



LET'S VISIT

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THANK GOD FOR REVERSE!

You know, you don't really appreciate having "reverse" on your automobile until it malfunctions. I remember one time having an Oldsmobile where the transmission was going out and the first thing to go was the reverse gear. You had to be very careful when you went somewhere. You never wanted to park on a flat surface against a curb because that meant you had to push it out. You always wanted to try and park on a hill so you could get out of the parking space. If you parallel parked, you wanted to make sure you were on the end so you could drive straight out. All in all, it presented a very unique set of challenges.

Being able to go in reverse is something we can be grateful for. If we are going the wrong way or we miss a turn, we can back up. Sometimes the best way to correct an error is to back up. I can honestly testify that a car that won't back up is almost not worth having.

Yet, in addition to mechanical reverses there are also physical or material reverses. If someone finds themselves in the wrong job, they can "back up" and find another one. They can change jobs. When we make a purchase, there is the right to return the item for an exchange or refund. If we find ourselves going the wrong way on the freeway, we can take the "idiot turn" and go the opposite direction. In fact, Norma and Abbey will tell you that they designed "idiot turns" with me in mind and I do admit that I make frequent use of them.

However, our greatest need is for spiritual reverses. It was Marshall Keeble, a great preacher of another era who said, "the biggest problem with people is that they just don't want to back up". You see, there are two roads of life. There is the broad way or the narrow way. The right way or the wrong

way. The way of life or the way of death. Sometimes we have to back up to get on the right road of life.

The biblical definition of reverse is repentance. It means to recover one's sense, to come to one's self, to change one's mind. It is a change of conduct to back up and go the right way. Sometimes repentance is defined as being sorry for sins. However, it is more than that. It is like the little boy said in Sunday School class when the teacher asked them what repentance meant he said, "that means being sorry enough to quit."

Repentance is the desired result of preaching. When Noah was preaching before the flood, the desire was to humanity to repent of sin. Jonah went to Nineveh to preach so the people of that great city would repent. When Peter preached on Pentecost, he told those people to "repent and be baptized".

If we are to follow Jesus, we have to repent, we have to reverse our lives. The Christian life begins with a U-Turn from the paths of sin to the paths of righteousness. Yet, repentance, putting ourselves in reverse, backing up is the hardest work of men and women. It is the most difficult thing a proud man or woman is called on to do. But we must repent or we will perish (Luke 13:3) If we are willing to repent, our God is the God of the second chance.

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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

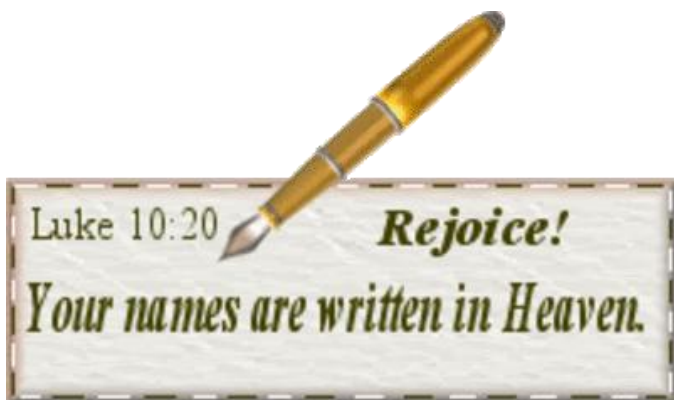


What Inferiority Is Like

**For The Pantry. . .
November 17 – Dried Beans**

Offering – November 10, 2024. . . \$ 1,275.00w

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



As we announced this past Sunday, we rejoice that Isaiah and Amanda Molly made the decision to put on their Lord in Baptism on Thursday night, November 7, 2024. We are so happy they are a part of our church family.

The Gospel

The gospel is the message of the ages to all the souls of men for all the ills of men,. It reaches down from high heaven to lift earth from low depths. It comes from the light of the world to banish the darkness of the world. It is a heavenly lifeline reaching down, inviting perishing humanity to reach up. It is a straight gospel for a crooked world, a saving gospel for a lost world, the whole gospel for the whole world.

To broken hearts the gospel applies the healing balm from the cleansing fountain. To dark hearts it applies the torch of truth. To hard hearts it applies the hammer that breaks the rock in pieces. To lonely hearts it comes as a messenger of companionship to fill the soul's living room with friendly fellowship.

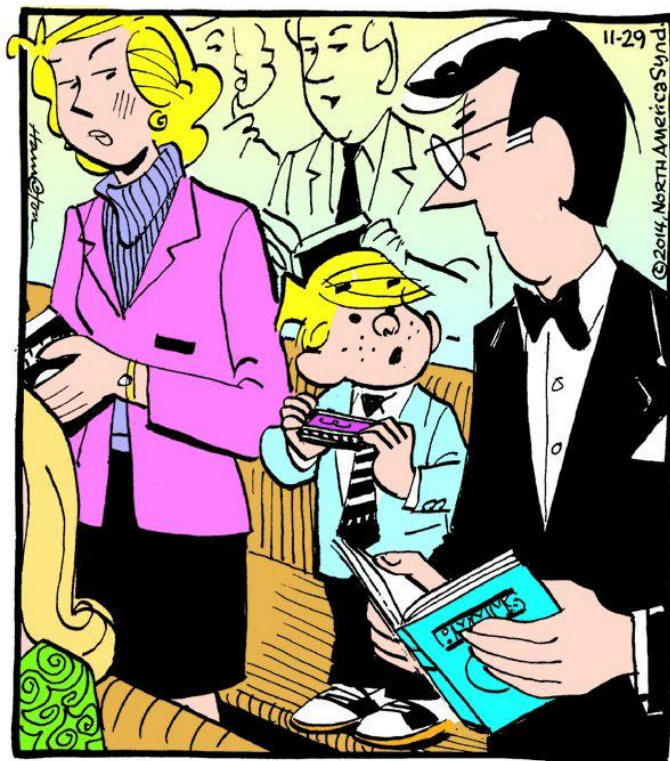
The gospel is God's power to save believers. It is the testimony of the Spirit to convince skeptics. It is the heavenly instrument to turn men from darkness, and from the power of Satan unto God.

The gospel cannot save you in your sins, but from your sins. It will add you to and make you a member of the church of our Lord. It does not save unconditionally, but according to the terms of pardon and peace found in it.

The conditions of the gospel are met in this world and in this life. But its rewards flow through the world to come and eternity to be. Woe to the unfortunate who neglect, fail or refuse to believe and receive and obey and live this living word for our living Lord.

-A. C. Williams
Minister's Monthly

On The Lighter Side. . .



"WHAT? I BROUGHT MY HARMONICA ALONG FOR WHEN I DON'T KNOW THE WORDS."



No Excuse Sunday!

Sunday, December 8, 2024 is the day set aside for our annual “No Excuse Sunday”. There will be no acceptable excuse for missing worship that day! Make your plans **NOW** to be here and bring someone or several someones to be your guest.

Of course we will be having a covered dish luncheon that day following the morning worship. Hospitality group 3 will be responsible for this luncheon. The members of that group are: LaJuan Baugh, Martha Bradshaw, Sheri Burgay, Tiffanne Klein, Trish Lout and Dee Sims.



We will not have any more Wednesday night meals in 2024. We will resume having them in 2025.

The truck from Sunny Glen Children’s Home came this past Wednesday. This is what our Pantry looked like when they arrived. You are to be commended for your generosity.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

December 15, 2024 – Christmas Party

March 2, 2025 – “Pack-A-Pew Sunday”

April 25-27, 2025 – Area-Wide Singing and Gospel meeting with Phil Sanders.

June 1, 2025 – Covered Dish Luncheon

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

OUR “CHURCH FAMILY”

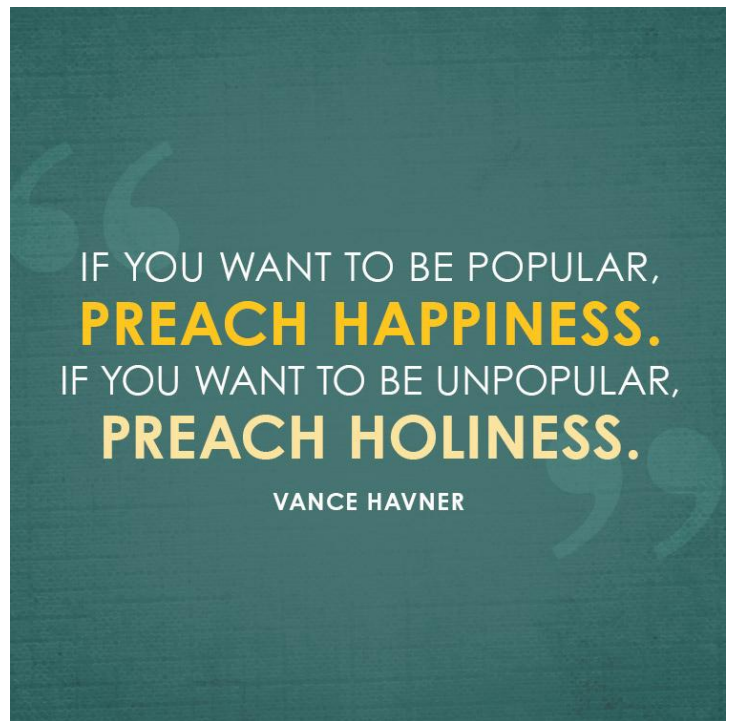
Cissy Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

“EXTENDED FAMILY” AND FRIENDS

Cody Anthony (LaResa Livingston’s nephew) **Mitchell Anthony** (LaResa Livingston’s brother), **Jackie Barnes** (Friend of Gene & Martha Bradshaw) **Cohen Byrnes** (infant son of Trey and Alex Byrnes) **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher’s brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate’s mother) **Geneva Harrison** (Mike Bostick’s mother) **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins’ mother dealing with memory issues) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Kutter Milford** (Cissy Amos’ grandson) **Eddie Paul** (Wayne Sims son-in-law) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate’s uncle); **Heather Simmons Steward** (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; **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





Across The Preacher's Desk

During the middle part of the 20th century, one of the most popular religious writers was Norman Vincent Peale. He was most famous for his book, "The Power of Positive Thinking". Many today would not recognize his name, however, they would recognize the names of Max Lucado, Joel Osteen, John McArthur, Charles Swindoll and others.

The books written by these writers are quite popular and widely read. Yet, I remember reading the advice that an old preacher one time gave a young preacher when he said, "be careful young man that you don't find yourself some day reading more and more books about the Bible and reading the Bible less and less"

I wonder how much of that is going on in our world today. How many people are reading more and more of the writings of popular religious authors and reading less and less of the Bible.

Perhaps we should give consideration to spending more time in the reading of the word of God. How much time do we spend in reading the Bible? We might say we don't have time to read the Bible, and yet that is just one more of the many excuses we offer for not living God's kind of life. Friends, we find the time to do almost everything we really want to do. If we don't have time to spend in reading God's word, it's because we really do not have the desire to spend time studying the Bible.

When we offer some lame excuse for not reading and studying God's word, do we really think God is buying what we are selling?

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

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