

Good Morning and welcome to services! We are glad you are here today! Check your text messages for a New Testament reading plan you can complete by the end of January 2021. Yes, it's a sixty day reading plan. This would be a perfect way to spend the evenings with your family. Due to the coronavirus, we haven't been able to do most of the things we enjoy together, but it gives us great quality time to spend with family. Hopefully, 2021 will be a much better year! Be on the lookout for some virtual activities in the near future. Have a great week and stay safe!

DOUG

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Who's Important?

There's a story of a newly elected politician who went to our nation's capital to get acquainted with the place. At the home of a high ranking senator he was trying to get the feel of this great city and all he anticipated he would be able to accomplish. He greatly admired the prominence of his host and spoke of his grandiose intentions and plans. Somewhere, back in his mind, he even entertained the possibility of actually running things in the country from the White House. As they looked out over the Potomac River, they noticed a log floating down stream. It was rotten, old, deteriorating, obviously of no worth. The older senator remarked to his young friend, "You know, that log is about a perfect example of what this city is, and what our nation is becoming." "How's that?" asked his young friend. "Well you see, there are probably hundreds of grub worms, no telling how many ants, and bugs and critters of about every kind you can name, and they're just floating down the stream on that rotten old log thinking that they are steering it." ADAPTED

When God Drops The Reins

God pleaded with Israel to listen to him and put away foreign Gods, "But my people didn't listen, Israel paid no attention; so I let go of the reins and told them, 'Run! Do it your own way!'" (Psa. 81:11-12, The Message).

One man said, "If men will not be checked, but madly take the bit between their teeth and refuse obedience, who shall wonder if the reins are thrown upon their necks, and they are let alone to work out their own destruction."

Will God reign in the stampeding herd that is rushing to do evil, or will he drop the reins, saying, "Have it your way."

The cool streams and green grass of God's blessings will give way to desert, for a nation cannot reject the bridle (law of God) and keep claiming the blessings of God.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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



IS THE CHURCH IMPORTANT

The bible describes the church as the bride of Christ. In fact, in Revelation 19:7-9 it talks specifically about Jesus coming back to claim His bride, the church. "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." " If the church is the bride of Jesus, then basically what you are saying is: "I'll take Jesus, but I don't want His bride." How do you think that makes Jesus feel for you to reject His bride?

DAN

Great Response to Television and Facebook programming.

From Dan's desk:



We thank each of you for coming today. Worship time is so important. That is the reason God gave us a blueprint for gathering together as God's people. A number of brethren were out of town last weekend for the Thanksgiving holiday. The devotional, held prior to Thanksgiving was well attended and it was great. We appreciate all who were present and those who led us in worship that evening. So many good things are going on in spite of the Pandemic called Coronavirus. We are encouraged by the forthcoming of a vaccine to be available early in the month of January. Others continue to show interest each week in the work of the Body of Christ at this place. We continue to get feedback from the television program "Give Me The Bible" each week and from the lessons presented on Facebook. I am so thankful for these opportunities to preach and teach the gospel of Christ through the media. If you know of others who have the capability of listening, and they have not availed themselves to this outlet, be sure to tell them about them and how they can watch. We continue to get requests each week from those who are not members of the Church of Christ. We mail out numerous DVD's each week and printed material upon request. We will soon begin our 32nd year of telecasting over numerous television affiliates. We are grateful to sister congregations for their support and participation. We hope and trust that each of you will want to join us collectively in worship this evening. Children's Bible Hour resumes tonight. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

BETH FREEMAN continues radiation in Dallas. She is taking chemo locally.

GARY TODD has been in the hospital this last week with pneumonia.

LARRY HOOPER is in the local hospital with pneumonia and a staph infection.

DEBBIE WARREN will have colon surgery on Dec. 16th.

THOSE WHO HAVE, OR HAVE HAD the coronavirus are all improving at home:

PRAYER LIST IN THE FOYER- Get a copy of those who have continuing illnesses.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Cindy Pace and Lanova Mitchell (grandmother and great-grandmother) on the birth of a new granddaughter PAISLEY LAYNE GUTIERREZ who was born on November 24th. Parents are Felipe Jr. and Cassidy Gutierrez.

Plan to be with us tonight for worship at
6 P.M.

"TUNNEL VISION"

Tunnel vision is when you are so focused on something that you can't see what is happening around you. It happens all the time and nobody is immune. We become so fixated on an object ourselves or an ideology that we don't see what is really happening around us. This is a dangerous state as it may cause us to miss out on so many things but most importantly, a relationship with God. The Pharisees, Sadducees, Lawyers and Scribes were groups that were stuck in tunnel vision. They had this law thing figured out. They knew exactly what the Messiah was supposed to do and how He was supposed to act. Anything that was different to their tunnel vision of God's plan was not acceptable. Jesus called them out on it. "Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the times?" (Matt. 16:30). It still happens today. There are those who plainly see what is happening and are obedient to the Lord and His Father. They are blessed and accept God's justice. There are those who reject God's will or purpose for their lives and will not receive the justice they seek. The warning to us all is that we do not become so narrow minded that we don't see the truth before us. Do not use so broad a brush stroke or sweeping generalities that would go beyond what is written. When God says that He has a purpose for you, it is not some mystical thing that you must go in search of—it is simply obedience to His will. We must not get so focused on what we think the plan is that we neglect to ask God what He wants. Don't miss out on what God has planned for you because of spiritual tunnel vision. **Josh Blackmer**

"The Joy of the Lord is Your Strength"

Dec. 6th, 2020

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Gary Todd has been in the local hospital with Covid Pneumonia. His brother died this last week in Wichita Falls, Texas

Beth Freeman-started radiation in Dallas & chemo here last week

Larry Hooper- continuing colon infection

Cecil Stanaland-tests

Gary Missildine- heart & lung issues

Mary Jo Thomason is undergoing physical therapy

Gerald Wilcher, health issues

Emalie Tuschoff is recovering from a fall

Ola Pearl Reeves is recovering from a fall at Greenbrier

Kenneth Holland-COPD

Tim Jones in the death of his sister in Arlington, Texas

Maurine Ellis, (Sam's Mom) has been back in the hospital from complications to her recent surgery

Sam's aunt has also been ill with cancer.

The Ellis' neighbor Doyle Wood had colon surgery this last week.

Amy Parker (Rita Taylor's daughter) has coronavirus and is improving at home.

Billie Sherman (Shelah Jorgensen mother-in-law) is with hospice

Hannah Glenn, is undergoing Leukemia treatments in Dallas

Elizabeth Attaway (Beth Freeman's daughter-in-law) cancer

Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer

Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer

Please remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers. They need our prayers. Millie Baur, Billie Bedford, Courtney Bell, Odessa

Boyette, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Ruby Merritt,

James and Irma Ray, Margaret Richardson, and Marlene Thompson.

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. THE ELDERS