

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Billy Box

Opening Prayer: Charles Berryhill

On the Table: Head - Josh Berryhill
Servers - Ralph Burleson
Gary Addison
Lannie Key

Closing Prayer: Leonard Key

Preparing the Lord's Supper Katie Berryhill

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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The Unexpected



The Brilliant Beacon



A Faithful Friend

By Tim Dooley

In Job 16:2 Job responds to his “friends” by telling them, “Miserable comforters are you all!”

Job was experiencing more trial and heartache than anyone could possibly bear and needed the comfort and compassion of a true friend, but what he got was anything but what he needed. He goes on to express his utter feeling of abandon and helplessness. He feels like he has not only been abandoned by his wife and friends, but also by God. Do we ever feel like this?

Peter said that as Christians we should have “compassion for one another; love as brothers,” and “be tenderhearted, be courteous” (1 Peter 3:8). Not every “friend” will be the kind of friend we need, but the Lord will! God had not abandoned Job. In fact, the Lord was protecting him even in the midst of his trials. We have the promise that Jesus will always be there for us. The Hebrew writer said, “Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5). We need to be better comforters than Job’s friends were. “A friend loves at all times” (Proverbs 17:17).

Yet a true friend will still speak the truth. In Proverbs 27:6 we are told, “Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.” Understanding this truth Paul asked the church at Galatia, “Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16). As Christians we need to remember that standing for the truth does not necessitate a rude, ugly, or insensitive spirit. In fact, we are to always respond with love and kindness. One can certainly rebuke another in love, discipline with compassion, and counsel with sensitivity.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Faye Cotton: please continue to pray that she continues her fight against cancer and that she will win

Lellie Dickinson: is recovering from recent knee surgery, please pray that she will make a quick and full recovery

Barbara Wilkinson: is recovering from recent hernia surgery, please pray that she will make a full recovery and have not further trouble

Larry Metcalf: has been diagnosed with lung cancer; please pray that he can receive treatments that will defeat this cancer

Laraine Foss: please be praying that she has good days and good nights and keep Arlen in your prayers also while they are undergoing this very difficult trial

Carolyn Weatherly: is at home recovering from recent stroke, please keep her and Gary in your prayers

Alice Foster: was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and having problems with her lungs, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Chad Henderson: this young man is battling cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that will help him in his fight with this terrible disease

Don Lawrence: recovering from recent knee surgery, pray that he makes a full and quick recovery

Jack Waldon: {Linda’s Brother-In-Law } he is under hospice care, please keep him and his family in your prayers

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Please keep the family of Truett Allison in your prayers, Brother Truett will be greatly missed.

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

Marjorie Goodwin: is in the nursing home at Winfield for rehab, please continue to pray that she will continue to improve.

Jamie Long: his liver is failing him and he is on the list to receive a liver transplant, please be keeping him in your prayers

Frances Booth (Tanya’s Mother-In-Law): diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, please keep her and her family in your prayers

Billy Lee: {Carolyn’s Brother} diagnosed with renal failure, please keep him in your prayers

Upcoming Events

March 4th Country Place 2:00 pm

March 11th Nursing Home 2:00 pm

March 18th Fellowship Meal

Because the Lord is a faithful friend we too need to be faithful to the Lord. James writes , “Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful” (James 5:11). Thank God that we have a friend that will never forsake us. But to be a friend to Jesus one must be obedient to Him. Jesus said, “ You are My friends if you do whatever I command you” (John 15:14). The converse is simple and profound, “If you do not do the things which Jesus has commanded commanded then you cannot be His friend.” And the one who is not a friend of the Lord is His enemy. Do you want to be an enemy of Jesus?

Be a true friend to someone today, be a friend of Jesus today. And be a faithful friend to the end!

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My Friend and His Text Messages

By Dan Jenkins

I don’t know what we would do without friends. God created us with a need for them. Each day of God’s creation has the phrase, “God saw that it was good,” in connection with it. However, after God created man, He said, “It is not good that man should be alone.” He created us as social beings and has given us friends.

We need friends. This is one of the reasons for the popularity of mobile phones, as it allows one to be in constant contact with others. Statistics show that in 2008, the average monthly usage of cell phones was for 204 calls and 357 text messages. The monthly average for those ages 13-17 was 231 phone calls and 1,742 text messages. These numbers do not begin to reflect the astronomical increase since that study. Another study shows that each day Americans send 2,500,000,000 text messages!

I have to admit that I am very much involved in that texting world. I need friends in my life like everyone else, but let me tell you about a special friend who has sent me so many text messages which have enabled me to grow to be more like Jesus. I hope you have a friend like I do.

I remember the emotional struggle I had this time last year when my big brother, my hero, died. I remember the empty feeling I had as Judie and I left the hospital having seen Jerry for the last time. That night my friend’s text was there. He always seems to have the perfect words to enable me to keep going. His text lifted my soul and gave me strength to deal with this matter. I needed my friend. I needed his text message. I hope you have a friend like I do.

I remember dealing with other problems. Problems in the family and problems in the church arise and sometimes I feel the burden is so great. I am amazed at my friend. When I am at the lowest points in my life, his text message just changes the way I am looking at life. I hope you have a friend like I do.

My friend is so much part of my life. I talk to him often. Whether on the mountaintops of joy or in the deep valleys of life, my friend is there. I cherish every text message from him. I hope you have a friend like I do.

I have every text message he has ever sent written in a book. It has more than a thousand pages filled with those text messages from Him. When I want to know what to preach, I check that book and right in the text is the answer. When I am asked to give counsel and advice, I check that book and right in the text message is the answer. My friend has sent thousands of texts to supply every need I have.

You have that book—the Bible. Check your text messages from my Friend often!

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Tomorrow

“Tomorrow,” he promised his conscience,
“Tomorrow I mean to believe;
Tomorrow I’ll think as I ought to,
Tomorrow my Saviour receive.
Tomorrow I’ll conquer the habits
That hold one from heaven away”.
But ever his conscience repeated one word,
And only one word: “Today”.

Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow –
Thus day after day it went on;
Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow –
Till youth like a vision was gone;
Till age and his passions had written
The message of fate on his brow
And forth from the shadows came Death
With the pitiless syllable, “Now!”

“What will you do with Jesus?”
The call comes low and clear;
The solemn words are sounding
Now in your listening ear.
Immortal life’s in the question
And joy through eternity.
Then what will you do with Jesus?
What will your answer be?

- Author Unknown