

# Dean Road church of Christ

## WELCOME VISITORS!

You are our honored guests! Please fill out a white or green card and place it in the collection plate when it is passed around. We invite you to stick around after the assembly, so we can get a chance to know you!

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## REMINDER

Please silence or turn off any electronic device the may disturb the Assembly

## Announcements

### ● Prayer Requests/Updates:

- Frequent visitor \*Bobbye Donorama has been moved to a different rehab facility located off of Skinner Parkway and is still in a great amount of pain due to her recent cancer treatments.
- Congratulations to \*Ashley Bumpus & \*Reece Davis who will be graduated from high school last week!
- Continue to keep \*Joshua King (recent heart issues) and \*Taya Reeves in your prayers.
- CONTINUED PRAYERS: \*Louise Cauthen (rehab); \*Nancy Godwin (medical issues); \*Toni Johnson (Air Force); \*Craig Kelly (recent shoulder surgery, back issues); \*Connie Kersey; \*Joyce Maier; \*Lamar Marjenhoff; \*Marion & Elsie Pylant; \*Ashley Van Guilder (Navy); \*Our Elders.
- Others to keep in prayers: Deborah Elliott's sister, \*Patricia Alexander (recent accident involving school bus); Gene & Belinda Bryant's granddaughter, \*Maddie (recent procedure to replace part of her arm); Former Dean Road member \*Rebecca Bryant (cancer); Reata Dunlavy's husband, \*George Dunlavy, and son, \*Michael Dunlavy; Peggy Dougherty's 9 year old friend, \*Braelyn Mahoney (long recovery and multiple surgeries to correct twisted intestines); Belinda Bryant's father, \*Leon Northcut; Rachael Shifferd's uncle, \*Tim Sullivan (cancer).

### ● General Announcements:

- Everyone is invited to remain seated following our AM Assembly as members of the congregation have an exciting announcement about a project they are working on!
- Worship Assignment Calendars for the month of June are available on the table in the lobby!
- The Riverview congregation is hosting a truth summit this entire week! The summit will focus on the topic of things we do in worship and includes multiple speakers from around the area! Our own \*Scott Shifferd will be speaking Thursday night! For more details about the summit, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby!
- A reminder that if you missed any of the lessons from our Gospel Meeting last month, or you would like to listen to them a second time, they are now available on the church's website! If you would like a CD copy of the lessons, see \*Justin Hirt!

### 2017 Theme

*All that you say to me,*

**I WILL DO.**

~Ruth 3:5 (NKJV)

### This Month's Focus:

**GAINING INFLUENCE TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL** (Matt 5:13-16)

### Memory Passage for May

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 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.

~Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)

## Even the Demons

There is something interesting about the way demons interacted with Jesus Christ. Demons appeared to live a life of instant gratification, answering to no one. If they wanted harass someone, they would possess them without resistance. They would make the person perform acts against their will and there was little anyone could do to stop them. Yet, when they saw Jesus, they always understood He was the Son of God and they would have to answer to Him on the Last Day.

**James 2:19 (ESV):** You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

Like many of us, a fear of consequences is not enough to keep us from misbehaving. As children, we understood the consequences of disobeying our parents, but we accepted the risk because we thought there was a chance we would not be caught. Demons on the other hand know there is no escaping the final judgment, and it terrifies them. So why do demons continue to live a life that brings destruction?

**1 Timothy 4:1-3 (ESV):** Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

Demons understand their fates are sealed, but they want to bring as many of us as they can down with them. Demons, like Satan are jealous of God’s love for us and they want to separate us from Him. It is important to remember that demons win whether we are too lax or too restrictive with God’s word. Whether we are adding rules by forbidding things God has allowed (such as marriage) or we are taking away from God’s law; and redefining marriage. The Apostle Paul says Jesus has liberated us from the bondage of slavery, yet many of us remain in the chains of man’s traditions (Galatians 5:1). Though some traditions appear to be a good idea; if they are restricting in places God is not, they should be reconsidered. Like the demons, we need to have a fear of the judgement as it is something no one can escape. We will all be required to answer for our actions, and the best way to live is a life in line with the will of God. God doesn’t need us to help Him by adding to His words, and He certainly does not need us to ignore His will. Let us be mindful and obedient of God’s will and never deter from it.

~Undre Griggs

**Last Weeks Stats - 5/21: DBR ~ 30; Classes ~ 62/60; Assembly ~ 85/53; Contribution ~ \$2,882.00**

### Calendar of Events

- May**  
 28-6/3 - Truth Summit, Riverview church of Christ (Jacksonville, FL)
- June**  
 11 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration Fellowship after PM Assembly  
 11-14 - VBS, Lakeside church of Christ  
 18-21 - VBS, OceanSide church of Christ  
 18-24 - Florida Bible Camp  
 26-29 - VBS

### May Birthdays

- 1 - Athel Webb
- 3 - Undre Griggs
- 30 - Rachael Shifferd
- 31 - Ashley Van Guilder

### May Anniversaries

- 7 - Will & Jennifer Salisbury

### Schedule of Services

- Sunday*
- Morning Bible Study.....9:30 AM
  - AM Assembly .....10:30 AM
  - PM Assembly .....6:00 PM

- Wednesday*
- Bible Study.....7:00 PM
- Thursday*
- Bible Study.....10:00 AM

*Have an item or information that needs to go into next week’s bulletin? Let \*Justin Hirt know by 5:00 PM Thursday!*