

Today or Tomorrow

by Jesse Flowers Church of Christ at Pruett & Lobit St. Baytown, TX

“Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit’; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.’ But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil” (**James 4:13-16**).

Please notice with me three very important points that James made in this passage.

- 1)** We do not know what will happen tomorrow (**James 4:14**). In fact we do not what will happen the rest of this day. Life can change quite suddenly and unexpectedly. Life is uncertain and unpredictable. So, “Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth” (**Proverbs 27:1**).
- 2)** Our life is but a vapor (**James 4:14**). In other words, our physical life upon this earth is very, very brief. “For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; we finish our years like a sigh. The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away” (**Psalm 90:9-10**). The prayer of Moses concludes by saying, “So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (v. 12).
- 3)** “If the Lord wills...” (**James 4:15**). We must always live our lives with the Lord’s will in mind. God is in control, not you and not me. Making plans is not wrong. We all make plans. However, making plans without God at the center of them is very foolish. That’s exactly what Jesus’ point was in His parable of the rich fool (**Luke 12:16-21**). We are but flesh and blood. Dust, and to dust we shall return. How foolish then for us to boast of our big plans tomorrow or a year from now. “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.”

While it is true that we do not know what will happen tomorrow, death and judgment are certain (**Hebrews 9:27**). And yes, life upon earth is short, but the next life will be forever. Will you be spending eternity in heaven or hell (**Matt. 7:21-23**)? And finally, are you presently making your plans with God in them or out of them? All of which begins with obeying HIS plan of salvation (**Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38**).

“Today or tomorrow...” You may not have today or tomorrow!



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.



NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:
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 Christians in both the Ukraine and Russia.

Let's keep in our prayers Barbara Oliver, Marjorie Reed, Louella Hopkins, and Bill & Kris Kinney.

Anna Brink is undergoing cancer treatments.

Diane Mellott is dealing with severe arthritis in her right hip causing her difficulty walking. She is facing surgery in the future and is scheduled to see her doctor this month.

Darlene Reed Results of tests concerning losing her balance: She has a circulatory problem in her ear and there is nothing they can do. She had hip replacement surgery Wed. Mar. 23 and is recuperating.

Denise Garlitz is dealing with a skin infection and cellulitis.

Glen Mueller Glen is in Jennie B. Richmond Nursing Home in Springville, NY, (Located in Bertrand Chaffe Hospital). Let's continue to pray for him and his family. Let's also pray for the Sardinia church of Christ.

Sharon Alcorn, Jessica Alcorn's sister-in-law, has recently been diagnosed with brain cancer. It was announced last week that she is terminal.

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

Dale Mullholland, brother of Denise Garlitz & Darlene Reed, is homebound with severe arthritis in his back and legs. He is 62.

Holly, Denise Garlitz daughter, is having problems with her legs.

Sharron Gantt Lab results of the bladder tumors removed showed it was an aggressive kind of cancer. She will have 6 weeks of immunotherapy - one a week for 6 weeks. Let's pray all goes well.

Darlene Yarian has been sick off and on lately.

Vincent, Susan Barrett's son in Ohio, is dealing with legal issues concerning custody of a child and is also dealing with health issues.

Douglas (Frank Marsden's grandson) He is in the Army Reserves and was activated and sent to Poland.

Jack Curnew is dealing with eye issues.

Let's pray not only for those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Please keep our loved ones and their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers.

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's pray for our shut-ins, widows and widowers, and call, send cards, and be of service.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

Let's pray for children, families, and the staff at *Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries*.

Let's pray for the work being done at Great Lakes Christian High School in Beamsville, ONT.

Let's pray for our neighbors receiving *House to House/Heart to Heart* that they have receptive hearts.

Upcoming Events (Lord willing)

Apr. 17 Easter

Apr. 24 Men's Business Meeting

May 08 Mother's Day

May 14 Ladie's Day at Amherst church of Christ

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$2,682.12

Attendance Last Sunday 38

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.



Bible Class News: If things continue to improve regarding COVID restrictions, we will begin Sunday morning classes on May 1st. Brother Wayne Lyons will be teaching our class on Sunday morning. It has been a long time since we have been together for Bible Study and it is IMPORTANT for all of us to make a commitment to study and grow. See you there!

It's been previously decided that when classes resume they will be from 10 AM to 10:45 AM and worship will begin at 11 AM.

Whose Fault Is It? Author Unknown

A preacher and an atheist barber were walking through the city slums. "This is why I cannot believe in a God of love," said the barber. "If God was as you say, He would not permit such poverty and disease. He would not allow these poor bums to be addicted to drugs and other sinful habits. No, I cannot believe in a God who would permit such things."

The preacher was silent until they met a man who was especially unkempt and filthy, his hair was hanging down his neck and he had a half-inch beard on his face. Said the preacher, "You can't be a very good barber, or you would not allow a man like that to live in this neighborhood without a haircut and shave."

The barber replied sharply: "Why blame me for this man's condition? I can't help it, and besides he has never given me a chance to help him. If he would only come to my shop, I could fix him up."

The preacher said, "Then don't blame God for allowing people to continue in sin when He is constantly inviting them to obey the Gospel."

Trust in the Lord

by Anonymous

The wind's not always at our back,
The sky is not always blue.
Sometimes we crave the things we lack,
And don't know what to do.

Sometimes life's an uphill ride,
With mountains we must climb.
At times the river's deep and wide,
And crossing takes some time.

No one said that life is easy,
There are no guarantees.
So Trust in the Lord continually,
On calm or stormy seas.