

# 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:

- \*Athel Webb was admitted into the hospital after developing fluid in her lungs. Doctors are continuing to run tests to determine what exactly is wrong.
- Justin Hirt requests prayers for his uncle, \*Dwight Crawford, who fell at his home in Ohio on Christmas Day and tore the quadriceps in both legs. He underwent surgery on Thursday and is expected to transfer to a rehab facility early this week.
- 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); \*Connie Kersey (stroke suffered September 18th); \*Joyce Maier; \*Lamar Marjenhoff (rehab); \*Charles Oliver; \*Marion & Elsie Pylant; \*Sharon Salisbury (cancer treatments); \*Athel Webb; \*Our Elders; \*Our Search for a New Evangelist/Minister.
- Others to keep in prayers: frequent visitor \*Bobbie Donaroma; 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); Hirt Family friend, \*Tony Layman (bladder cancer); \*Terry Lewis (Stage 2 bone cancer); Steve & Nancy Berg's daughter's mother-in-law, \*Linda Nichols (re-diagnosed with cancer); former member \*Shirley Peck (liver cancer); DeeAnna Durden's niece, \*Lori Potter (cancer).

### ● General Announcements:

- A reminder that **NEXT SUNDAY, January 6th**, \*Andre' Moore will be presenting our Adult Bible Study, as well as our AM Assembly and PM Assembly lessons! We invite everyone to make plans to join us as Andre' is in consideration for our new Evangelist/Minister. Following the AM Assembly, we will be holding a meal so everyone has a chance to meet Andre' and his family. The church will provide the main course for the meal and we are asking members of the congregation to bring side dishes, desserts, and drinks.
- **THIS SATURDAY, January 5th**, the men's basketball team from Lipscomb University will be in town to play Jacksonville University! We would like to organize a group to attend the game. If you interested in going, please see \*Justin Hirt!
- Worship Assignment Calendars for the month of January are available on the table in the lobby!
- Again we would like to thank everyone who contributed to *Pantry Item of the Month* program during 2018! During the year, we collected over 2,500 items for a number of groups around the area! We look forward to continued success in 2019!

### 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)

## Preaching is Not Like it Used to Be

Suppose it were possible to bring a first-century Christian to the assemblies of the church today. Many physical things obviously would be different, but of greater concern would be those spiritual differences. Think for a moment about how different he might find the preaching today from the kind of preaching he heard in the infant church.

The preaching in the first century can best be described as inspired prophecy. Because they had only the Old Testament, God gave the sermons to prophets who revealed God’s New Testament for men. Read the words of those prophets and think of the differences between those words and those words spoken today.

First-century preaching was so plain it convicted those visitors who came to the assembly. Paul described that situation with these words: “But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convicted by all” (1 Cor. 14:24). Far too many pulpits today resound with “polished messages” which never bring conviction. Far too many sermons are outwardly perfect but would be welcomed in denominational pulpits. There is little that is distinctive, and visitors go away feeling satisfied without ever having been challenged in their beliefs. Our world is not like the NT world.

Paul’s letters to young Timothy give great insight into the clarity of the messages from inspired preachers (prophets) in the early church. In his second letter to Timothy, he defines what it means to preach the word. Read these words carefully. “Preach the word. Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and teaching” (2 Tim. 4:2). The King James translates the word “teaching” as “doctrine,” yet many preachers avoid doctrinal preaching. One cannot preach the word without speaking directly to the religious errors in our land. Paul then gives the reason to convince, rebuke and exhort with doctrine. “For the time will come when men will not endure sound doctrine.” That time has certainly come!

Finally, look at Paul’s words in his first letter to Timothy. In chapter four, he described how inspired preachers taught the truth. He said, “The Spirit expressly says. . .” He described false teaching as doctrines of devils and then specifically described these doctrines. Preaching today often avoids speaking directly about false teaching.

Having described the Spirit’s preaching, Paul told Timothy, “If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ” (4:6). What does this say about modern preaching? The verse clearly implies that if we do not instruct the brethren, we are not good ministers of Jesus. Our world has changed. Let us speak as the oracles of God!

*~Dan Jenkins, Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ*

**Last Weeks Stats - 12/23: DBR ~ ?; Classes ~ ?/?; Assembly ~ ?/?; Contribution ~ \$?**

### Calendar of Events

**January**

- 5 - Lipscomb University vs JU Basketball Game
- 6 - Guest Preacher: Andre’ Moore with Fellowship following AM Assembly
- 6 - Services at Taylor Care Center, 2:00PM
- 13 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration following PM Assembly
- 25-26 - Sister to Sister Lectureship-Retreat, OceanSide church of Christ (Atlantic Beach, FL)

**February**

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

### December Birthdays

- 4 - Theron Golleher
- 6 - Georgana Dekker
- 10 - Emmett Shifferd
- 12 - Marissa Rhodes
- 15 - Lamar Marjenhoff
- 16 - Ken Adams
- 17 - Craig Kelly
- 20 - Anna Mashburn
- 20 - Devon Mashburn
- 24 - Samira Mashburn

### December Anniversaries

- 29 - Justin & Ashley Hirt

### 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!*