Birthdays

Kathy Patterson 10/10
Cindy Schindler 10/10
Terry Davis 10/11
Tracy Beaty 10/12
Sarah Davenport 10/13
Marcus Sides 10/14

Anniversaries

Carl & Lacey Lucas 10/10
Curtis & Shirley Walker 10/14

October Assignments

Welcome/Prayer: Dak Jones

Song Leader: Jim Barnes

Scripture Reading: Caleb Patterson
Ephesians 2:4-6

Lord's Supper Devotional – Carl Lucas

Lord's Table and Communion

Bread Prayer – Carl Lucas
Fruit of the Vine Prayer – Ryan Patterson
Offering Prayer – Gary Patterson
Assisting with Communion: Connor Lucas, George Light, Ed Foster

Attendance Cards: Dylan Patterson
Hayden Patterson

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18 Then Jesus came to them
and said, "All authority in
heaven and on earth has
been given to
me. 19 Therefore go and
make disciples of all
nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, 20 and teaching them
to obey everything I have
commanded you. And
surely, I am with
you always, to the very end
of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

TO:

Be sure to tune in to "***Let the Bible Speak***" Sundays 6:30 am on KTEN NBC 10 and 9:30 am KTEN ABC 9.

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TIME OF SERVICES

Bible Class:	9:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Evening	6:00 pm
Wednesday	7:00 pm

Salvation: It Requires Confession of Faith

There are some who question there being multiple steps and conditions required for salvation. However, "the way of man is not in himself," for "it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10:23). God is the author of salvation (Heb. 5:9), so we must respect and obey whatever conditions He specifies (and as many as He stipulates).

In order to be saved from his sins, man relies on God to do His part (which He has done and is doing), but man must fulfill the part that God has designed for him. As we have noted, that requires faith in Christ and repentance from sins (Acts 16:31; 17:30). Still, a sinner has not yet reached the promise of salvation from sin. The Bible also calls upon man to CONFESS HIS FAITH.

The New Testament does teach to "confess your sins to one another" (Jas. 5:16), but that instruction is given to Christians (after they have been saved), and there is no verse that requires alien sinners to confess their sins to anyone in order to be saved. But confession of faith is required.

There are numerous passages that place an emphasis on this confession. Paul wrote to Timothy of that occasion when the young man had "confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses" (1 Tim. 6:12). That "good confession" is the occasion when one would "confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus," making the verbal expression of the heart that one believes "God has raised [Christ] from the dead" (Rom. 10:9; cf. Phil. 2:11). Peter confessed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16; cf. Acts 8:37).

Such a confession of faith is tied directly to one's salvation. As Timothy had "confessed…in the presence of many witnesses," so Jesus said that the one who "confesses Me before men" (obviously, a public confession leading to conversion), "him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32). Paul emphasizes, "For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10). There is no affirmation of the heart more precious than this!

Without a public confession of faith, one cannot be saved. Jesus acknowledged that fact in the verse following the promise of His own confession to His Father of those who confess Him. He warned, "But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 10:33).

Every step in God's plan has a purpose. One must be willing to publicly acknowledge his faith in Jesus Christ in order to be saved. Still, he is not saved yet. The Lord has yet one more step required of him, in order to have his sins forgiven.

~David Sproule

Keep in your prayers.

Eric Axe's sister's family is doing much better after having COVID.
Stacey King, friend of Eric Axe, will be released from the hospital on Friday after being in a bad accident. She will have home care to help her.
Please keep the **Lucas family** in your prayers as little **Navaha** has left their home. Pray for peace during this transition.
Billy Don Smith began his new cancer treatment on September 28th.
Sharla Lawson, daughter of Charles & Juvean Snell has colon cancer and will have surgery soon.
Jasen Hampton, son of Gene & Patty Hampton is struggling.
Dortha Reed, Jeff Reed's mother, is in rehab at Cedar Hollow following several falls. She has a fractured spine.
Dee Ann Lewis, sister of Christi Light, had foot surgery and is having trouble recovering. Also, Christi's mother, **Patricia Lewis** has pneumonia.
Suzy Olson Thompson, friend of the Hamptons, has been placed on hospice.
John Wolf, a former church family member, has been diagnosed with cancer.
LaDonna Jones who is Kerry Jones' sister-in-law is in Medical City, Denton.
Marjorie Grady, Pat Jones' mother is not feeling well.
Debbie Parrott is still not feeling well.

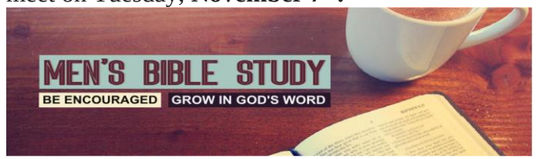
Deaths
Harold Johnson, a long-time member passed away on October 3rd. A memorial service for him will be announced at a later date.

Long-Term/Rehab
Tyrena Jones is in the memory unit in the Cedar Ridge Rehab Center in Pilot Point.
Wanda Hackney is in Meadowbrook Care Center in Van Alstyne.
Wilma Tutt is in Eagle Ridge Alzheimer Care, 2505 Brinker Rd., Room 104, Denton, TX 76208
Larry Jones is in Beacon Hills in Denison.
Larry Bice is in Just Like Home 6313 Old Sherman Rd., Room 203 in Whitesboro.

Bible Class Opportunities

9:30 am Sunday Adult
Auditorium / Scott Sides
9:30 am Sunday Young Adults with children in school Fellowship Hall / David Davenport
9:30 am various Bible classes throughout the building for all ages.
10:30 am Worship in Auditorium and on Facebook
6:00 pm Worship in the Auditorium and on Facebook
6:00 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall for 3rd -12th-grade students.
7:00 pm Wednesday Bible study for all ages.

7:00 am Men's breakfast and Bible class will meet on Tuesday, **November 7th.**



10:00 am Ladies Bible Class will **not** meet Wednesday, October 11th.

Those to continue to remember in prayer.

Bill Schindler Kyler Wiggins Debbie Parrott
Martha Flowers Veda Nicholson Tony Way
Braxton Bounds Cullum Hillis Melba Hampton
Devon Hammonds Ross Lewis Cody Higgins
Kerry Proffitt Dick Morton Andrea Stone
Lou Vander Molen Adell Thomson Mark Garrison
Margie Grady Larry Bice Teresa Davenport
Braden Rubey Lila Beth Davis Martha Flowers
Patty Fortson Zoretta Smith Dick Morton
Beryl Mackey Saundra Westfall Keith Welch
Doris Sides Angie Hart Joy Fowler Tammy Sides
Wilma Tutt Adell Thomson
Charles & Juvean Snell Billy Don Smith
Dorothy Jones Wanda Hackney Tyrena Jones
Doug Davenport Keith & Melba Welch Eddie Baker
Stephanie McWilliams Chase Reed Tammy Sides
Lone Sides family Jack Lansig Arlin Ellis
Chris Price Marvin Adams

UPCOMING Events

October 7th – 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. the Lewisville Church of Christ is having a Woman 2 Woman convention.
October 7th – We will ride together the Tabernacle Experience in Sherman. We will leave at 4:30 pm. Reservations are at 5:00 pm.
October 8th – Elders and Deacon meeting immediately after evening services.
October 9th – We will leave at 6:00 pm if you want to ride the bus to the Tabernacle Experience. Reservations are for 6:30 pm.
October 11th – Ladies Bible Class will not meet.
October 21st – 6:00 p.m. Area Wide Singing at the MLK Church of Christ in Gainesville
October 23rd – 27th – Workers are needed every day of the week; setting up, sorting clothes, arranging displays, cleaning up afterward. Wednesday is reserved for our members to shop and then it is open to the public on Thursday and Friday. See Betty Graham if you have questions.
October 28th – Homebuilders group will meet at Jared & Christi Light's house at 6:30 pm. It will be Halloween themed and everyone is welcome to dress up. Please RSVP to Christi.

Ashton Patterson was baptized on September 30th. Please let him know how happy we are for him.

Vital Statistics

Sunday Morning Bible Class 88
Sunday Morning Assembly.....172
Sunday Morning Online Viewership.....136
Sunday Evening Assembly.....52
Sunday Evening Online Viewership 140
1st Tuesday Men's Bible Class 12
Ladies Bible Class 25
Wednesday Evening Assembly.....60
Wednesday Evening Online Viewership.....n/a
Weekly Budget.....$4,961
Contribution Last Sunday.....$6,029

Sunday Sermon Titles

Sunday AM: " I Am The Bread of Life"
John 6:48

Sunday PM: "Sound Doctrine"
2 Timothy 4:3

~ Know Your Bible ~

Last week's question… What was the first name of Barnabas? *Joses; Acts 4:36*

This week's question…. With what words did Christ forbid vainglory in almsgiving?

Linda Gann placed membership with our church family. Please welcome her!

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Thank you so much for the prayers, the support, the flowers, and the family meal. We are grateful for your kindness.

Don Swindle

Military

J. R. Lance **Zack Turpen**
Hunter Brewer **Brock Murray**
Chad Lorenz **Christopher Carny**
Seth Rodriguez **Matt Upton**