



Good News!

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To Know Jesus Christ and Make Him Known to Others



Close, But No.....

From the Pastor's Desk

As with many of us, I have a couple of musical groups that I like to listen to. My favorite musical act is a group out of England called "The Alan Parsons Project." They have been my all-time favorite since High School and yes, I do have every one of their albums! I can spend long amounts of time listening to some of the works they have compiled over the last 40 years.

However, one of the major drawbacks to liking a group out of England is that they don't make it over to the United States very often. Those times that they are in concerts are in major venues in major cities.

Many of these are many miles away and I don't hear about them locally. I have never been able to see Alan and the group performing live ever. This despite how much I would really like to be able to.

Two weeks ago, while I was on my computer, I discovered that "the project" would be in Houston in concert. The closest area was only about 300 miles away. While this was great news and a golden opportunity, there was one hitch. The concert was the very next night and I had a prearranged meeting that I could not get out of. I would have to miss out again.

This near missed event reminded me again that we are only offered so many chances in our lives to see or do something that we may have wished to do for so long. It also applies to our relationship with Jesus. In the final book of the New Testament, the Book of Revelation, Jesus says, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. ²¹ To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne." (Revelation 3: 20 – 21)

We are given only a certain amount of time on this planet and within this frail body, and we need to make the most of it during that time. The most important thing that we need to do is to decide to answer that question of where do you fit in to your relationship with Jesus. We need to know that this question is one that we do not have an unlimited time period.

Many of us believe that we can put off things in our lives. We wait on going to the dentist or the doctor. We wait on filing our tax returns until the last night. I remember while I was in college seeing many a student sitting in some lounge area studying for a final exam in the late hours of the night. "Why do today what you can put off till tomorrow." There are some things that we cannot keep putting off. Just like the commercials sometime say, "Limited time offer". There is an ending date and when that is up there is no longer time left. It is as they say, "Now or never".

At the end of each of our Sunday services we offer a time in which the individual is given a chance to make a decision that will affect the rest of their lives. Those of us that long ago made that same decision at some church or evangelical meeting may think that this is a total waste of time that we could be already down in the fellowship hall enjoying a good meal. This of course would be an inappropriate view of this time. It should be a time where every member of the church is in a state of prayer for those who need to make that decision.

Hopefully I might get another chance to see the "Alan Parsons Project" in concert sometime soon, but if I do not get to, I still will be a fan. But this is not as important as was the decision that changed my relationship with Jesus. How do you view your choice?

If you are reading this and have never given your life to Jesus, We would be overjoyed to help you with this decision. Call us, we can help.

Praying for you as I hope you are praying for me,

Craig



Serving Schedule for June 2021

Lay Leader:
Raymond Sparks

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Elders: Linda Johnson & Colleen Metcalf
Greeting: Jerry Vick, Erik Vick, Clay Norris, Reese Norris, Liz Palmer
Acolyte: Valcus Best
Sound System: Sherri Winton
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

Sunday, June 13, 2021

Elders: Helen Remes & Dale Hogue
Greeting: Kristi Johnson, Barbara Gale, Denise Record
Acolyte: Lynna Johnson
Sound System: Lisa Stevens
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Elders: Dana & Sherry Skelton
Greeting: Linda Conder, Lynda Roberts, Ann Winton, Ann Barrow
Acolyte: Elliot Cross
Sound System: Mike LeVasseur
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

Sunday, June 27, 2021

Elders: Mike Siemann & Scott Gilmore
Greeting: Ron & Jan Compton, David & Carol Dickens, Addison Cross
Acolyte: Kinsler Bratz
Sound System: Sherri Winton
Camera Operator: Ryder Norris

PRAYER

Those For Whom Prayer is Needed ***(Know that we are praying for you)***

As you go to God in quiet time this week, please remember these individuals in your prayers. Thank you!

Our Church Family: Terry Condran, Ronnie Glenn, Kurt Cone, Jay Cole, Guylene Ballard, Pat Sparks, Ruth LeVasseur, Pat Hopper, John Hegar* The Family of Robert Ballard

Our Extended Church Family: Barbara Beatty, Ariel Baska, Don Dozier, Evelyn O'Lexy, June Breazeale, Phyllis Ferguson, Marcia Gordon Hudson* Angela Thomas, Corey Rutherford



Harold (Sonny) Leigh

Cookie & Jesse Lancaster & Family
Maintenance Fund

2021 CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX DONATIONS

Friends of Bag Ladies visited recently with donations for our Annual Christmas Shoeboxes. Some of these ladies who are members of ReChurch in Kaufman have crocheted sleeping mats in the past. Now they are knitting caps and recently brought about 200 of them to donate for inclusion in our 2021 Shoeboxes. We are so grateful for their donation and encourage others who might have something handmade they'd like to donate for the shoeboxes

Our shoeboxes will be collected in November and dedicated on the third Sunday in November. Now is the time to plan your shoebox!! The Joy Class will have ours packed and ready by November 1st. Sue Ann Norris shops the sales so we can pack them full.



200 Knit Caps!



NEW WORK SCHEDULE FOR BAG LADIES

Beginning in June, Bag Ladies will meet twice monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. We hope all of our ladies will be able to attend at least one of these workdays each month. Please remember to bring your supply of bags and spread the word to your friends that **WE NEED PLASTIC GROCERY STORE TYPE BAGS.**

MONTH OF APRIL, 2021	
INCOME AND EXPENSE	
INCOME:	\$11,462.80
EXPENSES:	\$12,861.00
DIFFERENCE:	<\$1,398.20>

We Need Grocery Bags!

BAG LADIES NEED YOUR HELP!!

We have run out of plastic bags for making sleeping mats for the homeless!!! There are specially marked bins in the basement and in the Family Center entrance for collecting your donations.

Please save your grocery store type plastic bags for us: Walmart, Kroger, Big Lots, Dollar Tree - - any bags of this type. Other kinds of plastic bags don't work for crocheting.

We prefer if you don't wash them.....just crush them and put in a bag or flatten and stack them. We have a group of dedicated ladies who will sit and flatten them so they look like new and can then be cut in strips and tied into PLARN (plastic yarn) for crocheting.

Goodness of God

By Bethel Music & Jenn Johnson

I love you, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me

All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me



Mayor Rick Carmona (left), read a proclamation honoring the original Terrell Tigerettes from 1951-1952 as honored guests at the Tigerettes Spring Show on April 16 at the Jamie Foxx Performing Arts Center.

From left are Carmona and original Tigerettes **Sally Leigh, Sandra Wnorowski, Mary Lindsey** and Barbara Rasor. The first group of Tigerettes comprised of about 45 students under the direction of J.H. Compton and Ira Tyson.

Year 2021 marks the 70th anniversary of the Tigerettes. Carmona proclaimed April 16 as Terrell Tigerettes Appreciation Day in Terrell.

