

TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Daniel Balch /Opening Prayer by: Bob Parker

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#543 Wonderful Words of Life

#555 Seek Ye First

Scripture Reading by: Cameron Cantu

#324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?

Lord's Supper and Contribution

#453 Love Lifted Me

Sermon by: "The Grace in Which We Stand"

Romans 5:1-2

#650 Send the Light

#648 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Closing Prayer by: Tommy Cary

Welcome by: Daniel Balch

Evening Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#549 There is Sunshine in My Soul

#586 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Scripture Reading: Parker Balch

Prayer by: Bobby Rader

#470 Victory in Jesus

Sermon: "Open Your Eyes"

2 Kings 6:15-17

#643 Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom

#523 I Know the Lord Will Find a Way for Me

Closing Prayer by: Kelly McCain

Other Opportunities For Spiritual Growth

Sunday: 9:00am — Bible Study Classes, 10:00am — Worship, 6:00pm — Worship

Wednesday: 10:00am — Ladies Bible Class, 7:00pm — Bible Study Classes

March 4, 2018

"Stand Firm in...Liberty"

Galatians 5:1

At the Feet of Jesus

Have you ever noticed in the Gospel accounts how often someone kneels in front of Jesus? How often someone is "at the feet" of Jesus?

Those feet were fondly caressed by an adoring mother in the manger. They walked through the carpentry shop. They were supposed to follow the family from the temple, yet stayed behind.

The feet of Jesus stepped into the Jordan at baptism and later walked on the Sea of Galilee. Those feet stood on the mountain preaching and walked a thousand miles helping the hurting. The feet of Jesus kicked over the tables of those who made the house of the Lord a mockery. They did not run when His accusers approached in the Garden of Gethsemane in response. The feet of Jesus walked up the hill to Golgotha and were nailed to a cross.

Think what a privilege it is to sit at the feet of Jesus. When I think of someone sitting at the feet of Jesus, I always turn to a story recorded in **Luke 10**. Jesus is in Bethany at the home of Mary and Martha and Lazarus. Martha is busy preparing a meal for her guests. But Mary was sitting at the feet of Jesus, hearing his word and listening to his teachings.

And there were so many others we read about who sat at the feet of Jesus. In the home of Simon the Pharisee, a woman found forgiveness at Jesus' feet (**Luke 7**). There was also a woman brought and flung down at Jesus' feet in **John 8**. She had been caught in adultery, but she, too, found forgiveness there.

While some found forgiveness, others found healing. Matthew tells us, "*And great crowds came to Him, bringing with them the lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they put them down at His feet; and He healed them*" (**Matthew 15:30**). Outcasts and rejects find acceptance at Jesus' feet. Worldly wounds are healed, and calloused souls are softened and saved by his touch. Others found there a place of prayer. Jairus chose to pray at the feet of Jesus when his daughter was at the point of death (**Mark 5:22-23**).

Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Sick

Dana Wiggins is taking chemo treatments.

Doris Trahan is taking radiation treatments.

Continued Prayers

(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, James Scott, Gary Nielsen, Harold Cryer, Gerald Lucy, Steve Ward, Teresa McKewen, Jackie David, Patricia Padon, Frank & Tina Garcia, Ronnie Davis, Bill Lunceford, Phillip Cottle, Eric Davis, J. P. Williams, Stacie Copeland, Wayne Howser, Jo Ella McKewen, Frances Petree

Shut Ins

(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Pauline Taylor, Winona Angelle, Pat Henley, Myrtle Sheffield, Ronnie Rubit, Ouida Cauthorn, Joe Leonard

Our Missionaries

Aaron & Marisa Bailey in Mwanza, Africa, Rod Kyle in the South Pacific

Plastic Bags

The Food Bank is in need of plastic grocery bags. A barrel is in the foyer.

Upcoming Activities

Deacons meet at 4:45 pm today.

Elders, Deacons, Minister meet Monday, March 5th at 7:00 pm.

We will be having a Houston Food Bank truck on Tuesday, Mar. 6th at 9:00 am.

Primetimers are going to Big Frank's BBQ on Tuesday, March 13th at 5:30 pm. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Blood Drive

We will be having a **Blood Drive**, Monday, March 19th from 4-8 pm. Let your friends and neighbors know so they can be here to give blood.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Rita Upton and her family on the death of her brother Marion Dean Harris. He passed away last Sunday night. His funeral was Friday in Oklahoma City, OK.

We extend our sympathy to Paul Freeman and his family on the death of his wife Hazel Freeman. She passed away last month.

Privilege to Serve Sunday, Mar. 4th

Communion Preparation: Debra Faneros

Nursery Attendants: Raven Lartigue, Sharon Lartigue

Children's Bible Hour: Daisy Cary

Teen Helpers: Brandon Smith, Dylan Balch

Communion Preparation for Sunday, Mar. 11th: Nancy Hempel

Nursery Attendants for Sunday, Mar. 11th: Jane Tinkle, Rita Upton

Children's Bible Hour for Sunday, Mar. 11th: Tania Balch

Teen Helpers: Addie David

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Some came to the feet of Jesus to find a place of thanksgiving and rest. **Luke 17** gives an account of Jesus cleansing 10 lepers. Only one returned to give thanks. That one fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him for healing. In **Luke 8**, there is the story of a man who was afflicted by demons, his mind so tortured that he had no rest. Jesus cast the demons from him, and in **Luke 8:35** we see him in his right mind and at rest. Luke tells us, quite naturally, he wanted to continue to rest at the feet of Jesus.

We all need to spend some time at the feet of Jesus. We will find it a place of forgiveness and learning. A place of prayer and refreshment. A place where we can be at rest.

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