

Let's Visit

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Not Weary In Well Doing

I heard once of a man who seemed to be losing his speed, he was slowing down on his job. Whether he was or not, at least his boss did not believe he was moving as fast as he could. So the boss asked him, what was the matter, the man simply replied, "I just don't know boss, I guess it is just life." When the boss asked what he meant by that statement the man replied, "It's just so daily."

You know, the man actually expressed a lot of wisdom in that statement. The older I get, the more I observe, and the more fully convinced I am as time goes by that the one hindering cause to the growth and progress of the cause of Christ is that it becomes common. With people today looking for thrills and novelty, the simple gospel story is just too common for our sophisticated society. What we do is guess at the cure and make a complete failure. The real trouble lies in a lack of conviction. You see, if it takes something special to move people to do what they should do in their work for Christ, you can rest assured that they will fail. When the special event wears off, their fervor is gone. This phenomenon is often seen when congregations make changes by changing preachers, entering a new building or starting some new project. All of a sudden folks will become more zealous, and then just as suddenly they will find themselves in the same old rut. Beloved, unless there is a conviction greater than outward change, we cannot serve Jesus acceptably and we will soon be refusing to serve him in any way.

Think about what we were doing about six months ago. It was the beginning of a new year and most of us were making our New Year's Resolutions. We were going to "turn over a new leaf". We were going to do more for the Lord in 2024 than we had in 2023. We were going to try to do better than we had been doing. We were going to

give the Lord and His work a top priority in our lives. How has that been working out? Turning over a new leaf, resolutions, and decisions to do better are good if they are carried out. People who make them and carry them out find they are better off. Some people are missing a lot of happiness because they are not giving themselves wholly to the Lord. Is the Lord a priority in your life or is He an afterthought? We still have a little more than half of this year in which to "turn over a new leaf". There is still time to make the Lord and His work the most important part of our lives.

Faithfulness to the Lord is something that can be achieved by every child of God. Not everyone can lead the singing, not everyone can teach a Bible Class, not everyone can preach or lead a prayer or wait on the table. When we think of service to God, we often put emphasis on the things we do in public worship. However, there are so many things that are necessary for the church to continue to function. I can preach a sermon and lead the singing, but I cannot re-build the pump for the baptistry heater. Fortunately, we have men in the congregation who can take care of this. I can teach a Bible Class but I cannot install a new toilet. Fortunately we have men in the congregation who are able to perform this task. You see, we may not all have the same talent or ability, but we all are able to contribute some talent in the service of the Lord. Yet, regardless of

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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
KSLA 12 - Shreveport - 11:00 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 373 - 7:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 83 - 7:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Our Guest Speaker today

Doyle Bruce

Angelina Church of Christ
Lufkin, Texas

**For The Pantry. . .
June 23 – Pasta Sauce**

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our talent, anyone and everyone can be faithful. I may not have the ability to decorate and serve for a dinner – but I can be faithful. I may not have the same ability or talent as someone else, but I can be faithful. Perhaps that is what takes some of the glamour out of being faithful, everyone can do it. Would you resolve within your heart right now that beginning at this very moment you will be faithful to the Lord. Then, whatever happens, do not let go of your faithfulness. Commit this passage of scripture to memory and repeat it to yourself often and you will find in it a great source of strength. *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord”* (I Corinthians 15:58) If that one does not give you sufficient courage and strength to carry on and press the battle in Jesus name, add this one also, *“And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not”* (Galatians 6:9). Those who wait on the Lord, and continue to serve Him, shall be rewarded, both here and hereafter.

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What Are These Trials?

Sometimes the things against which we rebel most in life and look upon as obstacles and hindrances are the very things needed to develop our highest usefulness and efficiency.

There is no doubt that if the diamond could express itself, it would rebel against the grueling, burning contact of the wheel of the polisher that grinds and polishes its facets. Yet, without the contact of the polisher’s stone, the diamond has little commercial value. The swiftly revolving wheel cuts into its surface, and produces from a common appearing pebble, a gem of beauty and luster that is much admired and much sought after. There is no other way to produce a diamond except by grinding and polishing.

In the same degree it is necessary to subject the human life to difficulties, adversity and discipline in order to bring out those qualities that will make it a life of value to its possessor, and of service to those about it. Many men and women who have achieved much in the world can look back to incidents in their lives which at the time were viewed as misfortunes.

-Just a Moment

On The Lighter Side. . .

THERE! THAT OUGHT TO
DISPEL THE MYTH THAT WE'RE
AN ELDERLY CONGREGATION
THAT DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO
REACH OUT TO YOUNG PEOPLE.



Miscellaneous



Those To Remember In Prayer



SEPTEMBER 8th

Mark your calendar for September 8, 2024.

That is the day for our annual "Friends and Family Day". We want this to be the best Friends and Family day we have ever had. To

do that depends on EVERY MEMBER of this congregation making their plans to be here and inviting their friends and family members to come and join them. We can do great things but it takes effort and commitment on the part of every member.

Hospitality group 2 will be responsible for this dinner. Those members are Sarah Fletcher, Jana O'Brien and Norma Perkins.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL – Our next Wednesday night meal will be this coming Wednesday night June 26th. Make your plans to come and join us at 6:00 p.m. for fellowship before our service.



CHARLES SPURGEON

"DO NOT GO WHERE IT IS ALL FINE MUSIC, GRAND TALK AND BEAUTIFUL ARCHITECTURE. GO WHERE THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED. AND GO OFTEN!"

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Cody Anthony (LaResa Livingston's nephew) **Mitchell Anthony** (LaResa Livingston's brother), **Alton Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's cousin – cancer) **Curtis Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's brother) recovering from a stroke. **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Bobbie Gray** (Jerry Pate's Aunt) **Geneva Harrison** (Mike Bostick's mother) **Glynn Hartt** (friend of Cissy Amos) **Joe Hughes** (Cissy Amos' father); **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Kutter Milford** (Cissy Amos' grandson) **Vervan Pate** (Jerry Pate's brother) is being treated for stomach cancer. **Addi Scott** (LaJuan Baugh's great-granddaughter) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; **Michael Smith** (Debra Pate's cousin) is being treated for lung cancer in Green Acres; **Buddy Sowell** (friend of Debra Pate) **J. C. Tate** (Jana O'Brien's father) **Clark Paul Williams** (LaResa Livingston's cousin)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

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

If you want someone added to the prayer list, please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate.

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

December 8, 2024 – No Excuse Sunday
December 15, 2024 – Christmas Party

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!



Across The Preacher's Desk

Have you ever noticed how complicated some folks want to make religion? We live in a world of problems. Preachers even spend a lot of time pointing out the problems of our time. Yet, the world is not asking for an elaboration on the problems, rather the world is seeking solutions to those problems.

It sometimes reminds me of the accident study conducted about accidents in the home. When it was revealed that 90% of all accidents occurred either at the top or bottom of the stairs, the computer solution was to remove the top and bottom step.

Often, we are searching for complex solutions to our present day problems and anxieties. Yet, the God of heaven, who is high and holy, is not insensitive to the hurts and problems you and I face. He offers a simple solution to modern day problems in every area. Remember the words of Jesus in John 14:1? He said, "let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me."

We need to stop focusing on ourselves and focus on others. We need to follow the example of Jesus who "went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). We need to realize that real security is built upon trust in God and that God is ever the source of real security.

When we spend more time with the solutions provided in the word of God and live a life obedient to the will of God, we will find that we have a simple solution to the stress of life. It's something to think about.

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**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
54 in '24!**