

Welcome

TO
DRIPPING SPRINGS
CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 8th, 2020

Pursuing
Love

Promoting
Truth

Practicing
Godliness

Proclaiming
the Gospel

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

Unsubscribed

By Jacob Rutledge

I currently have 6,888 unread emails in my inbox. This is due to my notoriously bad habit of subscribing to blogs and other products for their email updates, but then quickly forgetting about them. Honestly, this inordinate amount of material is inexcusable, because all I have to do is push the “unsubscribe” button at the bottom of the email. This simple action would instantaneously stop the flow of emails intruding into my inbox on a daily basis. How much easier can it get?

While this easy tool is beneficial in matters of the inbox, unfortunately it plays out too often in the church:

A fellow Christian does/says something to offend us, and we refuse to sit near them in worship or act coldly toward them when we interact...

The preacher says something we don't like, or the church doesn't meet our needs, and we move on down the road...

The church isn't involved in the type of works I'm interested in, and so I refuse to serve...

Someone teaches something that we disagree with, so we travel to the church down the street...

Each of these situations display an “unsubscribe” mentality towards the church: if something offends or challenges us, we simply disengage. Commitment to the local church is viewed as a nice add-on, but not a necessity for the growing Christian. You became a member, but that doesn't mean you want to be annoyed with all of the pesky obligations of investing in the local body.

In contrast to this, the Christian virtue of faithfulness challenges us to endure with the failings of others (Gal. 5:22; Eph. 4:2). It's about extending the same grace in our judgments that we hope to receive (Mat. 7:12). It's remembering that, regardless of our differences, we were still baptized into the same body by the Spirit of God (1 Cor. 12:13). We are all saved by the cross of our Lord and thus should forgive each other accordingly (Eph. 4:32).

We see this being practiced in Corinth. Although Corinth had a multitude of issues, Paul still considered them his Christian family, and hoped the best for them (1 Cor. 1:1-3). This didn't mean he ignored their sin, or refused to speak truth, but he also didn't leave simply because they had issues. Paul refused to unsubscribe from his Christian family because he knew that, ultimately, they weren't simply his family—they were the Lord's.

So, the next time we are tempted to disengage from our family, let us remember that such thoughts aren't acceptable in the kingdom of God. We follow a God who remains faithful to his promises despite our constant failures (2 Tim. 2:13); shouldn't his children display the same?

Today's Lesson Titles

A.M. • What Holds Us Together: A Common Place

P.M. • The Mission of God: The Missional Church

Bible Class Schedule

Sunday 9:30 • 1st & 2nd Samuel - Jacob Rutledge

Sunday (High School) 9:30 • Leviticus & Numbers - Winston Kinser

Wednesday 7:00 • Fundamentals of the Faith - Jacob Rutledge

Wednesday (High School) 7:00 • Grace - Parker LaGrange

Mark Your Calendar

March 19th • Good Samaritans

March 29th • 5th & Under family meeting in Room 101 after morning service.

Youth Events

Every Wednesday • Friends in Faith - Dinner and fellowship for 6th-12th Graders beginning at 6:15pm.

Every Sunday • Bible Bowl at 5:00pm & KidSing beginning at 6:00pm.

Tuesdays • Teens in Bible Bowl meet at the building at 6:15pm. (No Practice 3/10)

Wednesdays • L2L Puppet Practice for teens at 5:30pm in the Library.

March 20th • Teen movie night at Sky Cinema to see Onward. Bring \$15.

March 22nd • Singing on Sunday after evening worship in Room 101.

March 27th • Loungin' at the LaGrange's

March 29th • 5th and Under family meeting after morning service

March 29th • Young Men's Night

Leadership

Elders

Roland MerzBill Hyde.....Tracy Frisinger

Deacons

Randy BanksMatt Walker
Stephen EstradaRussell Speir
John GrayBrian Wilks
Damon HydeRobert Wright
Jay KelseyTim Wright

Ministers

Jacob RutledgeParker LaGrange

For the Record

February 23rd

Sunday AM.....173

Contribution\$13,983

March 1st

Sunday AM179

Contribution\$8,089

March Birthdays This Week

March 8th • Roland Merz

March 9th • Parker LaGrange, Harrison Gray,
& John Moore

March 10th • Marie Balderson, Leslie Speir

March 13th • Winston Kinser, Janice Moore

Visitors • We are so glad you're here! Please take a visitor packet from the back of the pew in front of you or the back table. Please fill out the card inside and put it in the collection plate as it passes by.

Privileged to Serve

Keep In Your Prayers

Sunday, March 8th

Morning

Announcements.....Charles Smith

Song Leader.....Keith Mauck

Opening Prayer.....Roland Merz

Scripture Reading.....Nathaniel Valle

Sermon.....Jacob Rutledge

Closing Prayer.....Winston Kinser

Evening

Song Leader.....David Nuckels

Opening Prayer.....Tim Wright

Sermon.....Jacob Rutledge

Closing Prayer.....Grant Lawrence

Lord's Table

Bill Hyde.....John Gray

Jay Kelsey.....David Nuckels

Paul Brown.....Delynn Reed

Randy Banks.....Kelly Miller

Wednesday, March 11th

Opening Prayer.....Rich Nelson

Song Leader.....Brian Wilks

Speaker.....Alec Westover

Closing Prayer.....Kelly Miller

Ladies Room 101 Duty

March

Carolyn Gully, Kelly Stoots,
Weslea Wilks, Suzanne Hallam

April

Shanna Underwood, Vikki Fox,
Jennifer Sherrill, Mary Ann Hall

Church Family • Mark & Valorie Crumley, Noah Gray, Russ and Pat Molenaar, Grady & Janice Moore, Nick Pawelka, Stephanie Reed, Margaret Tilley, Norman and Betty Starling, Bob Templeton, The Walker Family

Shut-ins & Other Needs • Nelawyn Dalley

HCC Resident • Nancy Wallace

Longhorn Village • Marvin Crumley

Ledgestone Residents • Elaine Hartzog, Elsie Norton, Shirley Scott, Marie Balderson, Jon & Caroline Little

Family & Friends of the Church • Pat Balderas, Tom Barthel, Faith Beamon, Betty Bufkin, Timmy Burchfield, Shirley Burrell, Charles Cauley, Mike Coon, Vincent Ewald, Susan Fox, Nancy Harlan, Gary & Carol Heinemann, Butch Jennings, Greg Lasley, Mary Miller, Marvin Mills, Gary & Sandra Montgomery, Shana Morse, Regina Sanchez, Margie Simmons, John Suter Sr., Ariana Stainitis, Mike Taylor, Dennis Tilley, Pat Fielding-Tweedie, Barbara Valle, Tommy Williamson

Prayer Updates

• Grady Moore had surgery on Monday to remove gall stones, which went well. He had another surgery on Tuesday to remove his gallbladder. Both surgeries went well and he is recovering. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.

• Mark Crumley had a successful heart surgery this past Monday. He is at St. David's Medical Center off of 32nd street and visitors are welcome. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.

• Please keep John and Carla Moore in your prayers as they lead their group on the Bible Land Passages tour overseas.