

Morning *The Gospel According to Jesus: He Took the First Step - Ephesians 1:3-14*

God took the initiative in providing salvation for His wayward creatures. In the Garden, Adam and Eve decided that they wanted to be like God. They thought they could handle knowing good and evil, instead of choosing follow the way of Life. Since that time, we have all thought we could handle knowing good and evil. Because of that, we have all sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God. We are hopelessly lost. We are not able to save ourselves. Someone else had to take the first step.

Evening *The Reign of God: From the Foundation of the Earth – Exodus 24:1-12*

Since God created the heavens and the earth, it logically follows that He is the ruler over His creation; He is King! His intent is to rule, and in these latter days, He has sent His Son to redeem what is lost, and to speak to us the truth about the Kingdom. What underlines His rule is that His plan for us to participate in it, has been revealed throughout history. It should cause us to stand up and take notice. Then, it should cause us to drop to our knees in awe and in worship. May we be as God’s people experience a revival in carrying out the Mission of the Church, proclaiming that the Kingdom is near and may our country have an awakening to the rule of God in their lives.

Schedule of Services

Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Ladies Class	11:00 am
(via Zoom)	
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm
(via Zoom)	

Minister Dennis Baker

Shepherds

Gordon Gower Morris Guest
Larry Miller

Deacons

Don Dillahunty Rick Pinney
Spencer Guest Troy Trammell

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OFFICE HOURS: M-Th 8am to noon

ATTENDANCE

Bible Class	48
Worship - AM	59
Worship - PM	11

FINANCES

Weekly Budget	\$3995
Weekly Contribution	\$4377

Imitating God in Forgiveness

“You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48).

The perfect standard for behavior is God Himself and the gospel exhorts all to be perfect as God is perfect. This entails that in whatever ways one may possibly imitate God that he so do. “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.” (Ephesians 5:1). We would, therefore, do well to imitate God when it comes to forgiveness.

How does God forgive? God forgives generously. One of the greatest statements in the Bible concerning God’s forgiveness occurs in Psalm 103:10-14. “He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.” The Christian who possesses repentance of the heart and who fears God has great comfort knowing that God’s desire and practice is not to deal with us after our sins, but to forgive. In Christ, forgiveness is actual and God refuses to memorialize our sins (Hebrews 10:16-18). Would to God that our brethren would be so generous!

Why does God forgive? God forgives because each person has eternal value worth more than the whole world (Matthew 16:26) and He wants them to be saved. God so valued each person that he offered His only begotten Son as sacrifice. Romans 5:6-9 “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.” Each person is at least as precious as the precious blood of Jesus (1 Peter 1:19). And because God has so offered forgiveness to all men, so ought we to have an attitude of forgiveness. “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” (Eph.4:32). “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.” (Col.3:12, 13).

We would do well to imitate God in forgiveness at each moment. For the child of God who stands in a relationship with God of having his sins forgiven, the opportunities for forgiveness are rich and deep. May we be so forgiven and so forgive!

By Kevin Cauley—excerpt churchofchristarticles.com

Prayer Requests

Kathy Scott will be having rotator cuff surgery on Tuesday (Nov 10th) to repair torn tendons and ligaments. Please pray for her recovery as well.

Kathleen Domitrovits (friend of Mandy Buchanan) recently lost her sister in a car accident.

Kathy Cole Turner (Niece to Bob & Mary Justice) has tested positive for COVID-19 and has been in bed for a week.

Patti Brunner’s brother Buck is not doing well with his COVID diagnosis.

Patti is also asking for prayers for two members of her extended family Michelle with a recent diagnosis of terminal cancer. Joe Russell who is in hospital with gall bladder surgery impending.

Levi Zebell (Elizabeth Marley’s son) surgery on Thursday to remove adenoids and tonsils to treat sleep apnea.

Amber Cox having nodules on thyroid tested.

Neil & Cristie Simmons 18month old grandson Wyatt had is tests done and it was determined that his condition has worsened. They are waiting on the ENT and heart doctors consult to determine treatment.

Hallie Adams (Maxine Dillahunty’s sister) doing better, she is home recovering.

Continual Prayers

Health Reasons/Treatment

~ **Scott Brukart** lymphatic cancer

~ **Nate Schoen** metastatic testicular cancer, almost completed chemo treatment will get update scans in a few weeks.

~ **Ruthie Jarrett (Marcia Serrano’s cousin)** cancer has spread even after surgery and chemo.

~ **Marilyn Lara (Marcia Serrano’s friend)** stage 4 breast cancer and to return to the church. She was admitted to the hospital last week with an infection.

~ **Daniel Tillman** brain tumor

~ **Allen Till (Dolores Buehler’s son-in-law)** cancer—he is currently in hospital with a fever. He and his wife have both tested negative for COVID and they will work on trying to figure out the origin of his fever.

~ **Kathryn Norton (Peggy Turner’s cousin)** advanced metastatic melanoma

~ **Rita Bowden (friend of Sally Guest)** stage 4 cancer.

~ **Dee Bryan** health issues.

Our Shut-ins

Marjorie Trammell

Betty McInnes (Syble Mann’s mother)

Ravenell Young

Things to Know

Bulletin Deadline

Now that we are getting back to having a printed bulletin, a gentle reminder. If you would like something put into the bulletin please have your request to the office by Thursday at noon.

Handicap Equipment Needed?

Check with the church, there are walkers, crutches & wheelchairs available for members.

ELDERRS, DEACONS, & PREACHER MEETING

Thursday 7pm at the building.



In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you
and wait expectantly.

— PSALM 5:3 NIV

