

Don't Believe Everything You Hear

by Jay Launius Maud church of Christ Maud, Texas

We truly live in the “information age”. The vast amount of knowledge we have available at our finger tips is truly astounding. It would seem that any question we might have can be answered with just a key punch, tap or swipe. In just the past few years the voice recognition technology has advanced such that we don't have to type the question but just ask it out loud and we'll get the answer. But as with any advancement of technology caution must be used and we must deal wisely with the information we receive.

Misinformation, lies, half-truths, and propaganda are rampant and fill our news feeds and social media platforms. But for the Christian the truth was established long ago and it is our responsibility to “buy the truth and sell it not” (Prov. 23:23). As we make daily decisions about our lives and form opinions on the things we see and hear we must use the bible as a standard to arrive at “righteous judgements” (John 7:24). Don't believe everything you see and hear, especially concerning spiritual matters. We must be like the folks of Acts 17:11 and search the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things are so. Depending on media sources to determine and set our moral compass is a spiritually dangerous practice. Rather we must meditate on things true, noble, just, pure and lovely as prescribed by Philippians 4:8 because the information we get from God's word is always true and genuine.

Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary

by Joe Slater Justin church of Christ Justin, TX

The song is right – burdens really are lifted at Calvary! Our Savior Himself invited, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). Jesus didn't shed His blood and die on the cross so you could carry your sin around like a ball and chain for the rest of your life. He offers rest! Jesus made a point of saying “heavy laden.” He extends His grace to those who have committed “big” sins as well as transgressors in less extreme ways. Even as life was draining from Him, Jesus lifted the burden of a violent criminal who, only a short time before, had mocked Him. Jesus told him, “Today you will be with Me in paradise” (Luke 23:43).

Sometime later Jesus lifted the burden of Saul of Tarsus, a man who absolutely hated Him and was doing everything in his power to destroy the church. Innumerable disciples of Jesus had suffered arrest, torture, imprisonment, and even death at this man's behest. So awful were his crimes that he later referred to himself as the chief of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). Yet Jesus lifted even Saul's enormous burden of sin! “For this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life” (1 Timothy 1:16). If I may paraphrase, “If Jesus can save me (and He did) then He can save anyone!”

Even before the cross, God's people found relief from sin because Christ's blood reached back to them just as it reaches forward to us. David's burden made him feel lifeless and crushed until “I acknowledged my sin to You . . . and You forgave the iniquity of my sin” (Psalm 32:3-5). So often we react to our sin with self-loathing and beating ourselves up. While such responses are understandable, they can never “fix” the problem! Only Jesus can do that.

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NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class 10:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God's Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Let's pray for the situation in the Ukraine and surrounding areas.

Let's pray for those of our number who have been, and are, dealing with Covid.

Let's pray for Bill & Kris Kinney and all our families taking care of our shut-ins.

Candi Butcher is requesting prayers for strength as she deals with situations in her life.

Charles Bennett requests our prayers for the voice of God to be heard in his heart.

Frank Marsden Let's pray for him as he deals with a heart issue.

Butts Sumner is recuperating from back surgery and also dealing with a heart issue.

Ray McArthur His test results came back negative for cancer. The doctors will continue to monitor the situation.

Anna Brink is dealing with cancer.

Darlene Reed is scheduled for a uterine biopsy on August 2nd.

Diane Mellott Let's pray for her as she recuperates from recent hip surgery.

Samantha Mellott is dealing with diabetes and is also presently dealing with pneumonia.

Maria Swindlehurst is dealing with several medical issues.

Alison Parr, mother of Shawna Martinez, is dealing with a kidney issue.

Sharon Wheeler Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues.

Ruth Knepp Word was received June 30th that she has been in Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and will probably be there for a while.

Sharron Gantt Let's pray that things continue to go well with her immunotherapy for bladder cancer.

Glen Mueller Let's continue to pray for him and his family. Let's also pray for the Sardinia church of Christ.

Jack Curnew is dealing with eye issues.

Sharon Alcorn, Jessica Alcorn's sister-in-law, has terminal brain cancer.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother) is dealing with health issues.

Janine Galuppo, Ray McArthur's sister near Syracuse, is dealing with multiple health issues.

Bob Galuppo's mother in Syracuse is not eating due to severe dementia effects. Bob is Ray & Bev McArthur's brother in law and a member of Wetzel Rd. church of Christ.

Marie, age 93 and a neighbor of Maria Swindlehurst, is under Hospice care.

Maureen, age 67 and mother of Shawna and Carlos Martinez' son-in-law, has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Marissa (Louella Hopkin's granddaughter) It was thought she would have to have knee surgery but a doctor reviewing a recent MRI said she doesn't need surgery. Thanks for all the prayers.

Reagan, 14 yr old friend of Rick & Fran Fees' granddaughter, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Jason Stine (Linda Stine's son) is recovering at home from a recent heart attack at work.

Bill Blakelock, Marge Reed's brother-in-law and Kent Blakelock's brother, was in the hospital recently with a hematoma and it was thought he might have to have surgery. He was discharged from the hospital and they did not have to do surgery.

Crystal, Bruce Brink's cousin, was in a car accident about a year ago and is now in the hospital refusing to eat, drink, and take her meds.

Florence Walter, 88 and grandmother of Denise Garlitz' son-in-law, fell and fractured her pelvis and is in rehab.

Prayer List continued

Lewis/Deshotel family (friends of Maria Swindlehurst). Vanessa and her toddler daughter will be staying in Louisiana with her husbands parents while he is deployed to Romania with the National Guard to assist with Ukrainian troops. Vanessa is a member of the Lord's church.

Dorothy Newell, Joanne Morden's cousin in Alabama, is seriously ill.

There is a gentleman in Tenn that is a member of the Lord's church and also neighbor of Julie Grubbs (Carter's daughter) who has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

Bruce Brink's co-worker's father passed away suddenly while traveling to visit family.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Aug. 14 **Potluck** after morning service. See the sign-up sheet.

Aug. 21 Men's Business Meeting

Sep. 05 Labor Day

Sep. 11 Men's Business Meeting

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$997.00

Attendance Last Sunday 43

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

Fellowship Meal (Potluck)

There will be a *Potluck* after services on August 14, 2022.

If you have any questions please see Carol Jones.

“Would you like to study the Bible?”

Last week that question was presented to our neighbors in the new issue of House to House / Heart to Heart. Over 2,000 copies of HTH / HTH were mailed out around the Niagara Falls airport area. These households will receive a copy of the brochure for the next 6 months. Please pray for open hearts that are searching for Jesus and want to study the Bible and make sure you pick up a new copy to share with a friend.

August Birthdays

02 Audrey Dailey

06 Denise Garlitz

06 Hope Rice

21 Heather Bennett

22 Jessica Alcorn



August Anniversaries

03 Mark & Audrey Dailey

21 George & Peggy Golias