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

Wednesday Benevolence 8:30a

November 12, 2017

### Paul's Last Will & Testament

Anthony Warnes

What would you do if you knew you were dying in the near future? Second Timothy is believed to be Paul's last epistle that he wrote before his death. The fourth chapter of this epistle serves as possible proof toward that argument as Paul famously states, "...I have finished the race..." (4:7). As Paul wraps up his encouragement to Timothy, we see what Paul did with what he believed was his last days on this earth.

First, Paul charges another to continue the work. In chapter 3, we are reminded that Timothy was taught from childhood about God. Paul's first epistle shows us that this teaching started with his grandmother and mother. Paul also had a great spiritual influence on Timothy. Now Timothy must do the same for others. "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching" (4:1-2). Paul had even encouraged Timothy to pass on this charge to other "faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2:2).

Second, Paul charges Timothy to continue for the finish line. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to ALL who have loved his appearing" (4:7-8, emphasis mine). How wonderful to know that we can be as confident as Paul was in what was possibly his last days.

Third, Paul charges Timothy to continue despite the way men might treat him. Paul explains to Timothy how men such as Demas deserted him and Alexander harmed him. Yet as Paul sees his reward approaching, the actions of others will not affect him eternally. "The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom" (4:18).

Let us live our lives in such a way that at the end of our life, we can leave the same legacy that Paul did. Let us work our entire life for the Lord and for others. Let us finish the race. Let us continue despite how others might treat us.

## A Great Mystery

### Introduction:

Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice! – Phil. 4:4  
For a great mystery has been made known!

### I. The condition of mankind:

- A. Separated from God  
Romans 3:23; Eph.2:2-3; 1 John 1:5-6
- B. Not able to find the way back  
Jer. 10:23; Prov. 20:24b; John 14:5
- C. How unsearchable are things of God  
Romans 11:33

### II. Because of God all can rejoice!

- A. Mary rejoice  
Luke 1:46-47
- B. Wise men rejoiced  
Matt. 2:9-10
- C. Abraham rejoiced  
John 8:56

### III. But now...

- A. Mystery made known  
John 14:6, Rom. 16:25-27; 1 Cor. 2:7-10
- B. Salvation for all mankind!  
Eph. 3:3-6; Eph. 3:14-19; 1 Tim. 3:15-16

## Why I Rejoice as a Christian

*“Because My Name Is Written in the Book”*

### I. The Names in the Book are Christians

- A. Workman Like Paul (Philippians 4:2-3)
- B. Citizens Like Paul (Philippians 3:20)
- C. Made Clean by Christ (Revelation 21:27)
- D. Written & Added by Christ (Heb. 12:23; Acts 2:46-47)
- E. Conquerors Like Christ (Revelation 3:5)

### II. The Names in the Book are Removable

- A. Whose name will be removed? (Revelation 3:5)
- B. Whose names will not be found? (Revelation 21:27)
- C. If you have been removed/never added there is no cause for rejoicing.

### III. The Names of All will be Judged by the Book

- A. Judged by the books (Revelation 20:12)
- B. Judged by the Words (John 12:48)
- C. Judgment’s Consequence of not being found in the Book (Revelation 20:15)
- D. Judgment’s true Punishment and Reward (Revelation 21:27)

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!” Psalm 122:1



Corsicana area churches of Christ  
**UNITY SUNDAY**  
**November 12**

Alton Albert (Eastside - 9:30)  
Steve Orbison (North Beaton - 10:30)  
Potluck (12:00)  
Corey Tackett (Blooming Grove - 1:00)

**Weekly Service**  
**@ TriSun**

Every Sunday  
@ 8:30 AM

**Wed. Night**  
**Auditorium**  
**Class**

*A Study in Jude*

**SENIOR’S YOUNG**  
**AT HEART**

MEETS EVERY  
**TUES. @ 10:30AM**

**Lads 2 Leaders**  
**Events**

Bible Bowl  
Song Leading  
Oral Speech & more...

## WesthillWORKS!

### 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

Four Seas Bible College, Singapore  
New Zealand Harvest Missions

## Leadership

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### Staff

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# Prayer List

**Janet Earles** has developed a hernia and needs prayers. Also, her relative, Solan Bailey, has been having back problems and may need surgery.

**Bronny Watson** has a hole in his retina that will need surgery. That will likely take place on Tuesday or Wednesday.

**Continue to Remember:** Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Wanda Brown, Wanda Horner, Jan Ross, Sylvia Cockerham, Velma McDougald, Billie Thomas, Vicki Ivy, Riley Wooten, & Carolyn Milton

# Announcements

We rejoice at the recent **baptism** of **Nate Haden!** Please be sure to pray for and encourage our new brother in Christ!

**Eric Olsen & McKenzie Rash** are having a **wedding shower today** immediately following Sunday afternoon service. *Registered at Walmart, Sweet Tangerine, & Home Depot (gift cards welcome).* They are to be married on Dec. 9.

**Thanksgiving Lunch:** Make plans now to attend. Lunch will be served Thanksgiving Day at noon. Turkey, ham, dressing, and rolls will be provided. **Sign-up now** to let us know how many will be coming and what dish you would like to bring.

**Young at Heart Seniors Group** meets every Tuesday morning at 10:30am for Bible Study. Everyone is welcome!

**To my Westhill Family-** Words cannot express how much we appreciate the kind words of expressions, the prayers offered up to God on behalf of the Milton and Brown family. We truly thank you for all the love shown to us, the cards received, and the prayers you prayed. Westhill is a loving family and we are so proud to be a part of it. Thank each and every one of you for your support and love during this time.

**-Carloyn & Percell Milton**

**The Elders** would like to make you aware that Cory Myers has chosen to take a position as an Associate Minister at League City, Texas church of Christ. We have asked Cory to continue to work at Westhill in his current position through December. We wish Cory and his family the best in their new work. We know Cory will make every effort to glorify God in his new position. The Elders will soon be forming a search committee to begin looking for a new youth minister. We will do our best to keep you updated on the progress of that search. In the interim please pray for those currently working with our youth as well as those who will be involved with the search for a new youth minister. Please also remember Cory and April and the boys in your prayers as well, as they look to serve God in his new work.

## Birthdays This Week

November 5 - Helen Simpson  
November 6 - Robyn Saunders  
November 8 - Robby Thomas  
November 9 - Gene McDougald  
November 10 - Buck Murphy  
November 11 - Aubery Parrish

## Next Week:

**Bible Class** *The Life of the Apostle Paul*

**AM Sermon** *I Need Grace*

**PM Sermon** *One Word Study "Grief"*

## Records for November 5, 2017

Bible Class .....191  
AM Worship.....243  
PM Worship.....141  
Wednesday..... 149  
Contribution ..... \$7,882.50

**Military:** Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, Jason Book, Alston Compton, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, Ryan Payne, Douglas Ramsey, & Ryan Stewart

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## Privileged to Serve

<b>Song Leader</b>	Zach Drain
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Sammy Smith
<b>Communion Leader</b>	Don Ivy
<b>Communion Servers</b>	
Matt Newman	Shawn Smith
Ken Green	Parker Smith
Robby Thomas	Kenneth Brown
Mike Wylie	Rodney Govan
Joshua Haden	William Valler
Frizzell Henry	Willy Robinson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Thomas Smith
<b>Nursery</b>	Sharon Mahoney & Tina Roughton
<b>PM Song Leader</b>	Kenny Ballard
<b>PM Opening Prayer</b>	John Brown
<b>PM Closing Prayer</b>	Greg Olsen
<b>Wed. Song Leader</b>	Matt Newman
<b>Wed. Invitation</b>	Cory Myers
<b>November Contact Elder</b>	Percell Milton