

Church of Christ

Deer Park

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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Deer Park, Texas



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PICK UP

August 12th @ 1:40pm



We Hosted

Life Line Screening

Friday, July 31, 2026

Thank you to everyone that helped make preparations, manned the building & re-set up the auditorium.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Leaf Lessons

Bill Bagents

The biggest tree at our house was damaged by lightning more than a decade ago. People stopped by, wanting to give us a price for removing it. "You know it's dead," was the lead sentence in each brief conversation. I didn't, and neither did the tree. It bears a major scar but continues to flourish. This year it produced what seems to be a record number of leaves.

I like the tree and its scar. Things made by God are more resilient than things made by humans. Having a scar doesn't make a tree—or a person—worthless or unable. Both trees and people can survive far more and far worse than we realize.

As an oak, our scarred but vibrant tree is deciduous; it loses its leaves every fall. Still, it makes me think of the description of the righteous in Psalm 1:3, *"He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf does not wither, and whatever he does shall prosper."* While the acorns aren't fruit to me, the squirrels seem to love them.

Besides the three big trees near the street, our lot is tree-lined at the rear. In summer, we love the shade and the deep green colors. In the fall, we deal with a jillion falling leaves—every one of them some shade of brown. I don't mind that, as it gives me pause to reflect.

- On a quiet morning, you can hear the leaves fall. It almost sounds like rain. I've never been sure why it's such a soothing sound.

- There are too many leaves to mulch effectively. Raking and transporting them to the end of the street provide an abundance of needed exercise. Until the next batch falls, you can see and enjoy your progress (Ecclesiastes 2:24 and 3:22).

- As the next batch falls, we're reminded of how much we don't control. They don't fall on command, and they don't stay on demand. They follow a cycle that we didn't choose and that we can't control. And there's no need to fuss or stress about it (Matthew 6:34).

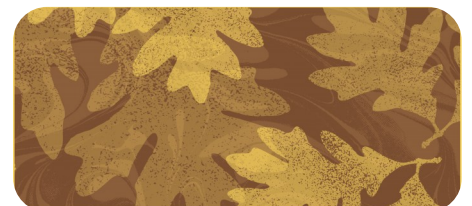
- Neighbors think it strange that I sometimes rake leaves before daylight. The leaves don't seem to mind. It's convenient for me, there are no distractions, and generally the wind stays calm. Plus, it's good to enjoy the occasional harmless odd behavior.

- As I age, my used-to-be muscles remind me that I won't be raking my own leaves forever. There was a time when I could have raked the entire lawn in a single long day. That time has long passed. Its passing reminds me of Psalm 90:10 and Ecclesiastes 12:1-5. Some of the trees that produce those leaves will likely be here long after I am gone.

- Dealing with the leaves reminds me of the power of perseverance. No matter how little I get done today, I'll eventually complete the job if I don't quit. Quitting isn't a viable option. Reminds me of Galatians 6:9.

- When I pile the leaves instead of letting them blow over and plague our neighbors, I'm reminded of Galatians 6:10 and Matthew 7:12.

Maybe I need more leaf lessons



*"...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; Pray for things going on in Iran; Noah Mining is on the USS Bush & deployed to the middle east; the Waggner Family in the tragic loss of their son (Dale Guillory friends); Sam Mining has injured his back; Larry Henderson is doing well after his skin surgery; Nova Lee Garza (9 yr old granddaughter Eliza Whitcome) is still in ICU at Texas Children's; Britt Taylor (Tammy Imel Co-worker) had back surgery; Darren Camp (David Camp's son) is still hospitalized-undergoing therapy; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton's husband) had cancer surgery on his ear 7/8th, extensive & long, but they got it all - THANK YOU LORD!; Roslyn Cacciotti (David Camp friend) will undergo gal bladder surgery 9/1st; Loyce Alvarado (Susan Williams' sister) on 6/15th car was clipped from behind and flipped 2 times, wrist surgery 6/30 went well & is now home recovering; Eliza Whitcomb has fallen again, seeing doctor & more therapy; Steve Deviller (Jerry Goucher friend) wife passed recently; Tina Legende (Tammy Imel friend) broke her foot & had surgery 3/2 & starts rehab 3/19; Debbie Williams (Gene & Nancy Barton's daughter) health issues; Lynda Goucher (Jerry Goucher & Rosa Reeves sister-in-law) AFib issues; Terry Knight has tumor - testing (Dale Guillory friend); 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; 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; Jimmy Burke chronic weakness; David Camp; Deanna & Norman Cox (Carole Broyles sister & brother-in-law); Louise & Cathy Friday; Deavyn Gordon; Dennis & Mary Gray; Joyce Gray (mother of Dennis Gray); Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; Marion Hood (aunt of Shannon Burke); Justin Imel health issues; Summer Imel (Justin & Tammy Imel niece); Pat Jackson & Norma McBride (Peggy Burke friends); Bill Lawrence (Mary Miller brother); Cheryl McKinney (Tammy Imel sister-in-law); Billy O'Bannon; Bernice Reed; Brandon Reed; Kenny Reed; Robert Reed; Mike Reed; George & Karen Reyey (Dale Guillory friends); 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); Nova Lee Garza (9 yr old granddaughter Eliza Whitcome) will continue treatment at Texas Children's through July; 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)



Instant Potatoes
Beef Ravioli
Spaghetti O's
Tuna
Box Cereal
Ramen Noodles Assorted Flavors
Diapers Size 3 - 1 pk



WILL BE HERE
AUGUST 12th @ 1:40pm
 They have a new request method to reduce spoilage.
 Please see the LIST by the COLLECTION BOXES & in SUNDAY HANDOUT.
 There are 22 items to pick from as opposed to the usual 3.
 THANKS FOR HELPING WHERE YOU CAN!

AUGUST Birthdays

Joyce Gray	7
Tammy Adair	18
Leanna Reeves	23

AUGUST Anniversaries

Dennis & Mary Gray	2
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Daily Bible Reading

August 9 - August 15

Sun 9	am	Psalms 85-87
	pm	Romans 9
Mon 10	am	Psalms 88-89
	pm	Romans 10
Tues 11	am	Psalms 90-92
	pm	Romans 11:1-21
Wed 12	am	Psalms 93-95
	pm	Romans 11:22-36
Thur 13	pm	Psalms 96-98
	pm	Romans 12
Fri 14	am	Psalms 99-102
	pm	Romans 13
Sat 15	am	Psalms 103-104
	pm	Romans 14

READ
 your
BIBLE
EVERYDAY



Ladies' Class & Pillow Ministry

Every Tuesday

9:00 - 11:30 am

Stay as long as you can.
 You DO NOT need to sew.
 BEGINNING WORK ON CHRISTMAS.
 We are Studying "Angels"
 by Charles B. Hoge

God's Plan for Saving Man

Divine Love: John 3:16
God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood: Romans 5:9
Holy Spirit's Word: 1 Corinthians 2:12-13
Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance: Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession: Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism: Acts 22:16
Christian's Love: Matthew 22:37
Christian's Work: James 2:24
Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance: Revelation 2:10

From House to House Heart to Heart

THE SIMPLE GOSPEL

Curtis Cates, Sr., told of hearing Charlie Wheeler preach when brother Cates was but a boy. He said that Wheeler's sermon was so simple that, though but a lad, he thought to himself: "I believe I could preach like that; it is so simple!"

Wheeler's simplicity in preaching stirred the idea of preaching in a young man's heart. That simple style later characterized Cates' preaching also. True gospel preaching is simple because the gospel is simple.

To say that the gospel is "simple" does not mean that it is not rich and deep. It means the gospel is free from complexity; it is not complicated. It is not hard to understand; it is unaffected, natural, and plain.

The gospel comes to the point. It declares plainly that man is a sinner who cannot save himself. It speaks in clear and tragic tones of the consequences of a life of sin. The gospel makes no attempt to classify sinners into categories, such as rich and poor, black and white, young and old. It starkly declares: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

The gospel does not complicate the means by which sinners are saved. It states plainly that there is but one way, through Christ (John 14:6). In coming to God, the sinner has simple facts to believe—the death of Jesus "for our sins," His burial, and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). He has simple commands to obey—believe, repent, confess, and be baptized (Mark 16:16; Romans 10:10; Acts 2:38). Belief of those facts and obedience to those commands secures the simple but sublime promises: forgiveness of sins, all spiritual blessings, and hope of life eternal! The gospel teaches that the way of life is plain and narrow, but lighted by the lamp of eternal day.

The gospel is declared to be "the power of God to salvation" (Romans 1:16). It draws its power from a rugged and blood-stained cross. The cross at its core gives the gospel the simple, rational appeal to reach the intellect; it paints the story of divine love in vivid colors to move the emotions; it storms the ramparts of the stubborn soul to change the will.

The gospel story tells of the Son of God as a man moving among the common people, who heard Him gladly (Mark 12:37). It speaks of love that came down (John 1:14). It pictures Christ concerned about the problems of life: the plight of the poor (Matthew 25:40); the fever of Peter's mother-in-law (8:14-15); the fear of the disciples (17:6); and the sorrow of Mary and Martha (John 11:35). It shows Him moved with compassion for the ignorant, the straying, and the lost (Matthew 9:36; 14:14; 20:34; Mark 1:41; Luke 7:13).

God made the gospel simple so we could all learn and follow it. Have you?

—Kenneth L. Randolph, HTH

"I fear . . . your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

2 CORINTHIANS 11:3



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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:

August 9, 2026

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
Ephesians 5:25-27

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "Glorious Church"
Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:
Jimmy Burke

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!