



# Church of Christ *deer park*

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## Of Gnats and Camels Matthew 23

It seems that any time someone wants to introduce error into the Body of Christ or to berate a faithful allegiance to the Word of God, they parade under the banner of fighting the legalistic nature of the "Pharisees" supposedly found in the Lord's church. I think it is time we set the record straight for the poor Pharisees!

Our Lord never condemned the Pharisees for their attempt to keep the Law of His Father, nor was condemnation heaped upon them for their dealing with small matters of the Law. Christ was at odds with the Pharisees for keeping traditions as if they were law, and failure to keep both small and great articles of Law. Of course, the keeping of the old Law is a frivolous question for the Christian regardless.

It is amazing that modern day gnat swatters never reveal the gnats we are supposed to be straining at, nor the camels we are gulping down. They imply that love somehow sets aside God's will, yet He states, *"If you love Me, keep My commandments"* (John 14:15).

We had better be careful of such teachers! They may be wolves in sheep's clothing!

Floyd C. Johnson

*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-picked up 4  
large bins of supplies-THANKS TO  
ALL!**

**Arms of Hope Christmas Tree  
Ornament Project**

**Christmas Stocking Project**

**Daily BIBLE  
Reading Schedule**

**Birthdays**

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

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Deer Park, Texas



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

### Prayer Needs and 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; Pray the cease fire holds and Hamas lays down arms; Dennis Gray undergoing procedures; Gene Barton is continuing with meds unless chest pains return then possible stent - surgery ruled out; Tina (co-worker of Tammy Imel) fell and is having surgery; Lynda Goucher (Jerry Goucher sister-in-law) Afib issues; Terry Knight has tumor - testing (Dale Guillory friend); Betty O'Bannon has been in the hospital most of the holidays, possibly headed for rehab; Dale Guillory testing 11/19 was rescheduled; Eileen Adair PET Scan for December to be scheduled later; Adrian Burke has been home during the holidays-thankful for his safety; 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, Mieke Lynn Milton, Mrs Dale Milton (Mieke's Mom) & entire Family (all prayer request of Sheri Williams); 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); Be THANKFUL for our MANY BLESSINGS; 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; Produce Much Fruit; Be Present; Hallelujah! What a Savior!; 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

### 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); Roseann Hudoba; Betty Hunt (Tammy Imel sister-in-law's mother) Nathan Lunday-prostate cancer & Tracy Park (Dale Guillory friends); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law)

### 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); Louise Friday; Pat & Hugh Fletcher; Deavyn Gordon; Dennis & Mary Gray; Joyce Gray (mother of Dennis Gray); Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; Myra Higgins and her granddaughters-Alysa & Samantha Higgins; Marion Hood (aunt of Shannon Burke); 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 Revez (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 GIVE OFFICE UPDATES TO PRAYER LIST



**Gift Cards were mailed  
to Arms of Hope!**

Thank You & God Bless You to everyone  
that participated in this Christmas Program!!  
We were able to sent \$975.00 worth Gift Cards to aid with Christmas  
for the Children of Arms of Hope!



**SUNNY GLEN  
PICKED UP 4  
LARGE BINS  
OF SUPPLIES!**







### Daily Bible Reading

#### December 11 - January 17

Sun 11	am	Genesis 27-28
	pm	Matthew 9:18-38
Mon 12	am	Genesis 29-30
	pm	Matthew 10:1-23
Tues 13	am	Genesis 31-32
	pm	Matthew 10:24-42
Wed 14	am	Genesis 33-35
	pm	Matthew 11
Thur 15	pm	Genesis 36-37
	pm	Matthew 12:1-21
Fri 16	am	Genesis 38-40
	pm	Matthew 12:22-50
Sat 17	am	Genesis 41
	pm	Matthew 13:1-32

Ladies Bible Class & Pillow Ministry  
delivered 90 Christmas pillows to 9  
Community Institutions



### **A Perfect Standard**

I have heard that the most perfect yardstick in the world is found in London. It is reported that experts spent ten years of patient work in bringing it to as near perfection as possible. It is made of platinum and iridium, and was designed as the standard yard length to be used by the British government. It is examined every fourteen years, and if it is found to vary as much as a millionth of an inch, then it will be rejected. This is interesting, but stop and think that the standard which God has given us is even more perfect. It never varies in any degree. The standards of men are not so. They are always being revised, changed, and altered. This very fact testifies to their imperfection. The Bible is the perfect standard to guide our lives—religiously and morally. If a man were to abide by its precepts in religion, then he could not be wrong. If he would apply the principles of a good life found in it to his everyday existence, then he would find a better life. The psalmist said, *"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul"* (Psalm 19:7). We cannot improve upon it. This is because its author is the essence of perfection Himself. In Him is no *"variation or shadow of turning"* (James 1:17). The nature of God and Christ does not change. The Hebrews writer testifies to this: *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."* (Hebrews 13:8).

**JANUARY**  
Birthdays

Linda Thomason 12

**JANUARY**  
Anniversaries

Otis & Kay Riggs 18



### **Annual Christmas**

### **Stocking Project**

Soooo Many Thanks  
to everyone that contributed,  
assembled and delivered these beautiful works  
of Love!



### **Busy Little Elves**



Eight Beautiful Stockings  
full of wonderful goodies!



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**617 Avon Street**  
**Deer Park, TX 77536**

## *Serving this Week:*

January 11, 2026

### *Church Of Christ Deer Park Invites you to join us in Worship!*

#### *Meet With Us*

We are located at:

**617 Avon  
Deer Park, TX**

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Texas

#### Sunday Morning

Coffee & Donut Fellowship	9:00am
Bible Class	9:30am
Morning Worship	10:30am

#### Wednesday Evening

Bible Class	6:30pm
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**Donut Fellowship 9:00am**

**Bible Class 9:30am**

**Worship 10:30am**

*Song Leader:* **Dennis Gray**

*Scripture Reading & Prayer:*  
**John 3:16-17**

*Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:*

*Sermon:* **"Did He Not Also Die for  
These Lost Ones?"**

**Dr. Justin Imel**

*Closing Payer:*  
**Jimmy Burke**

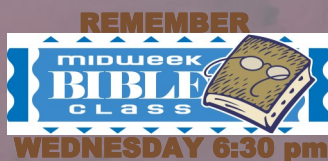
*Greeter:* **Tammy Adair**

*Communion Prep:* **Patsy Camp**

*Livestreaming:* **R.J. Imel**

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

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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!