

Good morning everyone! I hope last week was a good one. I appreciate all the compliments last Sunday. This is such a loving church and I appreciate all of you. We have a lot of things coming up for the month of October. Please try to participate as much as you can. See you tonight!

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#### **BUNKO**

We will meet for Bunko this month on October 17th at 5:30. There is sign up sheet on the board, please sign if you will be attending. All ladies are invited to come

#### **BRIDAL SHOWER**

On Sunday, October 20th, there will be a Bridal Shower in honor of Kolby Radford and his bride to be, Kaitlyne Fay, in the activity building, family room, from 1:30 to 3 PM. Their selections are at Walmart and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

#### **FALL FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

Two weeks from today, October 20th, we will have our Fall Fellowship luncheon in the activity building immediately after services. Please bring 2 of the following, a meat dish, a salad, a vegetable, or a dessert. We will have many visitors here that day as the RV Rally will be in town. Please make plans to attend for fun and fellowship.

#### WHAT DO YOU TREASURE MOST?

In Mark 10, Jesus encounters a young man. He comes up to Jesus to ask, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus goes on to list the commandments to which the young man responds, "All these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross and follow me." The young man was disheartened by this suggestion from Jesus. He went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." Say what you want about the eye of the needle, the purpose of the passage is clear: It is not easy for a rich person to go to heaven. This young man was obedient to the law and doing many righteous things, but his heart was focused on worldly things. His possessions were part of his identity and giving them up was problematic. They were a priority for him. The Bible is full of wisdom, and we should always try to make personal application, when we read from it. Let's look at I Timothy 6:17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. Most of us might think this verse applies to someone else. We read the verse and it never crosses our mind, that we could be the "rich in this present age." DAN

#### **DOOR GREETERS**

Sunday Oct. 13, 2019 R.D. and Daphne Prince

#### **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

**Gregg and Sylvia Gurganus** 

Sunday Oct. 13, 2019 **NURSERY** Alison Rader

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#### **MISSIONS**

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#### **ASSEMBLY TIMES**

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

#### "THE HARVEST WILL COME"

When a person really focuses on the spiritual business of sowing and reaping, we lift our eyes to the farmer for lessons that are clearly applicable with a harvest in our future, the value of which far exceeds any bale and a half an acre cotton crop ever would! "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth" (2) Timothy 2:15). Here we see planning, preparation and perseverance in action ... one who has worked hard to be right before his maker. The farmer has a host of tools at his disposal. Knowing how to use each of them correctly with the harvest in mind is a must. The same can be said for the approved workman ... he is skillful in his accurate handling of God's instructions to and for him. Example ... those lessons from the farm were important in my own growth. Looking to those more experienced "hands" will be helpful to our spiritual success as God's farmers as well. "The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2) In Matthew's account of the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:3-9) we are very well familiar with the different soils discussed, but what is common to each? Seed was planted. The most finely executed plan for getting the ground ready to receive seed is wasted if the seed is never planted ... "Behold, the sower went out to sow." No seed in the planter boxes ... no crop! "I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6). Having done what we can in terms of planting the seed in what we hope to be good soil we then wait and watch the seed as it begins to grow. Oh, we may do what we can to cultivate the soil to help the seed grow, but we're not in control of the results at this point. We must wait and be patient for the harvest. DAN

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## Successful meeting in Jackson, Mississippi. Thanks for coming today.





### From Dan's desk:

It is good to be back home from the meeting in Clinton-Jackson, Mississippi. I appreciate all those who filled in for me while I was away. The weather in Mississippi was extremely hot as it has been here in Texas with near 100 degrees the last day of the meeting. In spite of the heat we had great attendance at all the services. Numerous visitors came each night and I am grateful for having had the opportunity be with the church there in the meeting. We have numerous activities coming up including the annual R.V. Rally next week at Grapeland and the Ladies Brunch hosted by the girls in "Lads To Leaders". There is a sign up list on the bulletin board for each of those events. We will have our Fall fellowship luncheon on Sunday Oct. 20th. Ladies Bunko is taking place on Oct. 17th. As you can see, October will be a busy month. Thanks for coming this morning and we hope to see you tonight at 6 P.M. **DAN** 







#### TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

**MARSHALL WALKER** is in Christus Mother Frances with blockage in both legs. He is recovering from surgery. GARY CHAMBLESS fell and broke his hip.

He had surgery in Jacksonville on Tuesday<u>.</u> CAROL DONALDSON, daughter-in-law of

Bob & Mary Stech, has learned she has spots on her liver.

All others who have been ill are still in need of our prayers.

#### **OUR SYMPATHY**

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Gary and Jan Todd in the death of Gary's brother DONNIE TODD in IOWA Park. Texas Services are pending at this time.

#### **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.

The ladies of our congregation are invited



#### "WILL GOD ALWAYS LISTEN?"

"Call to Me, and I will answer you..." (Jeremiah 33:3). Through prayer God has enabled us to be able to talk directly to Him, to personally present to Him all of our needs, concerns, thoughts, and fears. He has promised us that, because of His unlimited power, our prayers can make a difference for good, they change things (James 5:16). But, the scriptures are clear that there are people to whose prayers God will not listen. Why would God not listen to somebody's prayers? The simple answer is, "Sin!" But, it is not that God will not listen to a person's prayers simply because that person commits  $a \sin a$ . It is through prayer that a Christian who has sinned is to purposefully ask God's forgiveness (Acts 8:22).But, when a person is living an ongoing lifestyle of sin, and does not repent, God can choose to stop listening to that person's prayers. Many scriptures deal with this scenario, several examples being: Psalm 18:40-41; 34:14-16; Proverbs 15:8-9, 29; Isaiah 59:1-3; John 9:31; 1 Peter 3:11-12. The very idea that God would not listen to their prayers would be shocking to many people. Virtually everyone, regardless of how unfaithful to God they might be, orhow wicked and completely ungodly are their lives, or how totally disrespectful to God they have become, they still believe they can pray anytime and expect God to listen to their prayers! Many people would become quite emotional, some even angry, at the suggestion that perhaps God might not be listening to their prayers. The idea that individuals can disrespect God through continual disobedience and unfaithfulness, and that God will still always pay full respect to their prayers is presumptuous, to say the least. It could also be described as arrogant, absurd, even downright ungodly and wicked. **DOES HE LISTEN TO YOU?** 

DAN

