

# Church of Christ

## Deer Park



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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### Long, Hard Lessons of Life

#### 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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There are few three-hour courses in the university of hard knocks. Many of them last for years. That's not because we are slow learners—just stubborn.

The man God named Israel went through two classes in this school. The first was a twenty-year course taught by his father-in-law Laban. His teacher was a hard schoolmaster. That had to be humbling experience for Jacob. After all, he was the one who caught his brother by the heel the moment he was born. His Hebrew name was ya-akobh which means one who takes by the heel or one who supplants or outwits others. No wonder his brother Esau said, *"Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing"* (Gen. 27:36). But when Jacob met Laban, he met his match. Laban took advantage of Jacob every time he could. This caused a lot of grief for Jacob's family. But God was with Jacob. The course ended when the Lord pulled him out of this bad situation twenty years later (Gen. 31:41-42). He passed the course and came out wiser, more patient and more dependent on God.

The other course lasted over twenty years. It was more painful than the first. It began after he had lost his wife Rachel. Jacob had twelve sons, and he had a special love for his son Joseph. The older sons resented Joseph so much that they sold him to slave traders and led Jacob to believe he was dead. His first assignment in this class was to learn how to live with grief. It didn't matter that the situation he had been led to believe was not real. His pain was just as real as if Joseph had been dead. Meanwhile, unbeknownst to his father, Joseph was enrolled in the same course through distance learning in Egypt. The haunting thought of the close bond between them being shattered must have seemed unbearable. But eventually Jacob as an old man experienced a sharp learning curve. When his sons told him Joseph was alive, he couldn't believe it at first. The Bible says when he heard the news his *"heart stood still"* (Gen. 45:26). It's hard to break old habits of thinking and feeling when you're older, but Jacob did. He passed the final exam. He got ready and made the trip to Egypt. When Joseph saw him, he *"fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while"* (Gen. 46:29). Finally, his rigorous training in the school of life was finished. While he was in school, he didn't enjoy these classes. Looking back, he told Pharaoh, *"Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life"* (Gen. 47:9). But now those tough school days were over. He had enjoyed the first seventeen years of Joseph's life, and God gave him the last seventeen years of his life to live with the beloved son he thought he would never see again in this lifetime.

What a life. What an education!

Kerry Duke  
West End church of Christ  
Livingston, TN



*"...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; Justin Imel will have a procedure 3/9/26; Autum Richter (Debby Mining friend); 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; Cheryl McKinney (Tammy Imel sister-in-law) infection in her eye has lost her vision in that eye; 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; Bernice Reed has been in the hospital but out now, dealing with eye issues; 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 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; 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!

### 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 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

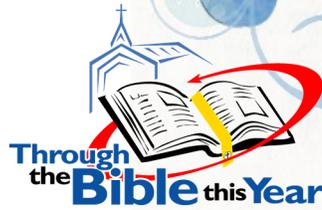
Tammy Adair; Amy Cote (O'Bannon & Burke friend); Gerald Elliott; Mother of Mrs. Farris (Gina Branstetter friend); Frances (Sonoma O'Bannon friend); Roseann Hudoba; Betty Hunt (Tammy Imel sister-in-law's mother) Nathan Lunday-prostate cancer & Tracy Park (Dale Guillory friends); Candice Rudolph (Shannon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



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 8 - March 14

Sun 8	am	Deut 5-7
	pm	Mark 12:1-27
Mon 9	am	Deut 8-10
	pm	Mark 12:28-44
Tues 10	am	Deut 11-13
	pm	Mark 13:1-13
Wed 11	am	Deut 14-16
	pm	Mark 13:14-37
Thur 12	pm	Deut 17-19
	pm	Mark 14:1-25
Fri 13	am	Deut 20-22
	pm	Mark 14:26-50
Sat 14	am	Deut 23-25
	pm	Mark 14:51-72

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 8, 2026**

**Donut Fellowship 9:00am**

**Bible Class 9:30am**

**Worship 10:30am**

*Song Leader:* **Dennis Gray**

*Scripture Reading & Prayer:*

**2 Timothy 2:8-10**

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

*Sermon: "The Gospel"*

**Dr Justin Imel**

*Closing Payer:*

*Greeter:* **Eileen & Tammy Adair**

*Communion Prep:* **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!