

Church of Christ deer park

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Do You Love HIM?

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Everyone who dies goes to heaven. Seriously. If you don't believe me, simply open the obituaries. Mike Walker may have been an absolutely horrible person who abused his wife and children when he had too much to drink, but he was lovingly accepted into the arms of Jesus when he breathed his last. Elizabeth Singleton may have always had something better to do than worship on Sunday morning and may never have been baptized into Christ, but you know what happened when she died? You got it: She gained her heavenly wings.

Just the other day, I read a Facebook post where a lady wished her mother a "Heavenly Birthday." I never met this lady's mother; she may have been faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ and be resting in Abraham's bosom this very moment. However, the friend went on to say, "Until we meet again." The problem with that statement? This lady has never surrendered her life to the Lord and she lives outside of Christ. If her mother is in the Paradise of God and this lady continues on her current path (I have prayed that she may be saved), she won't see her mother again.

Jesus himself was quite specific about who shall enter heaven: *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven"* (Matt 7:21). If you fail to obey the Father's will revealed through his Son and holy apostles and prophets, you will be lost. You're welcome to call me bigoted or narrow minded. But that's what Jesus said, and I'll believe him over you or anyone else any day of the week.

Do you know why every deceased enters heaven when he or she dies? He or she loved Jesus. I wish I had kept count of everyone who told me he loves Jesus. I've heard people who worship in error say they love Jesus. People who propagate the heresy that baptism isn't necessary for the remission of sins claim to love Jesus. I've heard people who pray to Mary or another saint say that they love Jesus. People who supposedly speak in tongues in worship will tell you in a heartbeat that they love Jesus. Even a woman pastor once told me she loves Jesus.

That just isn't so. You cannot love Jesus and teach or practice error. You know why, don't you? Jesus said: *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"* (Jn 14:15). Those who worship in error don't love Jesus, for they do not keep his commandments. Those who refuse to practice baptism for the remission of sins don't love Jesus, for he commanded baptism for one's forgiveness to be preached to every living soul. Anyone who prays to anyone except the living God doesn't love Jesus, for he taught us to pray to our Creator. No woman pastor loves Jesus, for a woman cannot teach or have authority over a man according to words God himself inspired.

Yes, I know the claims of men, but I don't care one whit what anyone says. I care what Jesus said. After all, Jesus said: *"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock"* (Matt 7:24-25). The wise listen to Jesus; the foolish refuse to do so.

What are you? Are you wise, or are you foolish?

I said much about the proper way to worship God or the proper way to come to Jesus throughout this article, but I didn't give biblical references. I trust many of you know those references without my giving them. However, please feel free to ask, and I'll gladly provide you with book, chapter, and verse; after all, Jesus's words, not mine, matter.

Mark Your Calendar

(see details inside)

Prayer Page

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

Pantry Needs p.3

SUPER SUNDAY

October 19th

Cover Dish after Service

Daily BIBLE

Reading Schedule

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Ladies Pillow Ministry & Devo

Tuesdays

9:00 to 11:00

Lifeline Screening

12-11-2025

Facebook Page

Church of Christ Deer Park,
Texas



"...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; Charlie Kirk's Family after his senseless death; Gene Barton was hospitalized & is now home recovering; Dennis Gray had pace maker replaced 8/29 & is back leading singing; Donna Datray asked for prayers-had a second kidney stone removed; Betty O'Bannon fell a month ago & is slightly improved-undergoing therapy to improve strength and balance; Personal Bible Studies that are in progress; Mary Miller had good results from testing; Dale Guillory aneurysm is under control & due an ultrasound regarding circulation in his legs; Jeff Riggs (Kay Riggs son) back surgery went very well on 7/21 & sciatic nerve pain is much improved but dealing with bone on bone now; Eileen Adair PET Scan 6/6 was clear;- next one in December; Roseann Hudoba former member is being treated for cancer, had her last treatment 7/22, pray for successful results end of August; Karl Vinson recovering from cataract surgery; Aimee Lopez (Mary Miller granddaughter) broken foot is not healing right; Crue Lopez (Aimee's son) saw a new doctor & had new, promising treatments for his mouth & tongue; Adrian Burke as his job takes him to Israel; Copper Kimbrough (husband Avery Cable Kimbrough) still undiagnosed - please remember this young couple; 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 in addition to kidney function problems; Stephany Plank-breast cancer; Maurene Martin-colon cancer; Tracy-prostate treatment, Charlott Wagner still needs our prayers (all friends of Dale Guillory); Building Program; Inmates of our Prison Ministry (600 Inmate students); Share the Gospel of Jesus; Remember God is in Control; 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; 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; 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; 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; Andrew Shirley (Scott & Erin Burke Son-in-law) heart issues; 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 & Vici (Sonoma O'Bannon friends); Nathan Lunday-prostate cancer & Tracy Park (Dale Guillory friends); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law)

LOOK
at THIS!

Mark your Calendars for our
SUPER SUNDAY

October 19th

Bring your Family & Friends
Luncheon following services
Details to follow



**RICE,
INSTANT POTATOES,
& FRUIT COCKTAIL**



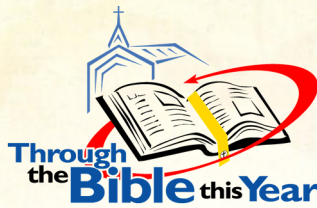
Ladies' Class & Pillow Ministry

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!



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



Daily Bible Reading

September 21- September 27

Sun 21	am	Song of Sol 1-3
	pm	2 Cor 12
Mon 22	am	Song of Sol 4-5
	pm	2 Cor 13
Tues 23	am	Song of Sol 6-8
	pm	Galatians 1
Wed 24	am	Isaiah 1-3
	pm	Galatians 2
Thurs 25	pm	Isaiah 4-6
	pm	Galatians 3
Fri 26	am	Isaiah 7-9
	pm	Galatians 4
Sat 27	am	Isaiah 10-12
	pm	Galatians 5



LIFE LINE SCREENING

will be here
Thursday,
DECEMBER 11, 2025
We will need some
Volunteers
to be present during
the day 8:00 - 5:00
Some FREE Certificates
Will be available
More Information Later



SEPTEMBER *birthdays*

Bradley Burke	7
Otis Riggs	9
Sonoma O'Bannon	12
Karl Vinson	20
Patsy Camp	27

Why Scripture Matters

by Phil Sanders "The Search Light" March 2025

Jesus said to them. "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God?" (Mark 12:24)

Jesus regarded the Scripture as the measure of God's revealed truth. Jesus regarded every passage and even every letter as holy and authoritative. The Lord Jesus said, *"For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall; pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."*

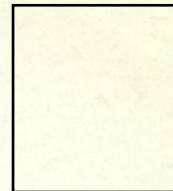
What was true for the Jews is just as true for Christians under the new covenant found in the New Testament. We cannot dismiss what God says about any matter. The Lord Jesus said, *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter"* (Matthew 7:21). Scripture matters because that is where we turn to find the will of the Father.

The truth that leads to eternal life (John 6:68-69) are in Scripture. This is why it is urgent and essential to know what the Lord and His apostles have taught in Scripture. Yes, salvation is at stake (Matthew 7:22-27). Scripture matters because salvation matters.

For this reason, we take our responsibility to preach and teach the gospel truth with the utmost seriousness. *"O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called 'knowledge'-- which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith."* (1 Timothy 6:20-21).



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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

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!

Serving this Week:

September 21, 2025

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

Matthew 7:21-23

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "**As They Rush Onward**"

Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:

Jimmy Burke

Greeter: **Tammy Adair**

Communion Prep: **Patsy Camp**

Livestreaming: **R.J. Imel**

Stay tuned to our Tithely Messages,

REMEMBER

