

Church of Christ deer park

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We Have Found Jesus!

In John 1, we find John the Baptist telling two disciples about Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The disciples then followed Jesus and stayed with Him for the day. One of those disciples was Andrew. Verse 41 tells us, "The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). and he brought him to Jesus." The next day Phillip began to follow Jesus, and verse 45 tells us, "Phillip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'" Good news is not for hoarding but for heralding! These men were anxious to tell others about Jesus!

In John 4 we find Jesus talking with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. When He reveals Himself to her, we find that she, "...left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men, 'Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?'" Her testimony led to a personal investigation and many came to believe in Jesus!

In his book, *The Aroma of Christ*, James Woodroof talks about fast growing movements. He states, "...the degree of growth in movements was a direct proportion to the ability of each to mobilize its entire membership for continuous evangelistic action. Too long has today's well-established, socially acceptable church stifled its outreach by limiting the proclamation of the message to one focal point (the church edifice) and to one vocal point (the preacher in the pulpit)..."

A survey was taken that asked over 14,000 people the following question: "What or who was responsible for you coming to Christ and your church? Eight categories of answer were given, but the key issue is what percentage of people came to Christ and the church through each category listed. Here are the results: Special Need, 1-2%; Walk-In, 2-3%; Preacher, 5-6%; Visitation, 1-2%; Sunday School, 4-5%; Evangelistic Outreach, 1/2- 1%; Church Program, 2-3%; Friend/Relative, 75-90%.

This really should not surprise us! You and I are the means by which Jesus Christ will be introduced to our friends and family! It is our offering invitation to a Bible Study or to a worship service that can help someone come to know Jesus! The other categories in that survey are important aspects of the worship and work of the local Body of Christ, but by far the greatest tool for getting someone introduced to Jesus Christ is, as Woodroof concluded, and entire membership that is mobilized! To God be the glory!

John Helbig
Graeber Road church of Christ
Rosenberg, TX



New Address for Ann Hearon
New Phone for Jim & Linda Thomason
New Address & Phone for Gina Branstetter
See the Office for this information.

No Newsletter next week.
In Emergency call church office.

Mark Your Calendar
(see details inside)

Prayer Page

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Romans 12:12

**Sunny Glen Children's Home
Truck Route Groceries
December 9-11th**

**Life Line Screening
December 11th**

**Arms of Hope Christmas Tree
Ornament Project
December 14th**

**Christmas Stocking Project
December 16th**

**Daily BIBLE
Reading Schedule**

Birthdays

**Ladies Pillow Ministry & Devo
Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:00**

**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 Flood Victims; Thanksgiving for release of prisoners in Israel; Pray the cease fire holds and Hamas lays down arms; Edna Earl Goodman is now home with hospice care; Kay Riggs had a heart cath 11/18 - all went well & Kay did not need another stent-THANK YOU LORD!; Lynda Goucher (Jerry Goucher sister-in-law) Afib issues; Carol Springer (Debby Mining cousin) Stage 4 cancer is not doing well; Betty Hunt (mother of Tammy Imel's sister-in-law) with Stage 4 colon cancer- surgery 11/12 & had the best possible result - got it all, no colostomy or chemo-THANK YOU LORD!; Terry Knight has tumor - testing (Dale Guillory friend); Betty O'Bannon good to see her continuing to improve; Dale Guillory testing 11/19 was rescheduled; 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 Beeville to check on them. Marion has been in & out of the hospital & not doing well; 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 & is undergoing more tests at the present; Mitch Sparks & Children, Micke Lynn Milton, Mrs Dale Milton (Micke's Mom) & entire Family (all prayer request of Sheri Williams); Stephany Plank-breast cancer; Maurene Martin-colon cancer; Tracy-prostrate 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 all as we strive to be better Servants for the Lord, Share Our Lord, Serve Each Other; Love! Church; Love one another;

Continual Prayers:

Adair Family; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton's husband); Diane 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); 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); Jeff Riggs (Kay Riggs son); 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); Roseann Hudoba; Betty Hunt (Tammy Imel sister-in-law's mother) Nathan Lunday-prostate cancer & Tracy Park (Dale Guillory friends); Carol Springer (Debby Mining cousin); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law)



Pick your Stars from the Giving Tree and fill out.
Have Star & Gift Cards to Church Office

by Sunday, 12/14th

Notice NEW REQUESTS FOR TYPES OF GIFT CARDS
AMAZON, VISA, WAL-MART or H-E-B
Gift Cards

(Please hand Gift Cards to Peggy or use Drop Box in Office)



Peanut Butter &
Spaghetti O's



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



David Camp 9
Carole Broyles 16
Kay Riggs 28



DECEMBER 9th - 11th, 2025

Supplies Requested
See the List in the Handout,
by the front door & listed here:
12 Different Items ----->
By requesting a variety of items they
can reduce spoilage & better
serve the children's needs.

12 ITEMS

Salad Dressing, Refried Beans (15 oz)
Chips (Vanity Pack), Nacho Cheese Sauce (15 oz)
Square Dinner Napkins, 16 oz Plastic Cups
Lysol Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Disinfecting Wipes
PineSol, MrClean, Fabuloso, Small Air Fresheners
Latex Free Gloves, Baby Wash & Shampoo

IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST A DENOMINATION?

A frequent follow-up question to "Are you a Christian?" is "What denomination are you?" "Denomination" is not found in the Bible, and the idea is based on sectarianism (division). "Denomination" is not simply an incidental name; it is a choice of division from other believers who do not share the same doctrines. Religious denominations are divisions among people who may all claim to follow the same Lord and same Bible, but cannot agree because of their denomination or denominational teachings. Jesus prayed for His apostles before His arrest, saying, *"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me"* (John 17:20-21). Jesus wanted unity among His apostles and all who would believe the apostles' teaching (preaching and writings). This unity is not possible as long as the denominational system exists. The denominational system has developed various creeds, manuals, hand books, hierarchies, and systems of organization, which have grown more complex over time. Years ago, many people understood that the denominational system violated God's will and sought to leave it so that they could restore the undenominational church of Christ of the New Testament. By being just Christians, without being associated with any denomination, they believed they could better serve God. That is why the churches of Christ are undenominational. We have no creed but the Bible, no hierarchy over the local congregation, and no authority for faith and practice other than the Bible. We are not "Church of Christ Christians," but simply Christians. Seeds of denominationalism were in the church at Corinth. Paul wrote, *"It has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, 'I am of Paul,' or 'I am of Apollos,' or 'I am of Cephas,' or 'I am of Christ'"* (1 Corinthians 1:11-12). Some were not satisfied to be Christians only, but wanted to be "Paulite Christians," "Apollosite Christians," or "Cephasite Christians." Paul asked, *"Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?"* (1:13). They had divided the church into factions. Paul emphasized the seriousness of the situation by saying he was glad he had only baptized a few at Corinth, because he did not want any to claim to follow him instead of Christ (1:14-16). Of what denomination were Peter and Paul? None! They were just Christians. The church we read of in the New Testament cannot be a denomination. —Bob Prichard

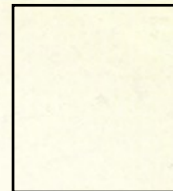


Annual Christmas Stocking Project

For our Sick and Shut-Ins:
Small items for 8 stockings. (3 Diabetics)
i.e., Xmas Cards, Tea, Fruit, Cookies,
Candy, Cocoa, etc.
Please let Mary or Peggy
know if you plan to participate,
please have your contributions in by
Tuesday, December 16th



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617 Avon Street
Deer Park, TX 77536



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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
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Serving this Week:

November 23, 2025

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

Acts 8:26-39

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **"We Rejoice"**

Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:

David Camp

Greeter: **Tammy Adair**

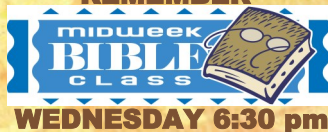
Communion Prep: **Patsy Camp**

Livestreaming: **R.J. Imel**

Stay tuned to our Tithely Messages,
Email Messages, Everything happening on
Facebook Page:

Church of Christ Deer Park, Texas
& our Web Site: dpcofc.org

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!