

## Deciding To Be Happy

She is 92 years old, petite, well poised and dignified. She is fully dressed each morning by 8 a.m., with her hair fashionably coifed and her makeup perfectly applied. (Oh yes... and she is legally blind.)

I met her on the day she moved to the nursing home. Her husband of 70 years had recently passed away, making this move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home where I am employed, she smiled sweetly when told that her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet curtains that had been hung on her window.

"I love it!" she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented a new puppy.

"But, Mrs. Jones," I said, "You haven't even seen it yet... just wait!"

Then she spoke these words that I will never forget:

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," she gently replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged. It is how I arrange my mind. I have already decided to love it. To be happy is a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice. I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work; or I can get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do work. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open in the morning, I will focus on the new day and all the happy memories I have stored away... just for this time in my life!"

What a beautiful attitude! May we all learn from sweet Mrs. Jones - those of us who, like her, are already in their sunset years; and others of us who, by God's grace, will someday reach them. Let us greet each day with a decision to be happy!

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## Bow The Knee To Christ Now

by Trent Thrasher 14th & Main church of Christ Big Spring, TX

*"Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high."* (Isa. 52:13)

This prophecy is concerning the Christ, the Servant of God (cf. [Matt. 20:28](#); [Mark 10:45](#)). In dealing prudently, not only did Christ behave himself wisely by never sinning ([1 Pet. 2:22](#)), He accomplished the work His Father gave Him to do ([John 17:4](#)). What an example!

The Father thus exalted Him and gave Him a name above every name ([Phil. 2:9](#)). Every knee **should** bow (show respect or awe) at the name of Jesus ([Phil. 2:10](#)) and every tongue **should** confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father ([Phil. 2:11](#)). There is a time coming when every knee **shall** bow and every tongue **shall** confess (cf. [Isa. 45:23](#); [Rom. 14:11](#)). Every one of us **shall** give account to God for the things done in the body whether good or bad (cf. [Rom. 14:12](#); [2 Cor. 5:10](#)).

Dear reader, please bow the knee to Christ **now** while it is in your power to do so! Submit to His loving will and serve God just as Christ served Him to His glory. Do not fight against God for such leads only to destruction (cf. [Acts 5:38-39](#); [Jas. 4:4-10](#)).

## NEWSLETTER

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## Schedule of Services

*Our current schedule is:*

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM

*La Salle*  
church of Christ

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This bulletin can also  
be found on our website.

We seek to be a place of healing and worship.



### 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.*

**Roger Mapes** He is back home but no visitors at this time. Let's pray for him as he continues to recover.

**Jessica Alcorn** She received good news recently about her CT scan. She thanks everyone for continued prayers and encouragement.

**Marge Reed** Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues.

**Hope Rice** asks that we pray for the overall healing of herself and her family.

**Shawna Martinez** asks for our prayers as she deals with struggles in her life.

**Marietta McArthur** (Ray McArthur's mother). She has arrived in Arkansas to be with Ray's sister. Bev will be there helping for about another week.

**Cheryl Moore-Johns** (lifelong friend of Bev McArthur) She is facing several surgical procedures. She had oral surgery a few months back and it's planned to have surgery on her left shoulder in April. She is thankful for our prayers.

**Lamont**, Louella Hopkins' brother, is dealing with kidney cancer. He will begin chemo treatments.

**Miranda**, Louella Hopkins' granddaughter, is expecting and is due in July. She is Type-1 diabetic and is having problems with her sugar and blood pressure. She is wearing monitors. She has pre-eclampsia and gestational hypertension. There is an 80% chance she will deliver by cesarean.

**Lisa**, Richard Wheeler's sister, was admitted to N.F.M.M.C. Wednesday with very high blood sugar and bacteria infection. As of Friday morning she was stable and in ICU. No visitors. Thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

**David** Kris Kinney is asking for prayers for him as he will be deployed to Poland.

**Cheryl**, Bruce Brink's future mother in law is facing hip replacement surgery.

Friends of Bruce Brink are in need of prayers.

**John**, a friend of Maria Swindlehurst, recently had a biopsy and is anxiously awaiting the results.

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. 09** Easter  
**Apr. 16** **Next Sunday.** Men's Business Meeting  
**Apr. 29** Ladies Day at Amherst church of Christ  
**Apr. 21-23** Great Lakes Youth Rally  
**Apr. 30** Short sermon to give extra time for singing, prayers, communion, scripture reading.

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00  
Contribution Last Sunday \$1,857.00  
Attendance Last Sunday 43

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

## Mission Info

Please check the *Mission Board* in the back.

### *Ukraine Relief*

John Kachelman, Jr. Cell (901) 626-4538 john@kachelman.com <https://kachelman.com>

**For updated reports go to John's website and click on the tab for Mission Work.**

### *Philippines*

Caleb Callari with his wife Vanessa and family are doing mission work in the Philippines.

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Radio Program .... "Everyday Follower" can be found on YouTube.  
Do a search on youtube.com for "School of National Evangelism Philippines."

### *Zambia*

The LaSalle congregation has been involved in the Zambia mission work for many years.

If you would like to help support the Zambian Mission, please place funds in the offering basket marked for Zambia. More information may be found at [www.zambiamission.org](http://www.zambiamission.org)

Matthew 19:14

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

## **Cards**

Please see the cards posted in the back from Candi Butcher and also from Michael and Hope Rice.



Congratulations to Jayce Stine for getting an award at school for having progressed academically and for good behavior.



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.

