

# Church of Christ *deer park*

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## LESSONS FROM A SNOWFLAKE

During the huge winter storm that swept across the nation, one weatherman showed a up-close pictures of snowflakes sent in by a viewer, and that reminded me of the amazing beauty of God's creative power. There are many lessons we can learn from the humble snowflake.

**Snowflakes show God's amazing design.** If you look at a snowflake under magnification, you will see they all have six points or sides, but take on an endless variety of shapes, styles, and sizes. What seems simple to the casual observer is actually an individual work of art by the hand of God. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork"* (Psalm 19:1).

**Each snowflake is unique.** Millions of snowflakes fall on this earth, and each one is different! Many may look similar, but they each have unique qualities that make them special. People are like that too. *"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well"* (Psalm 139:14). The unique qualities you have can all be used for God's glory.

**The closer you get, the more beautiful they become.** Looking at a snowflake from far away, you may not see any design, beauty, or strength to it. But when you get closer, you can see that is not the case! This is how it is with people, as well. The church needs to recognize we are all important and beautiful because we are God's handiwork (1 Cor. 12:12-20)! Draw closer to your brothers and sisters, and you will recognize the value of each.

**Snowflakes have greater strength together.** One snowflake by itself is not very strong. But put a whole bunch of snowflakes together, and you can make a snowball, a fort, or a snowman. A lot of snow together can stop traffic, shut down electrical grids, and bring daily routines to a grinding halt. This quality of snowflakes reminds us that as Christians, we are stronger together. When the church sets its efforts on a common goal, and works together, we can accomplish great things for the kingdom of God (Acts 9:26-31).

**Snowflakes are short lived.** From the time it is formed to the time it falls to the ground, then melts and evaporates, is a very short time. Our lives are fleeting as well (James 4:14). That's why we should make the most of the time we are allowed.

So let the humble snowflake point you to God and His amazing creation!

Matt Clifton

Judsonia church of Christ

Judsonia, AR

*Mark Your Calendar*  
(see details inside)

### Prayer Page

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

### Daily BIBLE Reading Schedule

### Birthdays

### Ladies Pillow Ministry & Devo

Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:00

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Deer Park, Texas



**Web Site** - [dpcofc.org](http://dpcofc.org)



***"...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; Eileen Adair PET Scan came back all clear; Betty O'Bannon is now home with hospice care; Debbie Williams (Gene & Nancy Barton's daughter) health issues; Dennis Gray back from surgery; Eliza Whitcomb - health issues; Jason Mining - regulating his diabetes; Bill Lawrence, Mary Miller's brother as he relocates; 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); Jimmy Burke has been a little dehydrated which may be contributing to his chronic weakness; 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-prostrate treatment, Charlott Wagner still needs our prayers (all friends of Dale Guillory); Building Program; Inmates of our Prison Ministry (601 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

### 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

Imel Family as they morn the loss of Tammy's mother, Ann McKinney; 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); 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 GIVE OFFICE UPDATES TO PRAYER LIST



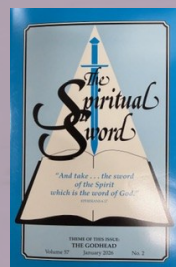
To Libby Blasdel & Family

in the loss of her sister

Carole Davidson

only a month after the passing of her mother, our dear sister in Christ,

Edna Earl Goodman



Pick up the new

**Spiritual Sword**

January 2026

**"The Godhead"**







**Daily Bible Reading**  
**February 1 - February 7**

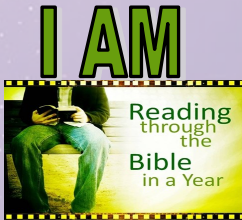
Sun 1	am	Exodus 27-28
	pm	Matthew 21:23-46
Mon 2	am	Exodus 29-30
	pm	Matthew 22:1-22
Tues 3	am	Exodus 31-33
	pm	Matthew 22:23-46
Wed 4	am	Exodus 34-36
	pm	Matthew 23:1-22
Thur 5	pm	Exodus 37-38
	pm	Matthew 23:23-29
Fri 6	am	Exodus 39-40
	pm	Matthew 24:1-22
Sat 7	am	Lev. 1-3
	pm	Matthew 24:23-51

**FEBRUARY**  
Birthdays

Nancy Barton 6

**FEBRUARY**  
Anniversaries

Scott & Erin Burke 14



**Are You?**

**ARE ALL RELIGIONS EQUALLY VALID? (Part 3) by Allen Webster**

**SCRIPTURE SAYS THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN**

One cannot accept the Bible as one sacred book among others. It does not allow for religious relativism.

- Solomon warned, *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death"* (Proverbs 14:12; repeated in 16:25). A path may feel right but be fatally wrong.
- The psalmist said, *"Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way"* (Psalm 119:104). And *"All Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way"* (119:128). If God's way is right, then all contradictory ways must be wrong.
- Jesus said the gate is narrow, and the way is difficult (Matthew 7:13–14). He warned against false prophets (7:15) and said many would be deceived by those claiming to be Christ (24:4–5, 24–25).
- Peter foretold of false teachers who would deny the Lord and bring in destructive heresies (2 Peter 2:1–2). He said their teachings would lead to damnation, not salvation.
- Paul said that there are seven exclusive "ones": body, Spirit, hope, Lord, faith, baptism, and God (Ephesians 4:4–6). He urged self-examination in religion: *"Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith"* (2 Corinthians 13:5). He warned against empty words that invite God's wrath (Ephesians 5:6) and urged believers to avoid those who teach contrary to Christ's doctrine (Romans 16:17–18).

If all religions are equally valid, then Solomon, the psalmist, Jesus, Peter, and Paul were all mistaken.

Continued Next Week - Conclusion - "Why This Matters"



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## *Serving this Week:*

February 1, 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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sbcglobal.net](mailto:dpchurch.office@sbcglobal.net)

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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:  
Acts 20:28-31**

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

**Sermon: "Watching Over the Flock"  
Dr Justin Imel**

**Closing Payer:  
David Camp**

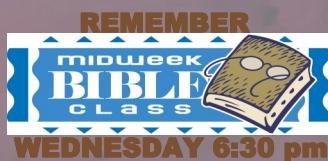
**Greeter: Tammy Adair**

**Communion Prep: Patsy Camp**

**Livestreaming: R.J. Imel**

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

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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!