



# 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! \*\*\*

## **A DIFFICULT LETTER TO WRITE...**

I remember the first day I came to Baker Heights, it was about nine years ago. I was asked to come and tryout for a preaching position. I recall looking at the auditorium and thought how cool it was that there was so many seats and they were arranged in a half moon pattern, thinking to myself how awesome it would be to preach at a place like this! Understanding that I was coming from Northern Michigan where the churches were very small. Well, needless to say I didn't get the job, because right after I tried out a guy named Wes McAdams came in and that was the end of that!!!

Despite that fact, God was not done with me and Baker Heights. Not long after holding two evangelism workshops with you (2011 & 2018), I hit the lowest point of my life – as most of you know. I thought that God was done with me and thought very seriously about leaving the ministry altogether! Then life began to change. Out of all the places to go, where do I end up, but Abilene, Texas. Moving in with my best friend, Wayne Newman and his wife Jan! Shortly afterwards I was offered the position of evangelist at Baker Heights. And if that was not enough, there were these incredible people who showed me so much love, friendship, and encouragement! Can you guess who they are? That is right, it was YOU! And if that is too good to believe, it even gets better! I then meet the love of my life and newest and best friend, Amy!!! And we were married right here at Baker Heights! Giving me six new family members and little Myra being the brightest of them! God is so good at fixing the broken things!

Here comes the difficult part of the letter. Amy and I are leaving Baker Heights after taking a job with the Brown Street church of Christ in Waxahachie, Texas. It was a difficult decision, but I believe I will have even a greater opportunity for evangelism in that part of the world. We will miss you all! Especially the ladies' class, the Monday night bible study gang, the Jeter's group and the adult classes I taught here! Please remember what I taught you and never stop having eyes like Jesus and seeing the lost (**Matthew 9:35-38**)! We will see each other again!!!

*James and Amy Sanderson*

Since some of you will receive the bulletin Friday 05/15, this is just a quick reminder: 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 / Coffee / Tea**

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

# Prayer List

## **BHCC MEMBERS:**

**Manuel Eastman** – leg injury, doing OK now  
**Avenell Holloway** – Mesa Springs #104, health improving some  
**Carolyn Madeley** – knee replacement surgery 05/18  
**Jena Madeley** – rejoicing – final chemo treatment this week  
**Leroy Mason** – Wisteria Place #318, rehab  
**Esta Scott** – eye problems

## **FRIENDS AND FAMILY:**

**Steve Hanson** (brother-in-law of **Manuel Eastman**) – successful kidney transplant 05/08  
**Bud Ivy** (father of **Shelly Goodnight**) – hospitalized in Katy with COPD, pneumonia & a mass in his lung.  
**Jackie Parker** (friend of **Roxanne Hello**) – heart bypass surgery

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

## **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.**

### Contribution Statistics

	<u>Month</u>	<u>(per week)</u>	<u>(per week)</u>
<u>Month</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>March</b>	\$42,399	\$8,479	\$9,600
<b>April</b>	\$34,787	\$8,696	\$9,600
<b>May</b>	\$18,267	\$9,133	\$9,600

## **LOVING GOOD WORKS**

Matthew 5:16 *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* Jesus was teaching during His sermon on the mount that we as Christians need to be seen by others of the world. How and why are we to be seen? We are to be seen doing good works. We are to do the good works in order that God may receive the glory.

As Christians we need to love doing good works. What does it mean to "love good works?" A good work can be defined as the following: "a strong feeling or devotion to any physical or mental activity that produces something that is morally beneficial or desirable" (def. by Halbert Tucker). Christians need to focus time, money, and energy on these good works that are beneficial to others and to God's kingdom. Matthew 6:21 says, *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* We need not put our hearts on treasures of this world that will rot away, be stolen, or get lost. Things like cell phones, tablets, money, jobs, hobbies, and sports seem to be where we have our treasures in today's world.

But our treasure should be treasures of heaven. Doing good works is one of the ways we can focus on heavenly treasures. Just doing good works alone is not going to get you to heaven. We must obey the gospel the way God commands we obey. But he also commands us to be ready for every good work. "...to be ready for every good work" (Titus 3:1) "...equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:17).

We need to be people zealous for good works as Paul described to Titus in Titus 2:14. So lets look for ways that we can shine our lights by doing good works so glory may be given to God.

*Nick Pace (Bulletin Digest)*  
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## **THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS**

17 – May Gregg Taylor, Scott Taylor  
 21 – May Perry Neely  
 23 – May Mary McDowell, Pam Sullivan

## **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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