

Church of Christ

Deer Park

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A 'Squeak' In The Pulpit

Prayer Page

"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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Several years ago, I read of an entry found in an old church record of a business meeting. The entry stated the following: "A committee was appointed to investigate the squeak in the pulpit."

While I am sure the business of this church meeting described in this entry was not referring to the content of the preacher's message, I couldn't help my mind from wandering when I read that line. I began to wonder how many churches today have a similar problem, that is, a squeak in the pulpit? Now, maybe more than ever, our society desperately needs more than a "squeak" coming from the pulpit.

It is disturbing to hear how many churches are "selling out to the culture." The distinctive preaching of New Testament Christianity is seldom heard in some pulpits. As in the days of Josiah, the Book of the Law may be lost, in of all places, the house of God. In some quarters, sermons which challenge our morals, expound our doctrine, question our ethics, and rebuke our mediocrity are exchanged for sermons that have an air of religiosity, but which are lacking in substance. We must understand there is a real danger of so "watering down" the gospel of Christ that it is rendered useless, lacking the power to convict and cause people to change.

There are many challenges which face the church today. If we are to meet these challenges, we must have a strong pulpit. Pulpits that will speak the truth in season and out of season, with all the love it can muster. Pulpits that will not compromise the truth. Pulpits that do more than just "squeak."

Steve Higginbotham



*"...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 for things going on in Iran; Patsy Camp was taken to Methodist downtown 3/19 & determined she did not have a stroke but are keeping her for testing, evaluation and observation thru 3/21; Noah Mining is in the Navy overseas and may be deployed soon; Billy O'Bannon continues to recover; Karl Vinson fell a couple times 3/18; Dale Guillory is having trouble with his feet; Mike Reed fell off ladder and crushed both heals 3/12 - now in HCA (Bayshore) & has had further complications and it may be a few weeks before they can do surgery; Autum Richter (Debby Mining friend) facing back surgery; Cheryl McKinney (Tammy Imel sister-in-law) lost vision in her eye-AND NOW THERE IS GREAT NEWS -there has been improvement & doctors now believe she will get her sight back; Graham Mooney (friend Jerry Goucher) had AFib ablation; Tina Legende (Tammy Imel friend) broke her foot & had surgery 3/2/26 & starts rehab 3/19; Betty O'Bannon is home with hospice care; Debbie Williams (Gene & Nancy Barton's daughter) health issues; Eliza Whitcomb - health issues; Jason Mining - medical checkups; 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 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; 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; Strengthen one another; Forgive one another.

Continual Prayers

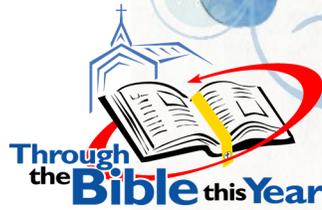
Eileen Adair; Adair Family; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton's husband); Diane Bowman (Tammy Imel friend); Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; David & Patsy Camp; Deanna & Norman Cox (Carole Broyles sister & brother-in-law); Louise Friday; Pat & Hugh Fletcher; Deavyn Gordon; Dennis & Mary Gray; Joyce Gray (mother 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 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 (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)



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 22 - March 28

Sun 22	am	Joshua 7-8
	pm	Luke 2:25-52
Mon 23	am	Joshua 9-10
	pm	Luke 3
Tues 24	am	Joshua 11-13
	pm	Luke 4:1-32
Wed 25	am	Joshua 14-15
	pm	Luke 4:33-44
Thur 26	pm	Joshua 16-18
	pm	Luke 5:1-16
Fri 27	am	Joshua 19-20
	pm	Luke 5:17-39
Sat 28	am	Joshua 21-22
	pm	Luke 6:1-26

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 BIBLE is
 Too Wonderful to Neglect**

The book of the Lord was once lost in the house of God (2 Kings 22-23). When it was found by Hilkiah the priest, it was brought to Josiah the king, and major reformations resulted from reading God's Word. This needs repeated in our day.

Evaluation: Am I Neglecting the Bible?

How often do I read it? The Bible is used as a coffee table ornament or a keepsake album. As our bodies need daily food, so our souls need daily food (Matthew 5:6; 6:11; 1 Peter 2:1-2).

Do I attend Bible school at every opportunity?

It is disturbing to observe how many come to the worship service in comparison to those who attended the Bible school. Do I attend special Bible studies such as VBS/family Bible school, gospel meetings, and lectureships?

Consequences: What Happens?

When the Bible is neglected, ignorance reigns. Hosea 4:6 is appropriate in our day: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children." Second Thessalonians 1:7-9 teaches that the ignorant will be victims of God's eternal vengeance when Jesus comes. Where ignorance reigns, error runs rampant (cf. Matthew 22:23-32).

Ignorance leads to weak faith and worldliness in churches. Members become the plaything of every wind of false doctrine that blows.

Judges 2:6-15 reveals the steps of spiritual illiteracy: first, spiritual illiteracy; second, abandonment of God; third, degeneration into idolatry; and fourth, punishment from God.

Correction: What Can I Do?

What can we do to correct neglect? Let us hunger for God (Psalm 42:1) and a knowledge of God (Matthew 5:6). Let us become daily, serious Bible students (Psalm 1:1-2; 2 Timothy 2:15). Let us attend every service, class, meeting, and lecture at our congregations (Hebrews 10:25). Let us build good, usable religious libraries at home. Let us subscribe to good religious periodicals and podcasts.

Let us "wear" our Bibles out. Charles Spurgeon once held a worm-eaten Bible which could be looked through from one side to the other when held up to the light. He said, "Help me to be a bookworm like that." Let us never forget that if we keep our Bibles open, we will not find the door to heaven shut. —Wendell Winkler

"Blessed is he who reads."

REVELATION 1:3





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Church of Christ Deer Park,
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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 22, 2026

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

Psalm 119:105, 130

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "Is Given the Light"

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!