horrible poking and prodding because I was a science experiment. Rather, respect for me as a human being, care for my problem, and a desire to help.

Well, I hate to admit it, but I was wrong about neurologists. One neurologist ruined (and that's a mild word) what I thought of that entire specialty.

How many Christians ruin the impressions others have of the Lord Jesus and his church? You know how important it is to be light instead of darkness: *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven"* (Matt 5:14-16). Be light. Shine brightly. Attract people to the Lord Jesus and never, ever, ever do anything to turn them away.

"...but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6

Prayer Needs & Requests:

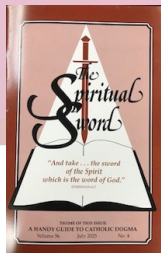
Our Country & Our National Leaders look to & be guided by God; God Bless & protect President Trump & God Bless the United States of America; People of Israel & Ukraine; Hill Country Flooding Victims; Jerry Goucher as he is back in Kerrville working with the Riverside Church of Christ with the flood recovery; Jeff Riggs (Kay Riggs son) back surgery went very well on 7/21-sees improvement daily; Roseann Hudoba former member is being treated for cancer, had her last treatment 7/22, pray for successful results in another month; Patsy Camp receiving PT & improving quickly; Karl Vinson will be having cataract surgery 8/6 & 8/20; Aimee Lopez (Mary Miller granddaughter) broke her foot, pray for proper healing; Crue Lopez (Aimee's son) saw a new doctor & had new, promising treatments for his mouth & tongue; Justin Imel as he awaits approval for root canal; Donna Datray will be undergoing kidney stone removal 7/31st; Copper Kimbrough (husband Avery Cable Kimbrough) still undiagnosed - please remember this young couple; Eileen Adair PET Scan 6/6 was clear;- next one in December; Adrian Burke as his job takes him to Israel; Carolyn Sparks & Marion Hood (Shannon Burke mother & aunt) are being cared for at home now & Shannon as she travels often to the San Antonio area to check on them; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law) has been diagnosed with sarcoidosis & will continue seeing doctors for plan forward. She had cataract surgery recently & is healing; 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, Charlott Wagner (all friends of Dale Guillory); Building Program; Inmates of our Prison Ministry (600 Inmate students); A Faithful God Deserves Praise; Are We Faithful to Him; PUT GOD FIRST!; God Keeps His Promises; Be Present; Hallelujah! What a Savior!; Produce Much Fruit; Ask for Wisdom; Give; Commit; Let Your Light Shine; FEAR GOD! Practice Our Christianity Daily; Be THANKFUL for our MANY BLESSINGS; We must hear The Word to be saved - DEVOUR THE WORD; Hunger for God's Word & Read It Daily; Listen; Keep Our 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; Serve Others; Deny Self & not be Mere Human; Breathe the Spirit of God; Excitement & Enthusiasm for the Lord; Pray 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; Serve Each Other; Love! Church; Love one another; Strengthen one another, Forgive one another.

Continual Prayers:

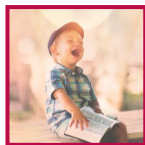
Adair Family; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton's husband); Diaine Bowman (Tammy Imel friend); Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; David & Patsy Camp; Andrew Shirley (Scott & Erin Burke Son-in-law) heart issues; Deanna & Norman Cox (Carole Broyles sister & brother-in-law); Dennis & Mary Gray; Louise Friday; Pat & Hugh Fletcher; Edna Earl Goodman; Deavyn Gordon; Joyce Gray (mother of Dennis Gray); Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; Myra Higgins and her granddaughters-Alysa & Samantha Higgins; Marion Hood (Shannon Burke's aunt); Jerry Horn (Husband of Mary Miller's cousin); Justin Imel health issues; Summer Imel (Justin & Tammy Imel niece); Wil Imel; Pat Jackson & Norma McBride (Peggy Burke friends); Copper Kimbrough (husband Avery Cable Kimbrough); Ann McKinney (Tammy Imel mother); Betty O'Bannon; 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

Please Remember These Battling Cancer: Tammy Adair; Amy Cote (O'Bannon & Burke friend); Gerald Elliott; Mother of Mrs. Farris (Gina Branstetter friend); Frances (Sonoma O'Bannon friend); Nathan Lunday-prostrate cancer & Tracy Park (Dale Guillory friends); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law).

Pick up a Daily Reading Schedule from the table by the door.



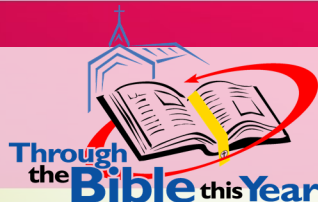
Pick up a new
Spiritual Sword
on the front table
"A Handy Guide to
Catholic Dogma"



IF YOU ARE SICK & CANNOT
BE IN SERVICES, CATCH
THEM 10:00 am ON OUR

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Also See our **Web Site:**
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Weekly Newsletters



Daily Bible Reading
August 3 - August 9

Sun 3	am	Psalm 70-72
	pm	Romans 4
Mon 4	am	Psalm 73-74
	pm	Romans 5
Tues 5	am	Psalm 75-77
	pm	Romans 6
Wed 6	am	Psalm 78
	pm	Romans 7
Thurs 7	pm	Psalm 79-81
	pm	Romans 8:1-18
Fri 8	am	Psalm 82-84
	pm	Romans 8:19-39
Sat 9	am	Psalm 85-87
	pm	Romans 9



Monica Riggs 13
Jag Goins 15
Tammy Adair 18



David & Patsy Camp 2 (67 yrs)
Dennis & Mary Gray 2



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!

DON'T LOSE YOUR BIBLE IN CHURCH (Part 2 of 3)
by Allen Webster - House to House

SOME LOSE THE BIBLE IN POLITICS

France lost the Bible leading up to the French Revolution in 1789. Before the Revolution, France spent millions of dollars indoctrinating their people with atheistic literature. They felt the Bible stood in the way of progress, so they tried to remove it. When they did, they lost their government. The people gained freedom from religion and rebelled against the state.

A similar thing is currently underway in America and other nations. Many people no longer read the Bible; some openly defy it.¹ Governments have distanced themselves from it while opening the doors to secularism and false religions such as Islam. As unbelief in Scripture gains ground, morality plunges. Hate runs rampant; fornication is widely practiced; divorces are common; homosexuality is accepted; abortion is defended; dishonesty, stealing, drug use, gambling, and practically every form of unethical behavior is seen on every street corner, TV show, and news report.

SOME LOSE THE BIBLE IN THE PULPIT

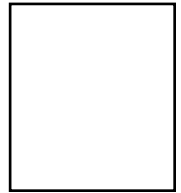
There are churches that get only a thimbleful of the water of life in a whole Sunday service. I am studying the Bible with a man who previously attended a denomination. He loves the church of Christ because we teach the Bible. He said his previous "pastor" vaguely referred to a verse at the beginning of a sermon, and that was it for the whole hour.

Congregations that hear little but personal interest stories, testimonials, pop psychology, current religious thought, jokes, commentary on contemporary events, and men's opinions are spiritually starving (cf. 2 Timothy 4:2). Franklin Camp said, "[A] sermon without scripture is like an empty bucket for one dying of thirst." How can people learn the Bible if they do not hear it? (Romans 10:14). Abraham spoke from Paradise to say, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them" (Luke 16:29).

(Continued next week - Part 3)
"Find your Bible and read it!"



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Invites you to join us in Worship!

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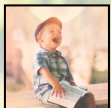
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Church of Christ
Deer Park, Texas

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

Dinner	6:00pm
Bible Class	6:30pm

Serving this Week:

August 3, 2025

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
John 4:34-36

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **"Shall We Reap Glory?"**

Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:

Jimmy Burke

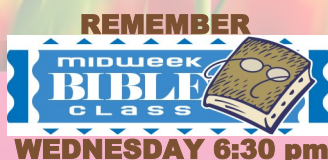
Greeter: **Tammy Adair**

Communion Prep: **Patsy Camp**

Livestreaming: **R.J. Imel**

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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!