

Welcome

TO
DRIPPING SPRINGS
CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 8th, 2019

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Sunday:
Bible Class - 9:30
Worship - 10:30
PM Worship - 6:00
Wednesday:
Bible Class - 7:00

Walking In The Light

By Parker LaGrange

I don't know about you all, but ordering pizza online is fun to me. You get to pick your crust, your sauce, cheese, any meat, and any different kinds of veggies. You have a ridiculous amount of choices to make. You don't find yourself restricted to just a set amount of things. First John is a book of black and whites, and here's what I mean. This book is full of opposites. Truth versus deception, light versus darkness, knowing Jesus or not knowing Jesus, love versus hate. The book is not like ordering Papa John's pizza online. You don't have all these different options to pick from; it's either one or the other. We should feel comforted in knowing that we're either walking in the light or walking in the darkness. For this article, I'd like to briefly talk about why we should walk in the light as opposed to walking in the darkness.

Before we look at the reasons we should walk in the light, let's talk about what John means when he says "walking" in the light. Walking is a lifestyle. It's a certain way you live your life. If I'm walking in the direction of the Lord, and I'm trying my best to live my life for Him, I'm walking in the light. I'm not walking in the darkness the very moment I make a mistake. It's not that you don't make mistakes, but it's the fact that you're trying to make things right with God continually. That's a pretty great indication that you're walking in the light. None of us are perfect, and God knows that we're going to sin. That's why we read in 1 John 2:1 that we have an advocate with the Father, which is Jesus. I stumble, I get right back up, I'm walking in the light. With that being said, let's continue.

We should walk in the light because fellowship with God is in the light. 1 John 1:7 states "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus His son cleanses us from all sins." We have to understand that there is no fellowship between light and darkness. If you want to be in fellowship with God, you have to be in the light! In John 8:12, Jesus says that those who follow him "will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." However, some reject Christ. In John 3:19-20, there are some who "hate the light and will not come to the light lest their works should be reproved." One must leave the darkness to step into the light. Those who walk in darkness do not know where they are going. If you find yourself in the darkness, Jesus provides the way out.

We need to walk in the light because it gives us direction. Fellowship is conditional upon our walk. To maintain fellowship, we have to walk on the same path as God, which is in the light (1 John 1:5). To have a healthy relationship with someone, you have to walk in the direction they're going. If Amanda and I want to remain in a healthy marriage, we have to walk in the same direction as each other. If I'm claiming to have a relationship with God, I have to walk in the direction He's going! That means that we have to be in the Light with Him! That light is giving us a path to take our lives, which will free us from the wrath of God, which will be given to those whose lives dwell within the darkness. We have the assurance that if we walk in the light as God is in the light, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

Today's Lesson Titles

A.M. • The Suffering Servant
P.M. • One Word: Christians

Bible Class Schedule

Sunday 9:30 • Revelation - Jacob Rutledge
Sunday (High School) 9:30 • 1 John - Parker LaGrange
Wednesday 7:00 • Ezekiel - Winston Kinser
Wednesday (High School) 7:00 • Genesis - Parker LaGrange

Mark Your Calendar

TODAY • Bible Bowl Practice Begins
September 19th • Good Samaritans
October 13th • Baby Boy Shower for Grant and Hailey Lawrence at 2:00pm in Room 101. She is registered at www.babylist.com
* The October Marriage Retreat has been cancelled.

Interested in placing membership with us? Follow this link to begin the process!
dschurchofchrist.com/become-a-member

Youth Events

Every Wednesday • Friends in Faith - Dinner and fellowship for 6th-12th Graders beginning at 6:15pm.
Every Sunday • Bible Bowl beginning today at 5:00pm.
September 19th • Thursday Night Devotional at the Cain's home.
September 27th • Loungin' at the LaGrange's
September 29th • Young Men's Night

Leadership

Elders

Tracy Frisinger Bill Hyde
Roland Merz Kelly Miller

Deacons

Randy Banks Matt Walker
Stephen Estrada Winston Kinser
John Gray Brian Wilks
Damon Hyde Robert Wright
Jay Kelsey Tim Wright

Ministers

Jacob Rutledge Parker LaGrange

For the Record

August 25th

Sunday AM 170
Contribution \$12,296

September 1st

Sunday AM 157
Contribution \$5,844

September Birthdays

10th • Lolly Brown
12th • Alexa Talley
13th • Mark Somervell
14th • Lee Gully and Jason Somervell
15th • Nancy Wallace
18th • Janice Garner and Jessica Rutledge
20th • Phyllis Joiner
21st • Jamie Banks and Damon Hyde
24th • Peggy Hinesley
27th • Kellen Reed
28th • Richard Smith
30th • Izzy Estrada

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, September 8th

Morning

Announcements.....Russell Speir
 Song Leader.....Tim Wright
 Opening Prayer.....Matt Hand
 Scripture Reading.....Maverick Walker
 Sermon.....Jacob Rutledge
 Closing Prayer.....Tom Pawelka

Evening

Song Leader.....David Nuckels
 Opening Prayer.....John Gray
 Sermon.....Jacob Rutledge
 Closing Prayer.....Mat Cain

Lord's Table

Kelly Miller.....Winston Kinser
 Tom Pawelka.....Stephen Estrada
 Randy Banks.....Harrison Gray
 Byron Pogue.....Paul Brown

Wednesday, September 11th

Opening Prayer.....Stephen Estrada
 Song Leader.....Maverick Walker
 Speaker.....Jay Kelsey
 Closing Prayer.....Winston Kinser

Ladies Room 101 Duty September

Jessica Estrada, Carol Nelson,
 Jennifer Nuckels, Karen Perrone

October

Rhonda Kinser, Renee Frisinger,
 Lori Simonetti, Bonnie Walker

Keep In Your Prayers

Church Family • Ryan Allgyer, The Mark Crumley Family, Grady & Janice Moore, Norman & Betty Starling, Clinton & Carolyn Rutherford, The Walker Family, Richard Wright, Polly Coon, Phyllis Barker, Alice Stone

Shut-ins & Other Needs • Nelawyn Dalley, Tom Hickey

HCC Resident • Nancy Wallace

Lavender Springs Residents • Marvin Crumley

Ledgestone Residents • Elaine Hartzog, Elsie Norton, Shirley Scott

Family & Friends of the Church • Pat Balderas, Faith Beamon, Mike Coon, Gary & Carol Heinemann, Gary & Sandra Montgomery, Dennis Tilley, Barbara Valle, Gary Williamson, Tommy Williamson, Will Allen, Geraldine Boydston, Jim Bob Simmons, Betty Bufkin, Ronnie Wright, & Dart Hyde, Randy Blue, Mike Akin, David Hoghaug

Prayer Updates

- Grady & Janice Moore are both doing well and are recovering at home. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.
- Jamie Banks dad, Mike Akin, is having health issues.
- The Mauck's neighbor, David Hoghaug, passed out while walking his dog and fractured his skull.
- Randy Blue, Amanda LaGrange's dad, will have an angiogram on September 13th.