



LET'S VISIT

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“THEY SAY”

More people have lied and gotten by with it by using this term than any other. This has been the means of spreading gossip and destroying the good name of many people. It has been the method used to destroy good churches. It is one of the most used expressions in the English language, and actually says less than any other. Who are “they”? Over the years, I have often “tracked down” who “They” were and found that “they” often were one person! In the church, I have had people tell me that “they” were opposed to a certain way of doing things, and later found out that “they” happened to be the wife of the person doing the complaining. There have been many complaints made by people who did not have the nerve to say that they were complaining, but would lie by saying “they say”.

In the long ago, God told us what he thought about those who use the term “they say”. *“Behold I am against the prophets, saith the Lord that use their tongues and say, He saith”* (Jeremiah 23:31) These were stating falsehoods but making God the author of them. God will not tolerate such loose use of the tongue. You see, God knows the heart, and no one need think that he or she can hide behind a cloak of innocence in the matter. In questioning the use of the term “they say” I have never found anyone who could tell me who “they” were. In such a case the person must know that it is a sly way of telling an untruth or a half-truth. The person who allows himself or herself to develop the habit of passing on what “they say” will find that he has become the medium for spreading false rumors. Surely no right thinking person wants to be found in this kind of situation.

“They say” has kept people from obeying the gospel. I have known many people who knew the

truth of God’s word and wanted to obey it, but did not because of what “they” would say. Often “they” were members of their own family. There are cases where people are small enough to say critical things about someone for obeying the gospel. Because of this, people are often so afraid of what “they” will say that they put off obeying God until they will be forced to face eternity without him. Jesus must come first in our lives, regardless of what “they” say.

Sometimes what “they” say keeps Christians from being true to the Lord. They are more concerned about receiving the approval of man than of God. Actually, such people approve of you only because you do as they want you to do. In reality, what is such approval going to get an individual in the day of judgment? The individual who does not have the intestinal fortitude to do what is right because “they” want him to do wrong is weak indeed. You see, to do what “they” want is to oftentimes forget what God wants.

“They say” is a dangerous phrase because the facts are usually distorted or untrue. God condemned those prophets who falsely represented His word. Information and knowledge based on “they say” should be carefully checked for accuracy and even then may not safely be repeated. We should never base our doctrine or our decisions on “They Say”.

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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



Guest Speaker
Matt Perkins

For The Pantry. . .
October 27 – Trash Bags

Offering – October 20, 2024. . . \$ 2,172.00

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

He Had Been To Worship

The book of Acts tells of a time when the church was young. In chapter 8, (Acts 8:26-40) we have the story of a certain Ethiopian nobleman who had been to Jerusalem to worship. On the way home, he met Philip the evangelist who taught him about Jesus.

Understand, this nobleman loved the word of God. What he had of course was the Old Testament. Yet, he was reading from it, anxious to learn. Apparently the fear of being mistaken had never entered his mind.

Upon meeting the preacher, the treasurer of Ethiopia invited Philip to ride with him in his chariot. The Eunuch was reading from the prophecy of Isaiah (Chapter 52 to be exact) and asked Philip who the prophet was speaking of in that passage. Beginning with this prophecy, the preacher told him the story of Jesus. He explained how Jesus was the fulfillment of prophecy. In preaching Jesus to him, he necessarily told him who Christ was, what Christ did, and what men must do to obey Christ.

The story tells us that as they journeyed along, the nobleman asked a question. He said, "Here is

water, what doth hinder me to be baptized?" Philip replied, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest".

The narrative tells us that after the nobleman made the confession of his faith in Jesus Christ as the son of God he was baptized. In doing so he obeyed Jesus.

The Ethiopian nobleman had been religious but he was mistaken. He was sincere but uninformed. He had been to worship, but wrong. He had been worshipping God according to the Old Testament after it had led to Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:24)

We believe that obedience to Christ will make a person a Christian and only a Christian. Nothing more, nothing less and nothing else, just a simple New Testament Christian. The Bible is the final authority in all religious matters. Read it, study it, and obey it. In it God speaks to us today.

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On The Lighter Side. . .



We must always remember to hunt hard for the good points in others. Remember they have to do the same for us!



We extend our sympathy to Jerry & Debra Pate in the passing of Jerry's brother, Verben Pate.



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.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
October 30, 2024
6:00 P.M.



The truck from Sunny Glen Children's Home will be here the week of November 10th. They have requested Spaghetti Sauce, Salad Dressing, Zip Lock Bags and Trash Bags. Let's fill the Little Red Wagon!



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) Patrick Elam (friend of Norma Perkins) 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) Debbie Lynn (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Kutter Milford (Cissy Amos' grandson) Gene Perkins (Tim Perkins Aunt) Eddie Paul (Wayne Sims son-in-law) Addi Scott (LaJuan Baugh's great-granddaughter) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle); Michael Smith (Debra Pate's cousin) is being treated for lung cancer in Green Acres; Buddy Sowell (friend of Debra Pate) 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

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

December 15, 2024 – Christmas Party

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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!



Across The Preacher's Desk

Believe it or not, there have been times I have been accused of being too “narrow minded” when it comes to spiritual matters. Yet, Jesus said in Matthew 7:14, “Strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it.” There are actually other areas of life where you find narrow-mindedness.

There is no room for being broadminded in the chemical laboratory. Water is composed of two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen. The slightest deviation from this formula means you do not have water.

There is no broadmindedness in the garage. The mechanic says the piston rings must fit the cylinder walls within one thousandth of an inch if the motor is to run smoothly. There cannot be any variation.

Broadmindedness cannot exist on the athletic field. The game is played according to the rules and there are no favors shown for “charity’s sake”.

Why then do folks expect broadmindedness in the realm of religion and the plan of salvation? Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me” (John 14:6) Jesus Christ expects us to follow His plan and live His kind of life if we want to go to heaven. Paul said, “I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ” (Romans 1:16. Well, neither am I.

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

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