

~~ Activities And Events ~~

Project Outreach— The new tracts are available, "The Unity of the Bible." They are available for you at the security desk. Let us all work to save the lost.

Beginning February— On the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 PM., will begin a new study; The Bible: A Portrait of Redemption. It will be at Henrietta Murphy Jones home. Her address is in the Tara Directory.

February 22—26th— Progressive Meeting with Ken Foster speaking on "Shining Brighter." See the bulletin board for detailed information. Let us support this meeting!!

Beginning March— Every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 AM, Ladies will meet for prayer and get-together. This will be held at the Fellowship Hall, See Mitzi if you have any questions. It will be on March 21st this month.

March 1st— We will have our L.I.G.H.T Fellowship Meal following the 2nd Worship Service, at the White House behind the church. Our Menu will be Mexican. Check the bulletin board in the foyer to sign what you will bring. Come and Enjoy good food and Fellowship!!

March 2026—We will be preparing bags quarterly for the homeless. We will be preparing the bags around the 29th of March. There is a list on the bulletin board for items needed. Michael Hollis is overseeing this outreach program.

Prayer Requests

Henrietta Murphy Jones— received good news, the cancer near lungs is gone and very little below intestines. She'll see doctors to see if they'll do surgery or chemo next week. Prayers for her are appreciated.

Rosalyn Curseen— will see spine doctor on the 18th to see when the body cast will come off. She will begin rehabilitation after she is without the cast. Keep her in prayers

Michael Curseen— continues with Infusion Treatments every 3 weeks, for the next 2 years. He is going well with the infusions. We need to continue prayers for Michael.

Continued Prayer List: Brenda Millsap, Bernice Harris, Vera Hannah, Russ Baker, Ted Young, Maggie and Patrick Brown, Keith Fort, Brenda Millsap, Billie Pouncey, Archie Robinson, Jimmy Denney, Christian and Cory Curseen, Anthony Newman, Paul Pacchioli, Havanna Goebel, Marcia Woodbury, Steve Smith, Jim and Maxine Howell, Vernetta Jones, Don Cheek, Doris Pate, Mozelle Jones, Vera Pollard, Willie Mae Brown, Carla Robison's mother, Alfred and Lenor is a Barnes, parents of Alfred Barnes, Erika Lee Havanna's daughter, Erika Lee's father

Elders' Comments

Just as every member of the human body is important, so is every member of the body of Christ (the church) (I Cor. 12:12-27). This would include the work of the church (Eph. 4:15). We all are to be laborers together in building up and strengthening the church. The elders must do their part, and so must the deacons, the preacher, the teachers and all members, according to each one's ability. No one is more important than anyone else. We just have different responsibilities, and God will judge us accordingly (II Cor. 5:10). What is your responsibility in the work of the church at Tara? Do you accept and fulfill it to the best of your ability? Do you pray that God will help you?

The Elders

Please remember to turn off your cell phone during Bible study and Worship!

REMAINING CLOSE TO THE LORD

Most everyone knows that a cork placed on the top of the water will float on the surface. If it is pressed down ten, fifty, or even a hundred feet below the surface of the water, and released, it will rise again. But those who know say that if it is pressed down two hundred feet, it cannot rise again. The pressure of the water is too great.

So it is with life. The lower a man sinks into the depths of sin, the greater the difficulty he has in rising again. The longer one stays in the depths of sin, the less the probability of his ever rising again. The constant pressure of sin can be so great that it can damage the conscience of a person to the point that he refuses to hear God's call through the gospel, and thus cannot be raised from the depths of sin. Paul wrote of some who would be "*speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.*" (I Tim.4:2)

Again, we observe that the earth's gravitational pull keeps us from floating out into space. One can go ten, fifty, or even a hundred miles up into space, and the earth's gravity will pull him back. However, one can go so far that he is beyond the pull of gravity, and thus, float around in space helplessly.

So it is with life. The farther away a man goes from God, the Bible, and the church the greater the difficulty he has of ever returning again. Jesus said that he would draw all men unto himself (John 12:32), and "*No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.*" (John 6:44) Yet one can go so far into sin, or error, that God's drawing power (the gospel) loses its effect. The danger is so great that New Testament Christians were warned about it. "*For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened....if they shall fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put him to an open shame.*" (Heb. 6:4-6)

During World War II the pilots of the fighter planes knew how far they could go with their fuel supply and still get back safely to the aircraft carrier. When the fuel was half gone they knew they had to return immediately. If they did not, the point of no return would be reached, and they would crash into the Pacific before they could reach the carrier.

We all know people who are just floating around aimlessly beyond the drawing pull of the gospel. We know those who have sunk so far into the depths of sin that they likely will never rise again. They have passed the "point of no return." Let us all determine such a fate will never happen to us, and use our influence to help those who have strayed from the fold, lest they go too far to get back home.

Richard