

# The Greatest Need in America

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We've been thinking much about the state of our country. Economic woes, fear of enemies, health concerns, natural disasters, spiritual decline, and confused morality call for our attention; and we continually ask what God's will is for this country.

We are perplexed but not surprised that the fastest growing religious group in America is the group that identifies themselves as having "no religion." According to the American Religious Identification Survey taken in 2001, adults who do not subscribe to any religious identification has more than doubled from 14.3 million in 1990 to 29.4 million in 2001; their proportion has grown from just eight percent of the total in 1990 to over fourteen percent in 2001. Only 77 percent of Americans now claim to be Christians.

Many of those who claim to be Christians have convictions far different from the teaching of the New Testament. For instance, the Pew Forum recently released a survey saying that 65 percent of American Christians say that many religions can lead to eternal life, a fact that contradicts Jesus' plain statement in John 14:6 (see also Acts 4:12; Ephesians 4:4-6).

What America needs most is the gospel, the old story of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. That divine story will lead them to change their hearts and lives in repentance and to unite with Christ in baptism. The gospel will open their hearts to faith, hope, and love.

## NEWSLETTER

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## Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study	10:00 AM
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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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) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.*

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Friday 9:30 PM		

**Condolences** to Rodney & Carol Jones on the unexpected passing of Carol's brother Teddy on Wednesday.

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

**Those that attend:** Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Joyce Cameron, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Bev McArthur, Maria Swindlehurst, Jean Cameron, Sonny Stine, Brenda Nelson, Diane Mellott, Dennis Reed, Marge Reed, and Cheryl Mellott.

**People in other places:** Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Betty & Dennis Leistner, Denise Garlitz' grandchildren and her son Jeff, Mary Lou, Frank's niece, Tony & Eglia Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, George Beckwith, Cindy, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Cheryl Wheeler, Levi, Jeanne Johns, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Mary Lou, Gloria, Linda Mudd, Dorothea Johnson, Tammy, Rita D, Jenna, Irene Jurek, Billie Jo Potter, Debbie Curry, Jaye Boyle, Barry Mitchell, Martha, Andrew, Vanessa Lewis, Williams family, Mary, Jean Fitzgerald, Mary Lou & Louise (Anna Brink's sisters), Malissa Layton, Th'alise Robinson, Ashley, Noreen Andrews, John - Maria Swindlehurst's brother in law, Emily Sestack, Levi Baptiste, Keith Marten, Debbie.

**Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.**

**Updates:**

**Cheryl Mellott.** Let's keep her in our prayers.

**Sonny Stine** has been dealing with pneumonia.

**Brenda Nelson** had an MRI on Thursday.

**Paul Orton**, Erin Orton's father in law, is undergoing some tests.

Becky Torres, manager of LongHorn Steakhouse on Military Rd. and a friend of Wilma Patterson .....  
Becky's father recently had open heart surgery and is recovering well. Becky thanks all for the prayers.

**Upcoming Events** *(Lord willing)*

**May 28** Memorial Day

**Jun. 02** Guess Who's Coming to Dinner OR Guess Where You're Going to Dinner

**Jun. 17** Father's Day

**Jun. 24** Men's Business Meeting

**June Birthdays**

03 Darlene Reed  
05 Marvis Garrett  
09 Butts Sumner  
09 Candi Butcher

15 Nancy Schul  
26 Tahlia Willis  
27 Bill Kinney  
30 Joan Campbell-Cook

**June Anniversaries**

22 Wayne & Sherry Carter  
24 Ron & Jean Cameron  
24 Ray & Bev McArthur  
30 Butts & Edie Sumner

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians

**Sermon Topic Today:** *Good and Evil*

**Scripture Reading:** *Isaiah 44:6-9*

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class 10 AM at the building. (see below)

Wed. PM Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel

**Ladies Bible Class**

We have 1 more Ladies Bible Class before we break for the summer - May 29<sup>th</sup>.  
On May 29<sup>th</sup> we will spend our time together in prayer, song, and writing out some cards of encouragement for Becky Rose to take to the Brothers and Sisters in Malawi, Africa.

**Attention Men**

There will be a quick meeting after services this morning concerning mission work.

**Congratulations** to Wilma Patterson.

She is LongHorn Steakhouse's 2018 Legendary Guest of The Year.

A dinner in her honor was given on Thursday evening at the LongHorn Steakhouse on Military Rd.

**The Most Valuable Discovery**

by Cougan Collins Preacher at Lone Grove church of Christ Lone Grove, OK lgchurchofchrist@cableone.net

In 1847, Sir James Simpson of Edinburgh discovered the use of chloroform as an anesthetic in surgery. Some claim this to be the most significant discovery of modern medicine.

In his later years, Sir James was lecturing at Edinburgh University and a student asked, "What do you consider to be the most valuable discovery of your lifetime?"

He answered quickly, "My most valuable discovery was when I discovered myself a sinner and that Jesus Christ was my Savior."

The book of Romans makes clear these two significant truths that Simpson articulated. The problem is sin. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). And the penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23). Paul declares that the power of God unto salvation is the gospel of Jesus (Romans 1:16). In Christ we have the divine provision: "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). The price that was paid? "Being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Romans 5:9).

Now what's the process by which we contact that blood? By placing our faith and trust in Jesus (Romans 5:1), confessing Christ (Romans 10:9-10), turning from our sins in repentance (Romans 2:4), and being buried with Christ in baptism (Romans 6:1-4). Then we are to dedicate the rest of our lives in service to Him (Romans 6:12-18; 12:1).

The most valuable discovery you and I can make is that we are sinners and that Christ desires to be our Savior.

Adapted - Allan Eldridge / David A. Sargent, Mobile, Alabama

**Trays Today**

*Diane Mellott*



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