

Good morning and welcome to services! We are so glad you are here. We are winding down the school year for most of the members of our group and we are looking forward to a summer full of fun and fellowship. Thanks to all who attended our parents meeting on Sunday night. I think the kids could have run around outside until midnight! We now have our Summer '23 calendar ready and it is available to pick up on the youth group bulletin board. We also have a May calendar available. If your child is planning to attend Camp Red Oak Springs, please get them registered before the session fills up. Camp is such an amazing time of spiritual growth for young people. We are also getting geared up for Lamp Camp in June where we will be working on committing 20+ scriptures to memory. If you would like to help with food prep or with teaching, please let us know. Hope everyone has a great week! DOUG

***"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."***

**Romans 12:2**

## **WELCOME VISITORS**

**A big hearty welcome to those visiting today. Allow us to meet and greet you following the worship service this morning. At the end of the service today you will be given a gift bag from our congregation. "It is a small gift, but it comes from big hearts." Thanks again for coming.**

## **Silent Violins**

Luigi Tarisio was found dead one morning with scarce a comfort in his home, but with 246 exquisite violins, which he had been collecting all his life, crammed into an attic, the best in the bottom drawer of an old rickety bureau. In his



very devotion to the violin, he had robbed the world of all that music all the time he treasured them; others before him had done the same, so that



when the greatest of his collection, a Stradivarius, was first played it had had 147 speechless years. Yet, how many of Christ's people are like old Tarisio? In our very love of the church we fail to give the glad tidings to the world; in our zeal for the truth we forget to publish it. When shall we all learn that the Good News needs not just to be cherished, but needs to be told? All people need to hear it.

What lesson can be learned from Luigi? Shall we keep hoarding our knowledge of God's wonderful story of salvation while others are dying without Christ every hour?

SELECTED

**May 14th 2023**

**Mike and Clara Davis**

**Door Greeters**

**Security Team**

**Communion Preparation**

# *Gospel Worker*

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### **MINISTERS**

Dan D. Manuel  
*Pulpit Minister*  
Doug Rader  
*Youth Minister*

### **ELDERS**

Dwight Franklin  
Dan D. Manuel  
Dale Sparks

### **DEACONS**

Henry Baker  
Steve Camp  
Kyle Lock  
R.D. Prince  
Doug Rader

### **SECRETARY**

Chloe Collins  
Eva Walker

### **MISSIONS**

Brown Trail School of  
Preaching, Bedford, TX  
Jose Cuadras—Mexico  
Hershel Bearden—India  
Steve Handley—Prison Min.  
Central TX Children's  
Home—Buda, TX  
Tipton Children's Home  
Tipton, OK

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T.V.

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KFXK FOX 51 Tyler  
NBC 28 KYLE, Bryan-  
College Station, TX.  
FOX 29 KSVP Lake  
Charles, La  
ABC 10 K TEN Sherman-Tx  
KTXD—47 Dallas, Texas

### **ASSEMBLY TIMES**

Sun: 9:30 AM Class  
10:30 AM Worship  
6:00 PM Evening  
Wed: 7:00 PM

## **Power in an Acorn**

The story is told of a German countess who lived a few centuries ago who was an avowed atheist. In an attempt to show her fearlessness of death, and to belittle the faith in God and the hope of eternal life of some of her associates, she left instructions that when she died she was to be placed in a specially prepared tomb, hewn out of solid rock, to be sealed with an enormous flat stone weighing several tons. This stone was to be bolted securely to the face of the tomb, and these words were to be carved on the face of it, "What Is Dead Is Dead--Set Forever--Never To Be Opened." When the countess died, her wishes were carried out and her body was sealed in the sepulcher. For several decades her tomb remained intact and seemed to be impregnable. But as the years passed, an acorn from an over-hanging oak fell, and found its way through a crevice of the rock and lodged in the earth beneath. The acorn germinated, and the fledgling tree, seeking the sunlight, eventually made its way back up through the crevice. Gradually but relentlessly the tree grew, and eventually, mighty life from that acorn snapped the bolts and shattered the seal of stone! Thus, God in His infinite wisdom, through the incomprehensible power of life that He had fashioned in that small acorn defied the brazen infidelity of the countess.

How sad that she had turned deaf ears to the words of the Savior when He declared, "the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth ..." (John 5:28-29). It is true we must die a physical death (Heb. 9:27), but it is just as true that there will be a resurrection and judgment, and that the souls of human beings will exist forever in one of two places! (Read Matt. 25:31-34, 41, 46). No wonder Jesus said, "For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose or forfeit his own self?" (Luke 9:25).

**The month of May has arrived with various plans for the church here this month.**

*From Dan's desk:*



Thank you all for being present today. We are glad you are here. If you are visiting with us, please stay for a few minutes and allow us the opportunity to meet and greet you. It is always a blessing to have visitors among us for our worship times. We do have a number of plans scheduled for the congregation here this month. On May 21st (Sunday) following the morning worship service we will have a noon covered dish luncheon. We have one senior who will be graduating from high school. KYLI DAVIS will be graduating from Elkhart high school. We will recognize her for her accomplishments throughout school. Please make plans to be present. We will enjoy the meal together and the fellowship that accompanies such times. We will change the time for Monday Night For The Master this month to May 22nd. The following Monday (on which we generally meet) will be Memorial Day weekend and the Elders felt it necessary to move the time for Monday Night For The Master a week earlier this month. Several will be involved on Monday May 29th and would not be able to be with us. The youth are engaged in numerous activities this month and we encourage our young people to participate in as many of these as possible. On Sunday May 14th, I will present a special lesson on "MOTHERHOOD" as next Sunday is "Mother's Day". You can see it will be a busy month and we hope you will take advantage of all these opportunities afforded us to be with each other. We hope to see you tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**GAYLE HAMILTON had knee replacement surgery in Tyler last Tuesday morning. She is better.**  
**DOUG SUMRALL had surgery this last Tuesday in Athens Medical center. He is doing much better.**  
**LORELEE REEDER is doing better following a recent heart attack. She is in the hospital in Lewisville, Texas and is scheduled to go to rehab soon.**  
**LIZ MISSILDINE is recovering from surgery this last week.**  
**GLENDA BASKIN will have surgery this Tuesday in Tyler.**

### **SYMPATHY**

**Our sympathy again is extended to the family of LINDA LIPPOLD who passed away this last week. Memorial services were held yesterday at Rhone Funeral home.**

**Our Sympathy is also extended to the family of FRED KING. He passed away last Wednesday. Memorial service will be Tuesday morn at 10 A.M. at Burks Walker Tippit funeral chapel in Tyler.**

### **Don't Be Foolish"**

The Lord included in His "Sermon on the Mount" a warning that causes one to ponder. He taught His followers to not call anyone a fool or he would be in danger of hell fire (Matt. 5:22). Why such a severe penalty for simply calling someone a fool?

The usual definition of "fool" is "one deficient in intellect or judgment." We run into those quite regularly! "The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Ps. 14:1). Solomon with "wisdom" gave a lengthy discourse in his Proverbs on the matter. "Fools despise wisdom" (1:7); "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth to counsel is wise" (12:15); "Folly of fools is deceit...Fools make a mock at sin" (14:8-9); The lips of the foolish does not disperse knowledge (15:7);

"The mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness" (15:14).

"And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the way of faring men, though fools, shall not err therein" (Is. 35:8).

The Pharisees were chastised by the Lord and called "fools" because they criticized and judged the hearts of men by what they observed outwardly (Lk. 11:37-40). The rich man, who built bigger barns to amass worldly goods but was not "rich" toward God, was called a fool by the Lord and told that his soul would be required of him the very same night (Lk. 12:20). Finally, we can conclude that the real fool is the one who denies God and resists His Word. We may feel too refined to be considered a fool, but a careful examination of our personal life may reveal more than what we would like to acknowledge about ourselves.

Submit to God and His Word!

# May 7th 2023

## **PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Liz Missildine is recovering from surgery this last week.

Glenda Baskin will have surgery in Tyler this Tuesday.

Gwynette Sturgess is scheduled for brain Surgery on Tuesday in Tyler.

Kenneth Holland continues to have issues with COPD in I.C.U. at the local hospital.

Gayle Hamilton had knee replacement surgery last Tuesday in Tyler.

Doug Sumrall had surgery this last Tuesday in Athens, Texas/ He is doing better.

Gwen Sturgess will have a surgical procedure on her brain soon next Tuesday in Tyler.

Sympathy to Jim and Deena Ricard in the death of their uncle J.C. Ricard of Florida.

Paul Cartwright continues to recover from a recent biopsy and is awaiting additional surgery on May 10th in Dallas.

The family of FRED KING who passed away this last Wednesday.

Shelia Thompson's granddaughter, Kymber (8 months old) has stage 2 cancer and the family request our prayers.

Phillip Foreman, son-in-law of Sam and Cheryl Ellis, is having tests.

Rick Giles is recovering from recent surgery on his elbow.

Randy Foreman continues to go through tests.

Todd Winkle, friend of many, requests prayers.

Jeffery Wooden, son of George Wooden has cancer.

Linda Wilson has Covid-19 at home. She is improving.

Becky Barnes' great grandson had a bone marrow transplant. He is under observation.

Tina Teetz, daughter-in-law of Pat Baird, has started taking medication to shrink and slow down the cancer.

Sharron Grizzle has liver cancer, and asked for prayers.

Bryce Stewart former member is still undergoing tests and cancer treatment.

Jamie Flores, niece of Ann Sparks, is having health issues and requests our prayers.

Deborah Hagemeyer (former member) has cancer and requests prayer.

Jerry Thornton of Canton, brother-in-law of Bill Rawson has bone cancer & requests prayer.

### **Remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers.**

Courtney Bell, Patsy Bush, Mary Chambless, Opalene Chapman, Mary Ann Colling, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Joyce Matlock, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Lorelee Reeder, Martha Sims, Monty Todd, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff and Charlie Young. **NOTE:** We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office.

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