

Dean Road church of Christ

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are honored that you are with us this morning! Please fill out a white or green card and place it in the collection plate when it is passed around. We invite you to stick around after the assembly, so we can get a chance to know you!

REMINDER: Please silence or turn off any electronic device the may disturb the Assembly!

Announcements

● Prayer Requests/Updates:

- Former members *Greg Bryant and *Undre Griggs will be undergoing knee procedures this week.
- Continue to keep *Belinda Bryant (in rehab following procedure to remove mass from the back of her neck April 30), *Emmett Shifferd (recovering from dog attack), and Theron Golleher’s friend, *David Benedict (cancer), in your prayers.
- CONTINUED PRAYERS: *Serene Bailey (expecting in the Fall); *Steve Berg (Myasthenia gravis); *Louise Cauthen (rehab); *Dutch Dekker (breathing issues); *Nancy Godwin (medical issues); *Connie Kersey; *Joyce Maier; *Lamar Marjenhoff (rehab, congestive heart failure); *Marion & Elsie Pylant; *Ashley Van Guilder (Navy); *Athel Webb; *Our Elders; *Building the Future Christian School.
- Others to keep in prayers: Deborah Elliott’s sister, *Patricia Alexander (still recovering from accident involving school bus last February); frequent visitor *Bobbye Donaroma (recently completed cancer treatments); Reata Dunlavy’s husband *George Dunlavy (leukemia treatments); Georgana Dekker’s sister’s 14 year old grandson, *Adden Fry (leukemia); Nancy Godwin’s son, *Brandon Godwin (personal issues); Theron Golleher’s friend, *Stephanie Hinson (brain swelling); Belinda Bryant’s son and his wife, *Caleb & Heather Kitchings (expecting, December); *Terry Lewis (Stage 2 bone cancer); DeeAnna Durden’s niece, *Lori Potter (cancer).

● General Announcements:

- This afternoon, we will be holding our monthly service for those at the Taylor Care Center at 2:00PM. If you are interested in attending, please see *Scott Shifferd!
- Tonight for our PM Assembly, we will be holding a special singing service. Our hope is to devote most of the hour to singing. If you have any songs you would like sung, please write the song number on the easel near the front of the auditorium. If you have any questions, see *Justin Hirt!
- We will be hosting a Teachers Appreciation Breakfast **Saturday, August 11th** from 9:00AM to 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall! If you plan on attending please sign up on the sheet posted in the lobby.
- Our *Pantry Items of the Month* program is back! This month we collecting plastic jars of peanut butter and jelly! We hope to collect a combined 30 jars by the end of the month!
- We are in need of individuals to help greet our visitors before the Assembly. If you are interested in serving in this role, please see *Steve Berg!

2018 Theme

Bind Us Together

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

~Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

This Quarter’s Focus:

Unity in the Spirit

Memory Passage for the Quarter

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

~Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV)

Where Is My Devotion to God?

On whom can you rely? The days of "My word is my bond" have passed. Today, if you see a guarantee on a box, that note does not mean much. What happened to keeping one's word? What happened to genuine sincerity of our words?

Where is devotion and commitment? People agree to marriage and do not keep it. However, when the marriage turns from better to worse or from richer to poorer, they depart each other before marriage. Few people agree to a contract and keep it. At some time in life, we say that we will do something and do not follow through with action.

What about commitments to God? Many of us drift from God sometimes quickly and sometimes gradually. Ministers, deacons, and even elders can disconnect. Many think little of being in the assembly, participating in Bible studies, and being a part of the church as a community. Many Christians grow lukewarm and begin a habit of forsaking the assembly, which is a sin (Heb 10:24-25). Some change churches to attend somewhere that is not biblical or edifying for the sake of personal preference and amusement. They blend a faith in Christ with "new age" paganism and atheistic thinking. "What fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?" (2 Cor 6:14b-15).

God owes us nothing, but God gives grace us because He loves us even while sinners (Rom 5:6-8, 15-17). God keeps His promises. As long as we walk in the light, the blood Christ cleanses us from all sins (1 John 1:5-10). We cannot continue in sin that grace may abound (Rom 6:1). We can thank God that He does not change His mind, keep holding sins against us, and remind us of what we have done (Heb 8:12).

Many find being dead to sin and alive for righteousness to be a burden (Rom 6). However, God's commands are not burdensome (1 John 5:3). We will offer ourselves as living sacrifices when we realize Christ's love in the gospel message. Then, the love of Christ controls and compels us to die to self and live for Christ. Paul revealed, "For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Cor 5:14-15 ESV).

The fruit of walking in the Spirit is love, joy, peace, and so much more. All the things that really matter make enjoying God so wonderful. We have every reason to live like the first repentant believers on Pentecost who were devoted to the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayers (Acts 2:38, 42). No better life exists than living a life devoted to God with hope in the resurrection of Christ.

~Scott Shifferd

Last Weeks Stats - 7/29: DBR ~ 23; Classes ~ 48/50; Assembly ~ 63/38; Contribution ~ \$1,534.00

Calendar of Events

August

- 5 - Services at Taylor Care Center, 2:00PM
- 11 - Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, 9:00-11:00AM
- 12 - Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship following PM Assembly

September

- 2 - Services at Taylor Care Center, 2:00PM
- 4 - Bible Study at Town Center Panera Bread
- 9 - Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship following PM Assembly
- 9-12 - Gospel Meeting, Lakeside church of Christ (Orange Park, FL)

August Birthdays

- 1 - Jacqueline Richard
- 8 - Will Salisbury
- 28 - Nancy Godwin
- 31 - Teresa Golleher

August Anniversaries

- 14 - Dutch & Georgana Dekker

Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Morning Bible Study.....9:30 AM
- AM Assembly10:30 AM
- PM Assembly6:00 PM

Wednesday

- Bible Study.....7:00 PM

*Have an item or information that needs to go into next week's bulletin? Let *Justin Hirt know by 5:00 PM Thursday!*