



LET'S VISIT

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JESUS CHRIST – THE SAVIOR

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

Discouragement is not sin – quitting is!

Gathered Here and There



A Crisis Of Faith

For The Pantry. . .

November 30 – Broth (Beef, Chicken, Vegetable)

Offering – November 23, 2025 . . \$ 2,549.00

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

I Desire Mercy, Not Sacrifice

Mercy is a condition of the heart, a quality of the spirit. Sacrifice is action. It may take the form of giving, self-imposed punishment, difficult rituals, or hard work. Some of it may be exceedingly worthy, but sacrifice, in and of itself, is meaningless to God, and he will not accept it as a substitute for spiritual excellence and worthy motives.

Man has ever sought to pacify his maker by cleansing the outside of the cup, which men see, rather than the inside which God sees. We try to "buy" our salvation with sacrifice in order to avoid the pain of changing our lives as God demands.

Is personal sacrifice then a part of godly living? Yes! Yes! The Bible is full of the necessity of sacrifice. We must conclude, however, that no sacrifice will ever be acceptable to God unless it is prompted by the love and mercy of a dedicated heart.

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Complying With Our Own Demands

Are you willing to comply with the same demands that you make on other people? This should be a searching question for every member of the church to answer honestly in their own heart. Most of us have demands which we make of other people, at least in our own minds this is true. Our attitudes and our actions tell of those demands, and

also whether or not we are willing to comply with them.

We doubt that any sincere member of the church would approve the discontinuance of Bible Study on Sunday morning. You would not approve an end to Bible Classes would you? But Bible classes are not successful unless they are attended by someone, therefore you in your own mind make a demand that somebody attend Bible classes which you demand to be held. Are you willing to comply with your own demands? Do you attend Bible Study classes?

For the church to do the work required, a rather large amount of money is necessary. You would not be in favor of pie suppers, or rummage sales or lotteries to raise money for the church, hence, in your own mind you demand that contributions be made for the church. Somebody must make those contributions and so that is included in your demand. Are you willing to comply with the demands you make of other members of the church? Do you give as you have been prospered?

Members of the church should be friendly. Friendly with strangers as well as with one another. But are you friendly? Visiting should be done. Sometimes people demand that others visit them, yet they refuse to visit anyone. They are not willing to measure up to the standard which they set up for other people. They are not willing to comply with the same demands they make on others. Jesus warned his disciples against the Pharisees because they taught and they did not act.

-Foster Ramsey

On The Lighter Side. . .



WE'VE ALREADY HEARD THIS ONE



Next Sunday Is. . .

**No Excuse Sunday
December 7, 2025**

Make Your Plans To Be Here

**Our Annual
“NO EXCUSE SUNDAY”**

Make sure you plan to be here, invite your friends and neighbors to come and worship with us and stay for our covered dish luncheon. 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 that day. The members of that group are Marsha Bounds, LaResa Livingston, Betty Miller, Lisa Miller and Melonia Molloy.

Communion Preparation - December
Manny & Brittany Ortiz

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

During this season of the year, when we celebrate "Thanksgiving Day", at least for the moment we are lifted above the common place things of life and the troubles that confront us. If you have turned on the news, you realize that we are living in a troubled time in the history of our world and the history of our nation.

Read if you will the first 6 verses of the 137th Psalm. At the time that Psalm was written, the Jews were in the midst of the Babylonian captivity, which they had brought on themselves by their refusal to obey Jehovah. When their captors demanded that they sing for them, they cried out, "How can we sing Jehovah's song in a strange land?" But they did. They found that God could be there as well as in Jerusalem and they prospered so greatly that few of them even returned when they could.

When Jesus gave thanks at the instituting of the Lord's Supper, he gave thanks for a body which was soon to be broken, while others give thanks because they have a body which is not broken.

Let's pause and be thankful. Let's be thankful we live in America. Let's be thankful for Christian homes where children are cared for and love may thrive. Let's be thankful for Jesus. He came to earth, He went to the cross, He redeemed my soul from sin and He is preparing my eternal home. Let's make sure we are thankful for the blessing of life.

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

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