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Sunday 9:30a, 10:30a, 6:00p  
Tuesday 10:30a  
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Wednesday Benevolence 8:30a

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### The Psalm of the Soul Winner

by Dan Jenkins

The book of Psalms expresses the deep emotions that servants of God have. There is something about poetry and singing which touch the souls of His people. Each of the psalms is different and has a special place in the various stages of our lives as we serve our Creator. Psalm 126 gives us great insight into the emotions each of us has as we seek to lead others to the Lord. It is truly the Psalm of the Soul Winner.

There is joy and sorrow in walking down His pathway. Being a soul winner begins with an abiding sense of how lost we were before we became a child of God. The imagery of this psalm is of the return of the Jews from captivity. Every soul winner, while not in physical captivity, was held captive to Satan. The psalmist said, "When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream" (verse 1). It was as though the Jews had been in the wilderness south of Canaan which often flourished when there were streams of water (v. 4). Every child of God was once a child of Satan, but He is brought back from captivity.

Being a soul winner results in a change of attitude toward worshipping God. The psalm continues with these words, "Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with singing" (v. 2). We have been freed from the bondage of sin and our tears have been turned into laughter and our grief into singing. Great soul winners never forget what God has done for them and for those they have taught.

Being a soul winner is known by those people who are around them. The glorious return of the Jews from captivity resulted in the nations around them saying, "The Lord has done great things for them" (v. 2). The light of the redeemed shines brightly in the darkness of the world around them. God has changed their lives and the redeemed also say, "The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad" (v. 3).

Being a soul winner creates an optimistic expectation that others will be won. "Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy" (v. 5). As you read this verse take special note of the tears shed by those who are sowing the seed of the kingdom. Most people we teach will not turn to the Lord and we are more concerned about their salvation than they are. Yet the promise of God is that we will be filled with joy. There is no joy greater than that of leading another to the Lord.

Read the last verse slowly and hear God's message to you. "He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (v. 6). We sow. We sow continually. We sow with tears. Yet we sow knowing that without doubt there will be the joy of the harvest as sheaves are brought in. Want to be a better soul winner? Read and meditate on this psalm!

**Christ's Passion (Part 3)  
The Paradox**

Jesus throughout His betrayal and trial remained relatively \_\_\_\_\_. Yet once His hour had come, our Savior gave seven statements to be remembered.

1. Statement of \_\_\_\_\_

2. Statement of \_\_\_\_\_

3. Statement of \_\_\_\_\_

4. Statement of \_\_\_\_\_

5. Statement of \_\_\_\_\_

6. Statement of \_\_\_\_\_

7. Statement of \_\_\_\_\_

**Four Tests to Pass**

**2 Corinthians 13:5**

Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you-- unless indeed you fail the test?

Test #1 – Do I even know what is morally \_\_\_\_\_?

Test #2 – Do I \_\_\_\_\_ Evil Good, and Good Evil?

Test #3 – Do I \_\_\_\_\_ at Sin?

Test #4 – Do I \_\_\_\_\_ different?



**His Shoes.  
Her Shoes.**

Marriage Seminar  
**April 27th-28th**  
Please register in the foyer by April 11th

<p><b>Weekly Service</b> @ TriSun</p> <p>Every Sunday @ 8:30 AM</p>	<p><b>SENIOR'S YOUNG</b> AT HEART</p> <p>MEETS EVERY TUES. @ 10:30AM</p>	<p><b>Lads 2 Leaders</b> Convention</p> <p>March 30-31</p> <p>Bible Bowl Song Leading Oral Speech &amp; more...</p>	<p><b>Habitat for</b> Humanity</p> <p>coming up Sat. 5/5</p>
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**WesthillWORKS! Leadership**

**Community Outreach**  
Benevolence Program  
Habitat for Humanity  
Food for Fitness

**Local Missions**  
Cherokee Children's Home  
In Search of the Lord's Way  
Southwest School of Preaching  
Brown Trail Spanish School of Preaching  
The Truth in Love *ttil.tv*  
WVBS Online School  
*school.wvbs.org*  
La Poynor Prison Ministry  
(Steve & Carrie Handley)

**Foreign Missions**  
India Preacher Training Program  
New Zealand Harvest Missions

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# Prayer List

**Martha Dowdle's mother**, Margaret Archer, was laid to rest on Wednesday. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family during this time.

**Cash Hendrix** fractured some bones around his eye, but no damage to his eye occurred and no surgery will be needed.

**Amy Haden's** back surgery went well and she is home. She will be on bed rest for two weeks.

**Veran Barrett** is recovering well from her leg procedure last Wednesday.

**Malvinee Jett** is still having some health issues and will be needing more tests.

**Beverly Heathcote's dad**, Ed Neville, will be having corrective surgery for his broken arm on Monday.

**Continue to Remember:** Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Wanda Horner, Sylvia Cockerham, Billie Thomas, John Sehon, Mary Crews, Darlene Cooke, James Welch, & the Barham Family

## Announcements

**Lads to Leaders Covention** Easter Weekend.  
**Fri. 3/30-Sun. 4/1.**

**Elders/Deacons/Preachers Potluck Lunch-**  
**Sun. 4/8**

**Save the Date: Couples' Retreat - 4/28-4/29**  
Please sign up by 4/11 (on back table).

**Save the Date: Habitat for Humanity - 5/5**

**Save the Date: WOW Ladies Retreat!**  
October 26-27, 2018  
Summers Mill, Salado, TX  
Speaker: Martha Lair of Bear Valley Church of Christ

**Thank you Westhill Family** for the continuous prayers before and after Bobby's surgery. God is good! We also want to say thank you for remembering us and the McGraw family at the passing of Pat. We are truly blessed in so many ways and especially to be a part of God's family who worships at Westhill.  
**-Love, Bobby & Carol Barham**

**Birthdays This Week**  
March 27 - Brian Beamon & Sylvia Cockerham

March 29 - Tatum Briggs & Thomas Saunders  
March 30 - Miranda Orozco  
March 31 - Claire Haden & Jim Howard

**Next Week:**  
**Bible Class** *The Life of the Apostle Paul*  
**AM Sermon**  
**PM Sermon**

### Records for March 18, 2018

Bible Class ..... 190  
AM Worship..... 236  
PM Worship..... 146  
Wednesday..... 157  
Contribution ..... \$7,343.70

**Military:** Samantha Armstrong, Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, Alston Compton, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, & Ryan Stewart

## Privileged to Serve

<b>Song Leader</b>	Joshua Haden
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	George Schmidt
<b>Communion Leader</b>	Darrell Olsen
<b>Communion Servers</b>	
Joe Glass	Mark McWherter
Larry Rowden	Frizell Henry
Luke Baumgartner	Paul Stewart
Isaac Haden	Jim Haden
Greg Olsen	James Olsen
Jose Sosa	Jose Sosa Jr.
Phil Pillans	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Rusty Owens
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Ivy
<b>Nursery</b>	Debbie Wylie & Acie Mahoney
<b>PM Song Leader</b>	Justin Williams
<b>PM Opening Prayer</b>	Ken Green
<b>PM Closing Prayer</b>	Greg Olsen
<b>Wed. Song Leader</b>	Brody Owens
<b>Wed. Invitation</b>	David Shastid
<b>March Contact Elder</b>	Don Ivy