

# Dean Road church of Christ

## WELCOME GUESTS!

We are honored that you are with us this morning! 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:

- \*Connie Kersey was moved back into Brooks Rehab on Thursday. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she recovers from a stroke she suffered on September 18th.
- CONTINUED PRAYERS: \*Barbara Abbandola; \*Steve Berg (Myasthenia gravis); \*Belinda Bryant (recovery from procedure to remove mass from the back of her neck April 30); \*Louise Cauthen (rehab); \*Dutch Dekker (breathing issues); \*Nancy Godwin (medical issues); \*Joyce Maier; \*Lamar Marjenhoff (rehab, congestive heart failure); \*Charles Oliver; \*Marion & Elsie Pylant; \*Sharon Salisbury (cancer treatments); \*Athel Webb; \*Our Elders.
- Others to keep in prayers: Theron Golleher's friend, \*David Benedict (cancer); frequent visitor \*Bobbye Donaroma (recently completed cancer treatments); Reata Dunlavy's husband, \*George Dunlavy (recent stroke & leukemia treatments); Nancy Godwin's son, \*Brandon Godwin (personal issues); Theron Golleher's friend, \*Stephanie Hinson (brain swelling); Belinda Bryant's son and his wife, \*Caleb & Heather Kitchings (expecting, December); \*Terry Lewis (Stage 2 bone cancer); Steve & Nancy Berg's daughter's mother-in-law, \*Linda Nichols (re-diagnosed with cancer); DeeAnna Durden's niece, \*Lori Potter (cancer).

### ● General Announcements:

- Following service **TONIGHT** we will be holding our monthly fellowship celebrating those with birthdays and anniversaries this month. We invite everyone to bring their favorite finger food to share and help us celebrate!
- A draft copy of our new member directory has been placed on the back table in the lobby for all of our members to review their page and make sure everything is correct! If you see any errors on your page, please go ahead and mark them. If you do not see any issues, please initial the page. \*Justin Hirt is available today to take new directory pictures for anyone who is interested in updating their picture. See \*Justin Hirt for any issues or questions.
- Our November *Pantry Item of the Month* is bottles of water! We hope to collect 500 bottles by the end of the month! As always, a BIG THANK YOU to all those who have supported this effort throughout the year!
- This evening for our PM Assembly, our lesson will be brought to us by \*Sam Long! Sam is the Director of Church Relations at Faulkner University.
- ATTENTION LADIES! Registration for the 2019 Sister to Sister Ladies Lectureship-Retreat is now open! The event will be held **January 25 & 26** at the OceanSide church building. For more details about the event and how to register please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby or \*Teresa Golleher!

### 2018 Theme

*Bind Us Together*

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

~Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

### This Quarter's Focus:

Salvation Together

### Memory Passage for the Quarter

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

~I Thessalonians 4:17 (ESV)

## Confronting Temptations

Children cannot realize the temptations that a teenager faces. Teenagers cannot understand the temptations that adults must address. As Christians grow older, temptations that were never a threat become threats as hearts have become strong in opposing old temptations while oblivious and hardened to give into others (cf. Titus 2:1-8).

When a believer first becomes a Christian, they are often unprepared to confront temptations. Each person faces temptations by their own lusts and desires (Jas 1:14-15). The world has no hope of self-control as Paul revealed, "For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate" (Rom 7:15 ESV). Furthermore, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man" (1 Cor 10:13).

Jesus has been tempted in every way like man and yet without sin (Heb 4:15). He is able to help those who are tempted. God promised always to make a way of escape so that the Christian can endure (1 Cor 10:12-13). To live a holy life, Peter instructed Christians to prepare their minds by setting one's hope fully on the grace revealed at Christ's coming (1 Pet 1:13). Peter emphasized that Christians are to be holy in all conduct as God is holy (1 Pet 1:15-16). God ransomed the faithful from futile ways by the blood of Jesus Christ who is without spot or blemish (1:17-20). For each person to have faith and hope in God, God resurrected Jesus from the dead (1:21). God's holiness as seen in Jesus Christ is the standard for Christians to live holy lives. That means that people must know their God who came in the flesh and realize His holy nature as the standard of morality and virtue.

God has provided instruction for confronting and enduring temptations. Jesus told His apostles to pray not to enter to temptation (Matt 6:13; 26:41; Mark 14:38). By the Spirit of God, Paul directed Christians to put off the old self that is corrupt through deceitful desires and be renewed in the spirit of the mind to put on the new self (Eph 4:22-23). The new self is one that is created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness (Eph 4:24). Furthermore, to help confront sin, Paul taught to put on Christ by making no provision for the flesh (Rom 13:13-14). Evidently, one who surrounds themselves with temptations will struggle to keep their mind and spirit committed to holy living (1 Cor 15:33; 2 Cor 6:14). The Scriptures teach the faithful to flee temptations (1 Cor 6:18; 1 Tim 6:11; 2 Tim 2:22).

When Christians are ready to face temptations, their training is complete in these acts of righteousness having put on the armor of God (Eph 6:10-20). The Christian's strength to confront comes from God (Eph 6:10-11). God has given the faithful an armor of truth, righteousness, gospel, faith, salvation, the word, and prayer to withstand evil. God has prepared a way of escape to endure temptations. ~Scott Shifferd

**Last Weeks Stats** - 11/4: DBR ~ 18; Classes ~ 39/?; Assembly ~ 59/38; Contribution ~ \$?

### Calendar of Events

**November**

- 11 - Guest Preacher: Sam Long, Faulkner University
- 11 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration following PM Assembly

**December**

- 2 - Services at Taylor Care Center, 2:00PM
- 9 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration following PM Assembly
- 15 - Going Away Fellowship for Shifferds
- 29 - Area Wide Men's Prayer Breakfast

**January**

- 6 - Services at Taylor Care Center, 2:00PM

### November Birthdays

- 4 - Phillip Bailey
- 14 - Patrick Bailey
- 17 - Charles Oliver
- 21 - Piper Hirt
- 30 - Jennifer Salisbury

### November Anniversaries

- 26 - Ken & Shan Li Adams

### 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

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