# CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Deer Park

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

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Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:00

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**Arms of Hope GivingTtree Ornaments**

Arms of Hope
Christmas Tree Ornament Project

Pick your Stars from the Giving Tree and fill out.
Have Star & Gift Cards to Church Office
**by Sunday, 12/13th**
**Notice NEW REQUESTS FOR TYPES OF GIFT CARDS:**
***Amazon, Visa, Wal-Mart or H-E-B Gift Cards***
(Please hand Gift Cards to Peggy or use Drop Box in Office )

**Three Congregations**
Gardner Hall

1. The **traditionalist** congregation focuses on maintaining long-standing practices, considering them the "safe approach." When facing challenges, they ask, "What have our churches always done?" They take pride in their conservative identity.

The church at Ephesus might have been in this category (Rev. 2:1-7). They were very careful to avoid false doctrine (v.3), but their service had evidently become a matter of deadening routine to the point that they lost their first love (v. 4).

2. The **daring** congregation prides itself on being nontraditional. It promotes new worship fads and trendy doctrines. I ts members often ask, "What do up-to-date scholars say?" as if recent scholarship represented a unified dogma.

Both daring and traditional congregations can be similarly fixated on tradition—one to follow it blindly, the other to rebel against it. Both congregations highlight the excesses of the other to justify their own out-of-focus methodology. "At least we're not "liberal" like them," declare members of the first. "We're not pharisaical like that older congregation," declare those of the second. However, both miss the essence of what God wants for his flocks. They overlook the fact that there is another healthy approach.

3. The **Christ-focused** congregation – Resembling the congregations of Smyrna (Rev. 2:8-11) and Philadelphia (3:7-13), they might appear poor but are spiritually rich (2:9). Their focus isn't so much on trends among brethren as it is on their Savior. They may seem to only have only a little power (3:8) and are probably not widely known. However, because of their humility and perseverance in keeping God's word, they are recognized in heaven and that's all that matters!

Their main concern is not doing what some group of congregations or some movement has always done. Neither is it in identifying themselves as nontraditional. They simply want to imitate their Master. A part of doing that is imitating faithful early disciples who were taught by Christ's inspired apostles and prophets (2 Thess. 2:14). That helps them avoid imprudence. They don't trust in themselves to be faultless, even though that is their desire. Their aim is to grow in grace and in knowledge of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18), trusting in His mercy in those areas where growth may be lacking.

May God help us through His word and good examples to be like the third congregation. (The same principles also apply to individuals.)




Tuna
Big Box Cereal
Spaghetti O's Origina
Spaghetti with Meatballs



*"...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 (Sam & Debbie Mining grandson) is on the USS Bush & deployed to the middle east; ***PRAYERS ANSWERED!*** Nove Lee Garze (9yr) is ringing the bell today-10/28 & will be home schooled soon; Eliza Whitcomb is doing pre-op for scheduled surgery; Mary Jon Huffhines (future mother-in-law of Addie Cable) has been diagnosed with cancer & is undergoing many procedures & tests; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton husband) recovering from broken ribs; Susan Williams will be having an outpatient procedure 10/29; Sam Mining has injured his back & is healing; David Camp hand healing well with plans to do the other hand in January; Eileen Adair another CAT Scan 1st week of Nov & blood work soon before seeing regular doctor; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law) is extremely anemic; Steve Deviller (Jerry Goucher friend) wife passed recently; Lynda Goucher (Jerry Goucher & Rosa Reeves sister-in-law) AFib issues; Joanne Wells-health issues, Linda-dementia, Harry Browning-heart & respiratory, Abraham Perez-recovering from heart attack, Pamela Adams-broke leg/surgery, Donna Wade spots on lungs (Dale Guillory Friends); Building Program; Inmates of our Prison Ministry (601 Inmate students); Pray in Faith; Pray for & Grow in Wisdom; 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; 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

## 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/dizziness; Stephen Datray (Eileen Adair son); 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 (Shannon Burke aunt); Justin Imel health issues; Summer Imel (Justin & Tammy Imel niece); Pat & Paul Jackson & Norma McBride (Peggy Burke friends); Cheryl McKinney (Tammy Imel sister-in-law); Billy O'Bannon; Bernice Reed; Brandon Reed; Kenny Reed; Robert Reed; Mike Reed; Emil & Charlott Wagner loss of son & respiratory; Joanne Wells (Dale Guillory friends); Mike Ritter; Johnny Salas; Andrew Shirley heart issues (Scott & Erin Burke Son-in-law); Yolanda Solomonsz pulmonary fibrosis; Jim & Linda Thomason; Lara Tucker (Nancy Barton niece); Eliza Whitcomb; Sheri & Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's sister); Debbie Williams (Gene & Nancy Barton's daughter) health issues; Susan Williams, Karl Vinson

## Please Remember These Battling Cancer

Tammy Adair; Gerald Elliott; Mother of Mrs. Farris (Gina Branstetter friend); Nova Lee Garza (9 yr old granddaughter Eliza Whitcome) continuing treatment at Texas Children's; Roseann Hudoba; Betty Hunt (Tammy Imel sister-in-law's mother); Mike Wilson bone marrow; Terry Knight chemo; Stephany Plank-IN REMISSION!; Rosemary Barber-skin cancer (Dale Guillory friends); Candice Rudolph (Shannon Burke friend); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law)



Condolences to Dennis & Mary Gray in the loss of their friend Julie Smith who lost her battle with cancer last week.

## THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS!



**Condolence & Love to**
**KARL VINSON**
**In the passing of his dear**
**Uncle George Baurichter**

## NOVEMBER Birthdays

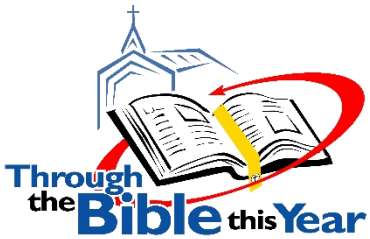
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| David Camp | 9 |
| Carole Broyles | 16 |
| Kay Riggs | 28 |



***Ladies' Class & Pillow Ministry***

***Every Tuesday***
***9:00 - 11:30 am***

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




***Daily Bible Reading***
***November 1 – November 7***

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| Sun 1 | am | Jeremiah 31-32 |
| | pm | Titus 2 |
| Mon 2 | am | Jeremiah 33-35 |
| | pm | Titus 3 |
| Tues 3 | am | Jeremiah 36-37 |
| | pm | Philemon |
| Wed 4 | am | Jeremiah 38-39 |
| | pm | Hebrews 1 |
| Thur 5 | pm | Jeremiah 40-42 |
| | pm | Hebrews 2 |
| Fri 6 | am | Jeremiah 43-45 |
| | pm | Hebrews 3 |
| Sat 7 | am | Jeremiah 46-48 |
| | pm | Hebrews 4 |

## *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




THANK YOU from
Sunny Glen Children's Home
See Letter on Bulletin Board

SUNNY GLEN CHILDREN'S HOME

## The Bible is Too Wonderful to Neglect

By Wendell Winkler HTH HTH

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 to be 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.

*"Blessed is he who reads -"* Revelation 1:3

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## *Meet With Us*

**Sunday Morning**

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| Coffee & Donut Fellowship | 9:00am |
| Bible Class | 9:30am |
| Morning Worship | 10:30am |

**Wednesday Evening**

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| Bible Class | 6:30pm |

**REMEMBER**




**WEDNESDAY 6:30**

## *SERVICES THIS WEEK*

**November 1, 2026**
**Donut Fellowship 9:00am**
**Bible Class 9:30am**
**Worship 10:30am**

*Song Leader:* **Dennis Gray**

*Scripture Reading & Prayer:*
**Revelation 7:9-17**

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

*Sermon:* **"WASHED"**
**Dr Justin Imel**

*Closing Payer:*
**Jimmy Burke**

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

**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!