

Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Psalm 42:1-2; Psalm 84:10-12; & Lamentations 3:24-26

The Messenger

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Loving God / Loving People

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Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Dan Strope

Scripture Reading: Chase Tichenor (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

Worship Leader: George Hewitt

Communion: Jacob Day

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (A God Centered Life)

Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

Bible Hour Today: Crystal Miller

Bible Hour February 2: Tammy Burris

Nursery Today: Kayla Stanton

Nursery February 2: Sarah Day

Schedule of Services

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:30am & 5:00pm / Wednesday 7pm

Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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Prayer Concerns

- **Cindy Davis** has breast cancer. She saw her oncologists this past Thursday.
- **Chere Hill**, Pam Sherrill's sister, surgery for a brain tumor was postponed.
- **Chris Houston**, Rhonda Denzio's friend, battling cancer, recently had pneumonia which led to a fungal infection and collapsed lung. She may need to have her lung removed.
- **Rhonda King**, grandmother of Ed's employee, has cancer.
- **Flora Littleton** has been having more seizures.
- **Kara Littleton** is dealing with some health concerns.
- **Family of Jackie Morgan**, Kathy Hanshaw's cousin in TN. who passed away this past week. Her funeral will be Saturday.
- **Jim Robling**, former member, had defibrillator surgery on Friday.
- **JoAnn Ryder**, 92yr old mom of George Hewitt's friend, has covid, along with congestive heart failure and diabetes.
- **Charlie Weaver** has been stage 4 prostate cancer, which has spread to his femur and lungs. He had prostate surgery last week. He was able to have his first treatment Wednesday morning.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Samantha Brazel, (GayLee's granddaughter, residential hospital); **Juanita Brunner** (Shut-in), **Polly Burchfield** (Shut-in), **Brandon Chance** (Edie Short's nephew, deployed to Poland), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Shabazz Germany** (friend of Day's, recovering from multiple gunshots), **Moe Handy** (shoulder, back & sciatic pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer, radiation treatments), **Marilyn Hiser** (cancer treatments), **Ted Houchin** (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), **Martin Julian** (Shut-In), **Pam Lasiter** (ongoing health issues); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Noah & Gay Logsdon** (Shut-in), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, kidney failure and is now on transplant list in TX), **Camille Parsley** (Deford's niece, has metastatic breast cancer that has spread to her bone marrow), **Janette Parsley** (Karen Deford's sister, has a leaky heart valve. She is going to require a replacement valve), **Leah Raker** (David & Janice Kent's 4yr old great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome, seizures), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), Barb Short (Edie Short's sister-in-law, cancer), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, cancer treatments), **Barb Surber** (Dementia), **Nancy Vermillion** (Burriss's friend, cancer treatments), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Chaney Walls** (teenager girl in Dallas, TX, has Leukemia and has been admitted to the hospital for treatments. Request submitted by Karen Deford), **Charlie Weaver** (stage 4 prostate cancer), **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus), **Joel Westberry** (neck & spine), and **Nancy White** (John Denzio's aunt, hospice), **Jimmy Wooten** (Parkinson's), & **Keven Wooten** (Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo)

Missions

Fiji Bible Institute (Jason & Devin Pierce family); **India** (Jerris & Juanita Bullard, Steve & Renee Gaudreau); **Shults/Lewis Child & Family Services** (Staff & Residents); **Caleb Pierce** (Bear Valley Bible Institute)



Celebrations This Week

Anniversary

2nd Fred & Brenda Lind (57yrs)

7th Lonnie & Helen Shoopman (66yrs)



The teens will meet at the Wiwczarowski's home on February 1st (1pm) to plan and prepare for their Winterfest trip. They will also be going skating that evening.



Morning Glories Ministry Brunch

The next brunch for our ladies will be on Saturday, February 9th at 10am in the fellowship hall.



Love Feast Fellowship

February 9th is our Family Fellowship Meal following our worship service. Everyone is encouraged to bring your favorite dish and dessert to share. Following our meal, we will be having our evening Bible Study.



All men are invited to join us on Saturday, February 22nd at 9am for a meal, fellowship, devotional, and prayer time.

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, January 26	Exodus 25-27
Monday, January 27	Exodus 28-29
Tuesday, January 28	Exodus 30-32
Wednesday, January 29	Exodus 33-35
Thursday, January 30	Exodus 36-38
Friday, January 31	Exodus 39-40
Saturday, February 1	Leviticus 1-4

Meditation of God's Word

The Fruit of Abiding

So often out of a right desire to do good and God-honoring works we try and force fruit out of ourselves without taking the time to rest and receive the nutrients we can only get from abiding in our heavenly Father. A branch disconnected from an apple tree can no more produce good fruit than you and I can do good works apart from continual abiding in the love, grace, and presence of God. Without truly centering our lives around meeting with God, we'll never produce the fruit we were created to make.

Jesus taught in John 15:1-5, *I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself but must remain in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.* (John 15:4-5, NASB)

God's heart is for us to abide in him all day, every day. How incredible is that! You and I can graft ourselves every day into the perfect, good, and powerful vine of our heavenly Father. We can wake up every day, open our hearts to God, and live out of the union afforded us by the powerful sacrifice of Jesus. Rather than striving to do good works from the moment our feet hit the ground, we must take time to be loved by our heavenly Father.

Rather than making our own opportunities to serve God, we must allow him to guide us to the works he's set out for us. Rather than trying to lead others to Jesus by our own efforts, we must simply live openly and honestly with others, thereby revealing God's heart to meet with those who are broken and in need of him. And rather than living as if God has left us to our devices, we must acknowledge our union with the Holy Spirit in every moment, thereby allowing his loving presence to permeate everything we do.

James 2:26 teaches, *"For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead"* (NASB). Connect yourself to the wonderful vine of Jesus today. Center your life around meeting with Him. It's only in abiding in God that your faith will produce works that are alive, eternal, and filled with the transformational power of God's Spirit. May you discover the freedom and love available to you in continual communion with your heavenly Father today.

...First 15 Devotional