

WEEKLY FAMILY ENCOURAGER



“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord you labor is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

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Upcoming Events

December 31- Sunday

- Regular AM & PM Worship
- Bible Hour (Ages 3-10)

January 3- Wednesday

- No Bible Classes—All Church Devotional at 7 PM

January 7- Sunday

- Timothy & Tabitha Classes 4 PM
- Bible Hour (Ages 3-10) 5 PM
- Teen Devo

January 9- Tuesday

- Men's & Preachers Lunch

January 10- Wednesday

- Men's & Ladies Classes 10 AM
- Classes for All Ages 7 PM

January 12-14- Fri thru Sun

- Challenge Youth Conference

January 14- Sunday

- Bible Hour (Ages 3-10)

January 17- Wednesday

- Teens Dine Out

January 20- Saturday

- Area-wide Fellowship, Riverside Church of Christ in Calallen

January 21- Sunday

- Involvement Sunday
- Leadership Meeting
- Youth Fellowship at Arlington

February 4- Sunday

- Timothy & Tabitha Classes
- Annual Chili Supper

February 13- Tuesday

- Men's & Preachers Lunch

February 18- Sunday

- Birthday Celebration

February 21- Wednesday

- Teens Dine Out

March 23- Saturday

- Church Work Day

March 24- Sunday

- Mission Sunday

What About You and Your House?

Don't you love the arrival of the New Year? In our church life, it seems that there's a renewed sense of love and unity. People look forward to opportunities for involvement and spiritual growth. Anticipation is high for what lies ahead!

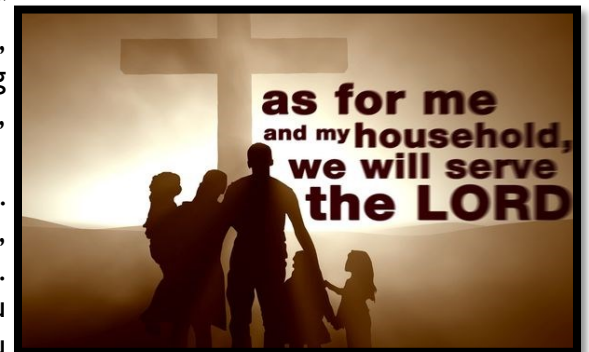
Will you make 2024 a year to evaluate your involvement in the Lord's work? Challenge yourself to spend more time on things that will last through eternity. Following are three things that will help you start off the year in a positive direction.

First, start off by **PRAYING** more often to the Lord. No matter how old we are, no matter how healthy we are, no matter how much we work, no matter our experience as a Christian, we can all pray to God. Is there a better way to grow spiritually than to spend more time going to God in prayer?

Second, spend more time in **GOD'S WORD!** The Bible is God's way of communicating with us. Involve yourself in Bible classes and personal studies. When Bible classes are part of your weekly schedule as a family, God will surely be pleased. Put more emphasis on regular Bible study than you do for work, play, homework, sports, hobbies, or anything else that consumes your time. Also, bring your Bibles to class and worship.

Third, find areas in which to **SERVE**. Many of us volunteer in school, sports, and various community organizations. That's great, but remember that if you are a member of the Lord's church, you first have a responsibility to God. Don't let anything stop you from finding a way to serve. If you have very little or a lot of time, if you can work during the day or night, whatever your situation, we can find something for you to do. Here are some examples of possible service: spend a little time each week grading Bible correspondence courses in your home; teach or assist Bible classes and Children's Bible Hour, greet visitors to our worship assemblies and Bible classes; send out notes of encouragement to members and visitors; provide meals for shut-ins and others; communicate with our missionaries and preaching students; help with youth activities; visit those in hospitals and shut-ins. There are many more ways in which you can serve.

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mt 16:24 Don't let opportunities to serve the Lord pass you by in 2024!



-Mark Hammitt

Do We Delight To Do His Will?

By Wayne Jackson (Christian Courier)

In his letter to the church in Ephesus, Christ warned that they had left their first love (Rev. 2:4). Though they had maintained **the truth**, their delight in Christ had lost its shine. No longer did they possess a child-like wonder and faith for the Master (Matt. 18:2ff). And so the Lord begged them to “*repent and do the first works*” (Rev. 2:5).

How can we rekindle a love for God? How can we renew our dedication to his blessed Son? Perhaps we might ponder that question as we consider a little gem tucked away in Psalm 40. The Psalmist declared, “*I delight to do your will, O my God; Yes, your law is within my heart*” (Psa. 40:8). What a marvelous exclamation! The Hebrews writer declares by inspiration that this passage is fulfilled in the perfect obedience of Jesus Christ (cf. Heb. 10:7ff).

Jesus: Our Example of the Delightful Servant

Christ was ever involved in the things of his Father (Lk. 2:49) He once confessed with amazing frankness, “*I always do the things that are pleasing to him*” (Jn. 8:29). And when vicious Jewish leaders so desperately sought to find in him something worthy of condemnation, he challenged, “*Which of you convicts me of sin?*” (Jn. 8:46). Befuddled, they could only mumble the absurd charge that he was demon-possessed. John the baptizer introduced Jesus as “*the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world*” (Jn. 1:29). He was a Lamb, which Peter affirmed to be without blemish or spot (1 Pet. 1:19). Yes, Jesus “*did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth*” (1 Pet. 2:22). That **perfect obedience** he maintained unto death, hence “*without blemish*” he offered himself to God (Heb. 9:14). Truly, Jesus delighted in doing Heaven’s will.

Do We Delight to Do His Will?

One of the great tragedies of our time — of all time — is this. How many really delight in doing the will of their Creator? The answer is sad — fewer than should. Do we meditate day and night upon heavenly oracles (Psa. 1:2)? Do we long after, even pant for, the commands of our God (Psa. 119:131)? “*How sweet are your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*” (Psa. 119:103). “*I love your commands above gold, yes, above fine gold*” (Psa. 119: 127). How many of Jehovah’s children can genuinely express these sentiments today? The answer might be frightening!

Christianity: A Blessing or a Burden?

It takes only a casual observer to note that religion as practiced by some members of the body of Christ seems more of a burdensome drudgery that is but painfully tolerated. There is that type of “saint” who drags sleepy-eyed into the Sunday morning service, having skipped a Bible study because it does not pique his interest. The hour’s worship activities are endured with a zombie-like stare revealing maximum boredom. These poor souls do not scruple to absent themselves on Sunday evening or from a mid-week Bible study. Once a week is sacrifice aplenty! Do they ever talk of spiritual matters? No, more often their interests are confined to the worldly. Social media is proof enough of what their heart treasures most. And their financial support of the Lord’s work wouldn’t even pay for the communion bread they absent-mindedly consume. They are listless, lukewarm and lifeless. They grumble and actually, are just plain miserable. The question is — why?

How to Delight in the Will of God

The answer lies in the very text with which this discussion was begun, Psa.40:8. The Lord delighted in doing Jehovah’s will **because the law of God was in his heart!** Many brethren know the truth from an intellectual standpoint, but their hearts are far from their Master. The heart, as well as the head, needs conversion. In other words, service needs to be motivated from love as well as a recognition of duty. It is this love, this fervor, this passion for daily serving God, that makes life delightful. And legions know it not! The world, like an octopus, tries to get its deadly tentacles around the hearts of God’s children. It is as quicksand that would suck us into the destruction of hell. If the Christian is to survive, he must store the word of God into his heart daily. “*Your word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against you*” (Psa. 119:11). “*The law of God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide,*” (Psa. 37:31). Every facet of Christianity is designed to **strengthen the disciple** of the Lord, to prevent the erosion of his soul by the world. Praise, prayer, Bible study — these and other spiritual things are sources of divine strength.

Regretfully, however, we often **neglect** to give attention to spiritual things. It is possible to be lulled into a spiritual numbness and thus be forever lost.

(The Christian Courier is an excellent resource for articles and studies on hundreds of biblical topics. You are encouraged to visit the website to further your study of the Bible at <https://christiancourier.com>)-Mark Hammitt

We hope to see you in Bible Class this Sunday! 9 AM

December

31-Annora Bailey

January

3-Waite Higgins
5-Ina Stewart

5-Rory Honig
5-Carlos Vega



If you used the Purpose Envelopes in 2023 and would like an end of year tax letter, please write on the back of your attendance card that you need a letter. Only requested letters will be sent.

If you'd like to use the Purpose Envelopes for 2024, turn in a Stewardship Intention card in the mailbox in the foyer or outside the Secretaries office. If you have any questions, contact Charlene Hooten.

Weekly Bible Quiz

What was the main subject of Paul's letter to Philemon?

"Serving An Awesome God"
"For we know if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Cor 5:1 (KJV)



Daily Bible Reading Schedule

December 31- Revelations 22; Malachi 1-4
January 1- Matthew 1; Genesis 1-2
January 2- Matthew 2; Genesis 3-5
January 3- Matthew 3; Genesis 6-7
January 4- Matthew 4; Genesis 8-10
January 5- Matthew 5:1-20; Genesis 11-12
January 6- Matthew 5:21-48; Genesis 13-15

Dear Weber Road Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the lovely plant you sent to Randy's mother's funeral service. We also appreciate the Bible you sent as a going away gift. We will always treasure it and all of our wonderful memories and fellow Christians in Corpus Christi. We will never forget you! May God continue to guide, bless and encourage each and every one of you forever.
Much Love, Randy and Jonizo Calloway

Members: Nelta Montgomery, Joy Burt, Leroy Darrow, Noelia Lee, Rose Ramirez, Laura Johnson, Kathy Jimenez

Shut-ins: Bea Anderson, Bobby & Sharlene Barnhart, Margie Brown, Betty Clark, Betty Coatney, Billy Brittain, Jim Evans, Betty Hervey, Idee Higgins, Ramon & Julia Hinojosa, Annie Mungia, Evelyn Pledger, Patsy Reed, Maria Sanchez, Joyce Self, Deanie Taylor, Gloria Wilson, Charmaine Windham

Friend & Family Prayer Requests: Hamilton Family (Barbara Bazy's granddaughter's friend-2 yr old son passed away), Brittany-Ann Keola (loss of friend's 2 yr old son), Bob Hammitt (Mark's father), Kenny Campbell (Honig's friend), Don & Debbie Lynn (Tara Yaws' parents), Wendell Williams (Vanessa Joshlin's brother), Maverick Thompson (Jacque's grandson), Eva Perez (Larry Sanchez's friend), Stephen Limones' mother, Daniel Meza (Teodora's father-in-law), Juan Salazar (Manuel Mungia's brother-in-law), Sid Frasier (Klotz's friend), Joe & Kim Smith (Eric Blanchard's friends), Lois Brinn (Thomas's mother), Lupe Davila (Jesse's wife)

Missionaries\Preaching Students: Sainthuber Felix and Beaubrun Origine (Haiti); Will Hanstein (Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies, Knoxville, TN); Sylionor Houquette (Jamaica); Wayne Jones and Robert Eller (Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver, CO); Fernando Madrid and Elias Padron (Colombia); John Moore (Bible Land Passages and Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver, CO); Jaston Richter (Southwest School of Bible Studies, Austin, TX); Dustin Vensel (Sunset School of Preaching, Lubbock, TX); Norfleet Stitts (Brown Trail School of Preaching, Bedford, TX); Augustine Tawiah (Africa); World Bible Study

Prayer Requests

join us in prayer

- Please provide regular updates so our prayer list will be current. Email updates to office@webercofc.com or write on back of your attendance card.



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Sharing God's Word with Corpus Christi and the World

Worship Times

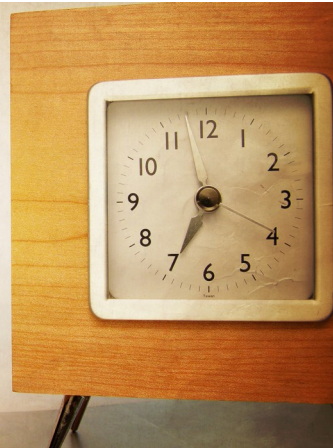
Come and Worship with us

SUNDAY

Bible Class (All Ages) 9 AM
Worship 10 AM & 5 PM

WEDNESDAY

Ladies' Bible Class* 10 AM
Men's Bible Class* 10 AM
Bible Class (All Ages) 7 PM
*(September-May)



Elders: Grant Jackson, Mike Klotz

Preacher: Mark Hammitt

Interim Youth Minister: Trey Fricks

Deacons: Steven Bailey, Jimmy Crowe, Bruce Elam, Justin Esslinger, Gary Hannah, Daniel Honig, Russell Hooten, Manuel Mungia, Larry Sanchez



Upcoming EVENTS Don't miss out

Timothy & Tabitha Classes

Starting January 7 | 4-5 PM

1st-5th Graders are encouraged to join us
the 1st Sunday of each month from January-August.
Boys Teacher: Mark Hammitt | Girls Teacher: Denise Hammitt

Bible Hour

Sundays | 5 PM

We have Bible Hour for children ages 3-10 each
Sunday at 5 PM. There is singing, Bible lessons, puppets
and more. See Thomas Brinn to volunteer to help.
We always need volunteers.

Teen Devo

January 7 | 6 PM

6-12th Graders (Youth Group) join us in the
fellowship hall for a devotional.
Guys bring drinks & girls bring dessert.

Preachers & Men's Meeting

January 9 | 11:30 AM

Join us at Jason's Deli on Airline
& SPID (Dutch treat) for lunch.

Teens to CYC in Dallas

January 12-14

6-12th Graders (Youth Group) sign up if you plan on
attending. Deadline is January 7th.
The 1st kid is \$50 & each additional kid is \$25 each.

Teens Dine Out

Jan 17 | 8-9 PM

Parents and teens are invited for dinner
(Dutch treat). Van will leave after the
devo & return around 9:10 PM.

*Wednesday Night
Youth Group
DINE OUT*
JOIN US AFTER SERVICE

Area-Wide Fellowship-Riverside CofC

January 20 & 21

Speaker: Eddie Rodriguez

See the flier in the foyer on the bulletin board
for more information.