

Congratulations to our L2L year round Bible Reading award recipients Chloe Collins, Clayton Collins, Susan Lane, and Lily Rader. They put in a lot of time and effort for this award. Also, congratulations to Lily Rader for her 1st place award for Mass Media Video presentation for the 3rd-6th grade division. Announcements for the L2L individual Bible Bowl and Pearls Tests will be made soon by L2L. The 2020-2021 theme for L2L will be a combination of this years theme "Lost" from the book of Luke and "Better Than" from the book of Hebrews for next year. Stay tuned for more information to come. We hope you are availing yourself to the Zoom bible studies on Wednesday nights, and the girls bible studies on Friday evenings. We miss meeting with you during the week. Take care and be well. "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble." Psalms 46:1

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HOW WOULD YOU MEASURE YOUR FAITH?

When Paul makes his treatise in his letter to the Romans, Habakkuk 2:4 is the centerpiece of his argument regarding justification by faith. The righteous shall live by faith. In the Roman letter Paul effectively demonstrates how no man or woman could ever be justified in the sight of God by their merits or their works since all have sinned (Romans 1:18-3:20). He demonstrates how Abraham received the promise through faith, and therefore those who inherit the promises are those who are children of Abraham by faith, sharing in the same trust in the One True God (Romans 4:1-25, 9:6-13). Paul quotes Habakkuk 2:4 again in the Galatian letter to demonstrate that no one has ever been justified before God on the basis of the Law of Moses (Galatians 3:11). Moses, David, and the prophets themselves lived by faith. Throughout time, therefore, those who belong to God and please Him are those who live by faith. (Hebrews 11:6). It is impossible for us to live without it and please God. Now more than ever before we need great faith. How would you measure yours?

DAN

"SPIRITUAL WORTH"

There are many things in this life that do not have true spiritual value or worth. They all pale in comparison to God's righteous communication. How much differently would we consider how we spent our time if we valued wisdom as God does, and the people who exhibit it? (Proverbs 31:10) Jesus addressed the concept of value, and applied it specifically to the value of His Kingdom over all of the temporary pursuits humans can engage in. Those who see the value of His Kingdom trade everything so that they may obtain it! (Matthew 13:44-46) On person who truly understood this value was Paul. *"But whatever things we gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord..."* (Philippians 3:7-11) John's visions of the spiritual and eternal that we are given in Revelation often address the world's value of worth versus what is spiritually true. All of the descriptions of the heavenly Jerusalem are meant to bring to help us see the value of our spiritual relationship with God that will last into eternity. (Revelation 21:10-27) This worth is true because it is the city of God who is worthy. *"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."* (Revelation 4:11) Those who are privileged to go to Heaven are able to do so because of God's Son, who is worth more than anything. Revelation 5 DAN



"Yes, the disciples followed Jesus... but not on Twitter."

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

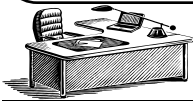
Sun: 9:30 AM Class
10:30 AM Worship
6 :00 PM Evening
Wed: 7:00 PM

"I'M PLANNING TO ..."

How many smokers, out of personal concern for their health, continually intend to quit smoking but never quite make the commitment to do it? How many problem drinkers have intended for years to quit drinking, because they know their behavior is destructive to themselves and others who are close to them, but the years continue to tick by while they continue to drink? How many drug users find themselves in the same boat? They know their lifestyle is self-destructive, and they intend to get off drugs. But they never seem to do it. Now it's easy to point fingers at such addictive behaviors as these, but you'd better watch out. How many people are concerned about their health because they realize they're seriously overweight? Every month, it seems, holds another intention to go on a diet, an exercise program or both. They're going to lose weight, firm up, look trim and feel good. They're going to start tomorrow, as soon as they finish that wonderful chocolate cake they just bought. We know what happens, don't we? How many unfaithful Christians intend to start back to church services, to renew their spiritual dedication and get their spiritual lives right with God? But it seems that there are things they think need to take care of first. However, while they continually intend to take care of those things, they never quite seem to get the job done. And, what about those struggling Christians who keep intending to start attending more regularly and maybe start giving more responsibly? How many good Christians intend to talk to a family member, a friend or a co-worker about salvation? They see them often, but they never quite find the opportunity or the courage to speak up. Or, maybe they just can't think of the right thing to say. How many keep intending to get more involved in the work and activities of the church? But the time never seems to be quite right. How many members intend to have some of the newer families over to encourage them and get to know them better. But the house always seems to need cleaning, and there's always something else to do, and we're tired, and... How many people who know they're not walking with the Lord fully intend to repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins? But they never seem to make up their mind that now is the time. Good intentions, every one of them. But so many of them never get past the intention stage. How sad, for the saying is true, "the road to Hell is paved with good intentions... DON'T GO THERE!"

DAN

The Coronavirus continues and our God is still working in our behalf.



From Dan's desk:

John said, "greater is He that is within you than he that is in the world". I hope we will all remember that great truth. No power is greater than that of our Father in Heaven. We may be facing even more difficult times, but oh how we need FAITH to continue as a people of God. Sometimes we feel down and depressed. This is what the devil wants us to do, but we must not give in to the diabolical schemes of the evil one. Our future is bright, for "this too shall pass". Each day that we live, we are one more day closer to the end of this horrible plague that prevails among us. We miss being with each other, but we know that before long we will meet again. What a wonderful reunion that will be. I miss the beautiful songs and those who lead them. The prayers that are offered and the fellowship of communion focused on the Lord's death and the opportunity to give as we have been prospered. A brighter day is coming. When we look outward we lose heart, but when we look inward we rely on the Spirit that God has given each of us. The one who lives in us is truly "greater than he that is in the world. Let me encourage you to hold on. We may be engaged in a war (disease), but we know that we are the victors. Our victory is through the Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 15:58 "Be ye steadfast unmovable and always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." The promise of Christ to the Apostles in Matthew is so reassuring, "Lo I am with you even to the end of the world". Matthew 28:20 Keep the Faith, Let is grow and remember that we love you dearly. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

DEBBIE WARREN has gone to Scott and Tiffany's home to recover from recent surgery.

CLINT ELLIS -surgery is indefinite at this time. He will have surgery soon.,

ASHLEY RADFORD had an appendectomy on Thursday. She home recovering

MARSHALL WALKER is in Veteran's hospital in Dallas recovering from a heart attack.

LASHAUN MILLER (Nancy's son) is having heart issues in Trinity Mother Frances Hosp.

**What To Do
About
Contributions**



Several continue to call or mail their contributions to the church at P.O. Box 288, Palestine, Texas 75802. Many have been wondering just what to do regarding the contributions. While we are unable to meet together as a church family, the work of the church continues. Please continue to support the church financially. We still an obligation to give unto the Lord as we have been prospered. I Cor. 16:1-2. 2 Cor. 9:7. You can mail a check to the church at the above address or you can come by the building from 9 Am till 3 P.M. Monday-Friday to drop it off. If you would like us to walk to your car and get it from you, just call us first. Thank you for realizing how important your contributions really are to the ongoing work of the church. THE ELDERS

**"THIS IS WHAT LOVE HAS
TO DO WITH IT"**

The beautiful demonstration of love on God's part is the basis of the gospel, His plan for man's redemption from sin. "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you- unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures," (1 Cor. 15:1-4). It is by this gospel message, truly a message of God's love for man, that we are called to salvation. "...because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 2:13-14). The gospel message holds the key to our salvation. Paul wrote, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (Rom. 1:16). God gave His Son as a sacrifice for the guilt of your sins. His act of love for you calls for a loving response from you. The most effective way you can demonstrate your love for God, in response to His love for you already demonstrated in the gospel, is by obeying the gospel. You do that by dying to your life of sin as you're buried with Christ in baptism and raised up from that watery grave reborn, forgiven, saved in Christ (Rom. 6:3-5). Then we are to live according to the blueprint given by God for faithfulness. That is what Love has to do with is.

DAN

April 5, 2020

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Clint Ellis– Gall Bladder Surgery soon
Ashley Radford-Appendectomy & She is at home recovering
Dee Ricard, heart issues

Deanna Chapman, cancer treatments
Willette Rasure, heart problems
Linda Lippold, cancer treatments
Debbie Warren, Colon surgery this week

Marshall Walker had a heart attack. He is in Veteran's Hosp. in Dallas for tests.
Gerald Wilcher, kidney disease & COPD
Kenneth Holland, COPD

Lynda Allen– (Beth Freeman's sister) Cancer issues
Hanna Glen, Leukemia

Una Whitley, Mike Whitley's aunt, mini strokes
Leann Oliver (cousin of Deanna Chapman) Cancer has returned

John Ownby (step-father of Emily Sparks) cancer
Jack Beasley– (Husband of Brenda) recovering from recent back surgery
Amy Lambright (niece of Costlow family) cancer

Bryce Stewart nephew– cancer treatment of Virginia Stanaland and Doug Lowe
Jim Davis- numerous health problems
Ed Compton, numerous health problems

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

Ricky Ramirez tests (brother-in-law to Phillip Castillo and Carrie)

Howard & Maurine Ellis (father & mother of Sam Ells) having health problems
Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer

La Shaun Miller (son of Nancy Miller) heart problems He is Trinity Mother Francis Hosp.
Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer
David Arnold (preacher in Houston) Pancreatic cancer
Lynn Dillon– Dan's friend– lung problems

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, please notify us in the church office. The Elders