

# Church of Christ

## Deer Park

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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### Putting Life into Focus

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

#### Daily BIBLE

#### Reading Schedule

#### Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### Ladies Pillow Ministry & Devo

Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:00

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**Life is a Temporary Assignment.** The Bible often describes life as fleeting and temporary, using metaphors like a mist, a fast runner, a breath, and a wisp of smoke. Job 8:9 reminds us of the brevity of life, and King David prayed for God to help him see life from a divine perspective (Psalm 39:4). We are described as aliens, pilgrims, foreigners, strangers, and visitors in this world (Psalm 119:19; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 Peter 2:11). This perspective helps us remember that our time on earth is short and that we are just passing through. The Devil, however, wants us to believe that this world is our permanent home.

**Your Identity is in Eternity, and Your Homeland is Heaven.** God calls His children to think differently about life compared to unbelievers (Philippians 3:18-20). He warns against living for the here and now and adopting worldly values, priorities, and lifestyles (James 4:4). Instead, we are to be role models and ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20), focusing on the eternal rather than the temporary (2 Corinthians 4:18). As C.S. Lewis aptly put it, "All that is not eternal is eternally useless."

**We Were Created for Something Much Better.** The fact that earth is not our ultimate home explains why followers of Christ often experience difficulty, sorrow, and rejection. We are not completely happy here because we were made for more (John 16:33; John 16:20; John 15:18-19). The Bible's "hall of fame" of faith, including Noah, Abraham, Jacob, and Moses, shows that it takes faith to live as a foreigner in this world, not extreme riches and power (Hebrews 11:13, 16). We need to desire something better, something eternal.

An often-repeated story illustrates this point well. A retiring missionary or preacher returns to America on the same boat as the president of the United States. While the president is welcomed with cheering crowds, a military band, a red carpet, banners, and media coverage, the preacher slips off the ship unnoticed. Feeling self-pity and resentment, he complains to God, who gently reminds him, *"But my child, you're not home yet."* Keeping this thought in our hearts and minds can help us see life as less trivial and overwhelming.

If you are not a Christian, remember that this life is almost over; it is a vapor. God has a home prepared for you if you simply obey His commands. We are not promised tomorrow, and our eternal home is prepared. Let's get ready to go home.

Jared Boser  
Fishers church of Christ  
Fishers, IN



*"...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; Billy O'Bannon had heart cath with 1 stent on 3/1-Was great to have him in worship 3/8; Mike Reed fell off ladder and crushed both heals 3/12 - now in HCA (Bayshore) may be a few weeks before they can do surgery; Autum Richter (Debby Mining friend); Cheryl McKinney (Tammy Imel sister-in-law) infection in her eye has lost her vision in that eye-GREAT NEWS there has been improvement & doctors now believe she will get her sight back; Graham Mooney (friend Jerry Goucher) had AFib ablation; Stacy Sepeda (Dennis & Mary Gray's niece) and two sons who lost their father Johnny Sepeda in a motorcycle accident 2-26-26; **Correction:** We had prayed earlier for Tina Frank (Tammy Imel friend) who after knee surgery fell and sustained a concussion & broke two teeth out; Now another Tina - Tina Legende (Tammy Imel friend) broke her foot & had surgery 3/2/26; Candice & (husband) Derrick Rudolph (Shannon Burke friends) Candice is receiving treatment for cancer; Patsy Camp - pray for peace-thankful she is happier back at home; Dennis Gray recovering from pacemaker upgrades & Mary Gray two stents; great to see Joyce Gray see back in services Sunday; Margie Harrell, former member, health issues; Betty O'Bannon is now home with hospice care; Debbie Williams (Gene & Nancy Barton's daughter) health issues; Eliza Whitcomb - health issues; Jason Mining - regulating his diabetes; Bill Lawrence (Mary Miller's brother) found housing; Lynda Goucher (Jerry Goucher sister-in-law) AFib issues; Terry Knight has tumor - testing (Dale Guillory friend); Jimmy Burke has been dehydrated which may have been contributing to his chronic weakness; Adrian Burke has been home from Israel for a while now-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; Stephany Plank-breast cancer; Maurene Martin-colon cancer; 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

### Continual Prayers

Eileen Adair; 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); 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 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 Remember These Battling Cancer

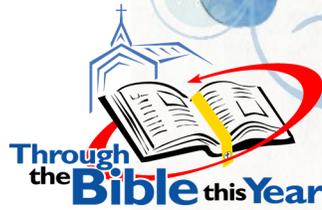
Tammy Adair; Amy Cote (O'Bannon & Burke friend); Gerald Elliott; Mother of Mrs. Farris (Gina Branstetter friend); Frances (Sonoma O'Bannon friend); Roseann Hudoba; Betty Hunt (Tammy Imel sister-in-law's mother) Nathan Lunday-prostate cancer & Tracy Park (Dale Guillory friends); Candice Rudolph (Shannon Burke friend); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law)



To Dennis & Mary Gray's Family,  
especially their niece  
Stacy Sepeda and her two sons  
who lost their husband & father  
in a motorcycle accident 2-26-26



JOYCE GRAY  
placed membership  
3/1/2026.  
Joyce is the mother of  
Dennis Gray.  
Welcome JOYCE!



**Ladies' Class & Pillow Ministry**  
**Every Tuesday**  
**9:00 - 11:30 am**  
Tuesday Mornings - Devo & Pillows  
9:00 to 11:30AM - Stay as long as you can.  
You DO NOT need to sew. We have a lot of  
hose that need cutting.



Check out  
Sunny Glen News  
on the Bulletin  
Board

Daily Bible Reading

March 15 - March 21

Sun 15	am	Deut 26-27
	pm	Mark 15:1-26
Mon 16	am	Deut 28
	pm	Mark 15:27-47
Tues 17	am	Deut 29-30
	pm	Mark 16
Wed 18	am	Deut 31-32
	pm	Luke 1:1-23
Thur 19	pm	Deut 33-34
	pm	Luke 1:24-56
Fri 20	am	Joshua 1-3
	pm	Luke 1:57-80
Sat 21	am	Joshua 4-6
	pm	Luke 2:1-24

Rosa Reeves	2
Mary Gray	5
Myra Higgins	8
Jeffrey Adair	10
Zane Adair	17
Susan Williams	20
Debby Mining	21



Justin & Tammy Imel	15
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# The *New Testament*

The New Testament is the capstone of God's revelation to man. Without it the story of redemption is incomplete. Everything set forth in the Old Testament in prophetic predictions, promises, types, and shadows comes to majestic fullness and fruition in Christ, the gospel, the church, and the New Testament as they display in radiant splendor God's "eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Ephesians 3:11).

In the Old Testament, "it was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience—concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation" (Hebrews 9:9–10).

The Old Testament worthies, as faithful as they were to God and the law under which they lived, "did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us" (Hebrews 11:39–40).

In the New Testament, we have the record of the birth, life, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, coronation, reign, and promised second coming of Christ. In the New Testament, we have the gospel plan of salvation clearly set forth. In the New Testament, we have the account of the beginning of the church and the record of its early growth.

In the New Testament, we have instructions as to what the church is to be and how it is to function until the end of the ages. In the New Testament, we have how we are to worship the Lord. In the New Testament, we have the doctrine of Christ, the doctrine of His inspired apostles, and the complete revelation of what we are to teach, believe, and practice religiously until the end of time. In the New Testament, we have divine instructions—both positive and negative—as to how we are to live as Christians. In the New Testament, we have in beautiful apocalyptic language the ultimate victory that the faithful people of God will experience. In short, in the New Testament, we have "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3). —Hugh

Fulford - House to House Heart to Heart

"Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant."



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*Meet With Us*

**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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*Serving this Week:*

**March 15, 2026**

**Donut Fellowship 9:00am**

**Bible Class 9:30am**

**Worship 10:30am**

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:  
**Acts 2:1-21**

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "**The Gospel is Given**"  
**Dr Justin Imel**

Closing Payer:

Greeter: **Eileen & Tammy Adair**  
 Communion Prep: **Sam & Debby Mining**  
 Livestreaming: **R.J. Imel & Jerry Goucher**

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**REMEMBER**



**WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm**

**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!