



BAKER HEIGHTS ON TEXAS AVE CHURCH of CHRIST



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Today is a day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice & be glad in it.

➔ **Focus on the Positive** ➔

*** Isn't it GREAT to be a Christian! ***

Good Morning,

We were watching a movie the other night and when it got to a scary part John Luke, my five year old son, ran over and hopped in my lap. I asked if he was afraid, and he replied "No, I am in your lap." It made me feel good, as a parent, that all he needed was to be with me in order to not be frightened any more. Can you still remember the time when you were a kid and knew that no matter what scary things you faced, or what in life went wrong, Mom and Dad were there to fix it? It was easy to face the world if you were holding their hand.

I can't help but think of the story of Elisha and his servant (2 Kings 6:15-17). When they got up in the morning, they found themselves surrounded by the enemy's army. The servant was in a panic, not knowing what to do, but Elisha remained calm. The servant ran to Elisha, "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" Elisha told him to relax, and told him "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." Then God opened the servant's eyes, and he "saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." Elisha was able to see and understand that, as long as he was with God, he had nothing to worry about. There was no problem or situation he couldn't handle.

During hard times it is so wonderful to have a God who, even when we thought we were too big and didn't need Him anymore, sent his son so He could take hold of us. We often remind the youth group of Romans 8:28 (where the 828 house got its name): "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." It doesn't mean bad things don't happen – but it does mean that, as long as we hold His hand, God our father can take the bad things and turn them into something good. So let's make sure we are always holding on to God's unchanging hand. He was there for Elisha – even if the servant couldn't see it – and He is there for us too.

Luke Bower

As you know, many people in our community are facing hard times during the COVID19 outbreak. Many have lost their jobs or had their hours shortened. We want to reach out to families around the Baker Heights church building by offering boxes of groceries for those families facing hardships. We'll need the help of as many Baker Heights members as possible to contribute to this food-drive. Below is a list of items we'll put in the boxes. We will hand out fliers to let our neighbors know these boxes are available, and can be picked up, by appointment. Your help is needed by bringing some of these items (listed below) to the Education building's west entrance (under the covered drive-through) on **Saturday, May 16, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** If you are not able to shop for these items, feel free to give a donation toward this endeavor.

Please help us show our neighbors we care about them!

4lb bag of Sugar / Flour / Cooking Oil / Dried Red Beans / Rice / Tuna / Tuna Helper / Beef Stew / Canned Soup / Chili / Instant Potatoes / Canned Vegetables / Canned Fruit / Peanut Butter / Jelly / Spaghetti / Spaghetti Sauce / Ramen Noodles / Mac & Cheese / Elbow Noodles / Oatmeal / Cornbread Mix / Bisquick (small boxes) / Pancake Syrup / Toilet Paper / Paper Towels

***** PRAY, PRAY, PRAY *** CALL & ENCOURAGE A FRIEND *** PRAY, PRAY, PRAY *****

Prayer List

BHCC MEMBERS:

Avenell Holloway – Mesa Springs #104, health improving some
Leroy Mason – Wisteria Place #318, rehab
Esta Scott – eye problems

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Travis Bennett (nephew of **Roxanne Hello**) – Recovering from 3rd hip surgery due to cancer

All Missionaries:

Chipata Bible College and all the preachers in the field.

All Military & First Responders

All Patients and Workers in Nursing Homes & Hospitals

Those infected by & loss of loved ones due to the COVID-19 Virus

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:

Jim Easdon who died 05/01 (uncle of **Charlotte Longley**)

Sherry Nelson who died 04/27 (aunt of **Tammy Tiner**)

THOSE BATTLING CANCER:

Jena Madeley, Lewis Maness, Kay Procter, Larry Taylor, Jesse Thomas, Minnie Woody

All our family members & friends dealing with cancer & treatments.

OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Brenda Amonett, Eldon Amonett, Phyllis Bonner, Janet Bruns, Mamie Crane, Norma Dotson, Jo Potter, Leroy & Mary Mason, Frances Pruett, Melinda Simmons, Dean & Nelda Stewart, Laveta Youngquist.

<u>Contribution Statistics</u>			
<u>Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Average (per week)</u>	<u>Goal (per week)</u>
March	\$42,399	\$8,479	\$9,600
April	\$34,787	\$8,696	\$9,600
May	\$8,560	\$8,560	\$9,600

IS THE VIRUS A “SIGN OF THE TIMES”?

Recently, I've heard/read that the virus is a divine judgment upon this wicked world and/or a sign of the times – a precursor to the imminent return of Christ. Every catastrophe is interpreted by someone as a sign that the end is near. As far as pandemics go, the current virus is relatively minor compared to other plagues. Smallpox, for instance, is estimated to have killed a half billion people. But smallpox has been wiped out, and the coronavirus will be also. But what about the sign of the times? What sort of answer should be given to those who see the end of the world in the current upheaval? In Matthew 24:2, Christ predicted the destruction of the temple, and the disciples wanted to know what sign would herald the event (24:3). Christ answered by telling them what would not be the sign: wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes were not signs of the end (24:6). The sign that signaled the destruction of the temple would be the abomination of desolation – a pagan army (see Luke 21:20) – surrounding Jerusalem (Matt. 24:15). The passage that talks about a “sign of the times,” therefore, isn't talking about the final coming of the Lord, but His coming in judgment on Jerusalem. There is a passage that talks about the end of the world, 1 Thessalonians 5:1–3, and it says that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. Thieves do not announce when they'll strike, and neither will the Lord regarding His return. Which means, we must always be ready (5:6).

Kenny Chumbley

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THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

01 – May Esta Scott
 04 – May Will Claxton, Jesse Mullins
 05 – May Preston Loudermilk
 12 – May Ruby LaRoque

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

09 – May Jesse & Chieko Thomas
 14 – May Bobby & Jennie Bright
 30 – May Chris & Taryn Pence

A note on the above Birthdays and Anniversaries: For security and privacy reasons, we are only printing the date and name/s of the members celebrating. For address info use the online directory.

DVD's & CD's of online sermons are now available on request by calling the church office, Monday – Friday, 9 am to 1 pm.

PANTRY HOURS

PLEASE NOTE: Until further notice the PANTRY is by appointment only on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6 p.m. IF you need to utilize the pantry, please call the office for an appointment – 325-692-6974 – (Mon – Fri, 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

–Deuteronomy 31:8

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