



LET'S VISIT

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FOLLOWING JESUS

Every one who has read the Bible has been impressed with the life and work of Jesus. Yet, as we look at the life of Christ and we see him heal the sick, raise the dead, give sight to the blind, make lame legs to walk and deaf ears to hear, we have overlooked the very purpose for which Jesus came into the world.

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, here is what was said, *"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins."* (Matthew 1:20-21) In the Gospel according to John, we have in chapter 1 the occasion where John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus pointed Jesus out to Andrew and John and refers to Jesus as *"The Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world."* (John 1:29)

You see, man is lost in sin and is in need of a Savior. Paul would write in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." And again he would say in Romans 3:10, "There is none righteous, no not one." One of the great needs of our day and time is that men realize that without Jesus Christ in their lives they are lost in sin.

It would be wonderful if somehow mankind could be made to see the seriousness of being lost eternally without God and without Christ. Somehow, men are not able to be brought face to face with their need of Jesus Christ in their lives. You see, we would never have to beg a man to run from a burning building, all we need to do is make it known that the building is on fire. Yet, somehow, we fail to see the seriousness of a life without Christ. In the days of the Apostles, men were able to see their lost condition. As a result of that, their preaching and teaching was effective.

On the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, when Peter preached that very first gospel sermon, as he brought it to a close it says in Acts 2:37, *"They were pricked in their hearts and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?"* In Acts chapter 16:30 when Paul and Silas were in prison, the jailer comes in to them and asks, *"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"* In both of these cases, we have men inquiring about how to be saved from sin. Remember, the angel said, *"He shall save his people from their sins."*

The writer of Hebrews would say of Jesus, *"He became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him."* (Hebrews 5:9) Through obedience to his will, Jesus stands ready to save all those who will come to him in loving obedience. He is ready to save us from unbelief and doubt. He is ready to save us from envy and hatred. He is able to save us from selfishness and extravagance.

When we come to Jesus as our Savior as those did on Pentecost and are baptized for the remission of our sins, it is then we can sing with joy in our hearts, *"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind but now I see."*

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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 - Shreveport - 7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday

*We grumble about things we want to do but can't,
instead of doing the things we can do but don't.*

Gathered Here and There



When Your Joy is Gone

For The Pantry. . .

December 7 – Tuna

Offering – November 30, 2025 . . \$ 3,874.00

The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"

Did You Ever Try This?

Not very long ago, I heard a suggestion that went like this: "If you decide to criticize your neighbor when he is not present, try standing in front of a mirror and doing it."

My guess is that a person would have to have pretty good grounds for criticism before he would be able to face his own image in a mirror, look himself straight in the eye, and speak aloud to relate the faults of another. The person who can do that should have courage to face likewise the victim of his criticism, and, in a Christian way, try to help him overcome his faults. (Incidentally, maybe it would be better to give that fellow in the mirror a good overhauling.)

Many are at fault on this important matter. Criticisms come seldom, if ever, from quarters from which come suggestions for good works. Many offer criticism of other workers and their work, then offer only half-hearted cooperation, if any, to plans that should be acceptable to all. Some who forget to suggest opportunity for good are quite quick to criticize because the work is not done. Some "just talk" without anything like a knowledge of the things about which they complain.

Isn't our task too big and our work too important for us to be given to such childishness?

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Let The Bible Be Your Guide!

Some people form their own opinion of what is right and what is wrong independently of the Bible. In other words, they usurp the authority that God has reserved unto Himself, and in so doing they completely abolish the use of the Scripture to direct their lives.

There are others who select separated and unrelated parts of the Bible in an effort to make God's word harmonize with their own ideas and desires, ignoring the fact that if they discard a part of the Bible they discard it all.

Then there are others who proudly claim that all of their family have usually been members of a certain church, and consider this sufficient reason for their affiliation with the same. This is a sort of Chinese ancestral worship. In fact, what their family has done is more important to them than what God says to do.

The solution is to cast aside all prejudice; learn how to rightly divide the Word of God; study it reverently; consider it prayerfully; and thus let God decide the question for you.

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On The Lighter Side. . .



"I HOPE YOU PRAY A LOT, DENNIS."

"YUP...SPECIALLY RIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS!"



TODAY IS THE DAY!

**No Excuse Sunday
December 7, 2025**

**Plan To Stay and Join Us
For Lunch!**

We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for the months of December, January and February and enjoy a great time of fellowship together.

Hospitality group 1 is in charge of the luncheon. The members of that group are Marsha Bounds, LaResa Livingston, Betty Miller, Lisa Miller and Melonia Molloy.

Communion Preparation - December
Manny & Brittany Ortiz

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING - Next Sunday (December 14, 2025) immediately following the morning worship. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!



**Save this Date. . .
December 21, 2025**



OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) Leslie Adams (friend of Diedra Hughes) being treated for brain cancer; Stanley Amos (Cissy Amos' husband) Krista Andrus (Tim and Norma Perkins niece) Richard Barbee (Gene Bradshaw's nephew) Peggy Baylor (Tim Bradshaw's mother) David Bissett (Mike O'Brien's brother in law- cancer) Dwayne Brister (Cissy Amos' cousin) Debra Clifton (friend of LaResa Livingston) Coleen Dickerson (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) Hugh and Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) Joyce Fontenot (Debra Pate's mother) Dot Grant (Friend of Debra Pate) Suzi Hogan (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) Ted Holt (former member of this congregation) Debbie Lynn (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) Albert Magby (Melonie Bradshaw's father) Norma Magby (Melonie Bradshaw's mother) Karen McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle); Heather Simmons Stewart (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; J. C. Tate & Pat Tate (Jana O'Brien's father and mother) Max Windham (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

**Reserve these dates for important events
in the life of our Church for 2026**

March 1, 2026 – "Pack-A-Pew Sunday"
April 24, 2026 – Area Wide Singing & Fellowship
June 7, 2026 – "Friends and Family Day"
September 13, 2026 – "Back To Church Sunday"
December 6, 2026 – "No Excuse Sunday"
December 20, 2026 – Annual Christmas Party



Across The Preacher's Desk

Thanksgiving Day has come and gone, "Black Friday" is past and "Cyber Monday" is in the history books. We have officially started that season of the year we call the "Christmas Season". It is a time filled with happiness and joy. There is Santa Claus, Christmas Trees, Hot Chocolate, all kinds of candies and good things to eat. It is also the time of the year when the majority of the religious world celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.

Jesus came into this world because God loved the world, that includes you and me, enough to send His Son to die to redeem our souls from sin. Because of the coming of Christ to this world, you and I are able to experience genuine love. Not only that, Jesus gives us many other things. He gives us lasting peace and He gives purpose to our lives.

Yet, the great tragedy is that even at this season of the year, the coming of Jesus really does not change people's lives. You see, when all is said and done, Christmas does not bring a real change to our world. It makes us a little poorer and a little more fatigued but does not really bring a change to people's lives. The purpose of Jesus coming was to bring a change to our world. He came to bring a change to peoples' lives. Has Jesus really transformed your life?

it's something to think about.....tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
55 in '25!**