

## TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Daniel Balch /Opening Prayer by: Don Taylor

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Shannon Smith

#611 Heavenly Sunlight

#881 Mansion Over the Hilltop

Scripture Reading by: Matthew Girard

#480 Blessed Assurance

**Lord's Supper and Contribution**

#535 The Glory Land Way

**Sermon: "Maranatha"**

**Revelation 22:12-13, 20**

#912 Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary

#452 Standing on the Promises

Closing Prayer by: David Warren

Welcome by: Daniel Balch

Evening Assembly Song Leader: Shannon Smith

#528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

#545 Precious Memories

Scripture Reading: Rock Cary

Opening Prayer: Wayne Noonkester

#453 Love Lifted Me

**Sermon: "One Word: Christian"**

**Acts 11:21-26**

#909 There's a Fountain Free

#406 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Closing Prayer by: Phillip Strickhausen

### 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

June 2, 2019

## “Stand Firm in...Liberty”

Galatians 5:1

### How Long Has It Been?

Since our Singing with the Spirit workshop several weeks ago, I think many of us have focused more on the content of our hymns and the lessons they teach than we ever have before. One of my favorite songs is, regrettably, not in our book. And you might not even know it – I actually stumped Myron Bruce when I mentioned this one! It's called, “How Long Has It Been?” by Mosie Lister. Consider the message it conveys:

*How long has it been*

*Since you talked with the Lord,*

*And told Him your heart's hidden secrets?*

*How long since you prayed?*

*How long since you stayed*

*On your knees 'til the light shone through?*

*How long has it been*

*Since your mind felt at ease?*

*How long since your heart knew no burden?*

*How long has it been*

*Since you knelt by your bed*

*And prayed to the Lord up in heaven?*

*How long since you knew*

*That He'd answer you*

*And would keep you the long night through?*

*How long has it been*

*Since you woke with the dawn*

*And felt that the day's worth the living?*

And the refrain repeated at the end of both verses:

*Can you call him your friend?*

*How long has it been*

*Since you knew that He cared for you?*

# Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

## Our Sick

J. P. Williams is in Liberty Health Care room 605B for rehab.

## Continued Prayers

### (Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, Gary Nielsen, Harold & Geri Cryer, Steve Ward, Jackie David, Frank & Tina Garcia, Eric Davis, Dayla Hale, Minny Owen, Doris Trahan, Willo Dean Ellis, Joe Edd Stifflemire, Tem Meigs, Phillip Cottle

## Shut Ins

### (Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Winona Angelle, Myrtle Sheffield, Dr. Ronald Davis, Larry Hicks, Mark Wilcox

## 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

**Elders, Deacons, Minister** meeting Monday at 7:00 pm.

**Deacons** meet today at 4:45 pm.

We will be having a Houston Food Bank truck on Tuesday, June 4th at 8:00 am.

**VBS** is July 8-11th from 9:00am to 11:30 am. Make your plans to attend. The theme this year is "The Faith Force of Godly Living".

Madysen Schmemehorn  
&

Trenton Smith

Request the pleasure of your company at

Their Wedding

Saturday, June 8, 2019

At 2:00pm

Liberty Church of Christ

Reception to follow

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Ken Coleman	Daniel Balch	Bryant Perkins
Bob Parker	Danny Balch	
Bobby Rader	Shannon Smith	
Don Taylor	Phillip Strickhausen	
Robert Ward		

## Privilege to Serve

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Communion Preparation: Cathy Stifflemire

Nursery Attendants: Marsha Rader, Lynette Ward

Communion Preparation for Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>: Hollie Strickhausen

Nursery Attendants for Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>: Tania Balch, Pat Hobbs

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We have recently started a study on Wednesday evenings looking more deeply at prayer, inspired by the request the disciples made to Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." This is an important topic, because I think most of us – myself included – probably do not avail ourselves of prayer as we ought.

That is a shame. Prayer is one of our greatest blessings, a privilege that we enjoy as children of God. And yet, we have the unfortunate tendency to become so lackadaisical with our praying. I think Jesus anticipated his followers would become slack in prayer. That's why he told the parable of the unjust judge:

*And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:1-8)*

Do we really take advantage of prayer as we should? Or do we lose heart? How long has it been since you talked with the Lord? It really does change things!

I recall a story I once read of two women, sitting together on the front porch while they mended their husbands' pants. One said, "You know, my John is so discouraged with the church. He just feels like quitting sometimes. No one seems to care." The other lady said, "How strange! My James was saying just the other day how encouraged he was about the prospects for the future of the church. He feels really good about its direction and the positive attitude he sees in others." They sat in silence, one as she patched the seat and the other as she patched the knees.

*Bryant Perkins*

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