

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!

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

Announcements

● Prayer Requests/Updates:

- We extend our condolences to *David Peck and the extended Peck family following the passing of *Shirley Peck last Tuesday. Shirley, a former member here at Dean Road, had been battling liver cancer since being diagnosed in September. There will a visitation with the family tomorrow, February 11th, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at the George H. Hewell & Sons Funeral Home (4140 University Boulevard, S.). A memorial service will be held at the same location on Tuesday, February 12 starting at 11:00AM and a graveside service will be held at the Jacksonville National Cemetery (4083 Lannie Road) starting at 2:00PM.
- We also extend our condolences to *Sam Long and his family following the passing of Sam's wife, *Lynn Long, last Thursday. Sam is a frequent guest preacher for our congregation.
- Don Kovar's friend in Franklin, NC, *Redford Pendlen, is back at home after being treated for bleeding ulcers.
- 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 (recovering from stroke suffered September 18); *Joyce Maier; *Lamar Marjenhoff (rehab); *Charles Oliver (upcoming knee surgeries); *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); DeeAnna Durden's niece, *Lori Potter (cancer).

● General Announcements:

- Attention men! The Lake City congregation will be hosting their annual *Standing in the Gap* men's fellowship **Saturday, March 2nd!** This year's theme is *I Became a Man*. The full schedule of the event is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby. As we have in year's past, we will be organizing a carpool/caravan of those who are interested in attending. If you wish to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby. See *Justin Hirt for more details!
- Our February *Pantry Item of the Month* is packages of napkins! We hope to collect 4,000 napkins by the end of the month!

****WELCOME LEE!****

We welcome *Lee Davis this morning as he presents our Adult Bible Study and AM Assembly lesson! Lee is in consideration for our new Evangelist/Minister. Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall following the AM Assembly for a period of fellowship and an opportunity to meet Lee! Everyone is also invited to join us tonight as Lee will also be providing the lesson for our PM Assembly!

2019 Theme



Matthew 5:13-16 (ESV)

This Quarter's Focus:

Shine Your Light

Memory Passage for the Quarter

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 5:16 (ESV)

The Christian's "Reward Program"

It seems that companies everywhere are getting into offering a "Rewards Program" of some kind. Airlines have been offering "Frequent Flyer Miles" for years, but now other businesses are jumping on the bandwagon. After so many carwashes, get your next car wash for free. After so many submarine sandwiches, get your next sub for free. After so many Slurpees, get your next Slurpee for free. After so many socks, get your next pair of socks for free.

What's the idea? Do more and you'll get more. Spend more and you'll get more. The aim of a "Rewards Program" from the standpoint of the company (generally speaking) is to get more customers to give them more money. The aim of a "Rewards Program" from the standpoint of the consumer (generally speaking) is to get more free stuff.

Do you suppose there are any Christians who may view the Christian life like it is some kind of "Rewards Program"? Meaning: Are there some who may think that being a Christian is all about "what I get out of it"? And, is it possible that there are some who are motivated by a mentality that says, "I will do more as a Christian so that I can get more"?

The Bible certainly teaches that Christians will be rewarded, both in this life (John 10:10) and in the life to come (Matt. 16:27). But is that our sole motivation? "Doing for God just to get from Him"? There is no way for us to ever "earn enough reward points" so that God is then indebted to us to "give us" what we have "merited"! Every reward of God is a "gift" (in this life [Eph. 2:8] and in the next life [Rom. 6:23]) based upon His marvelous "grace" (1 Tim. 1:12-15).

So, why do you "serve" the Lord? Why do you "follow" the Lord? Why do you "give" to the Lord? Why do you "love" the Lord? Why do you "worship" the Lord? Is it purely, only or mainly for what you "get out of it"? If it is, we need to reconsider the definition and our personal practice of *agape love*. *Agape love* is the heart motivation which God seeks behind each and every action of a Christian! "Let all that you do be done with *agape love*" (1 Cor. 16:14). *Agape love* is an unconditional, unselfish elevation of another and his/her needs above ourselves, seeking the best of the one loved. *Think about that for a moment!* That does NOT say that we do things as Christians in order to GET, but that all we do as a Christian OUGHT TO BE in order to GIVE!

Can you say, "I love the Lord! I love Him so much that I will serve Him with all my being regardless of any reward that I might receive!?" Let us not view the Christian life as a "Rewards Program," and do more just to get more! Let us do more for God because we love Him more and more every day!

~David Sproule, Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ

Last Weeks Stats - 2/3: DBR ~ 24; Classes ~ 37/38; Assembly ~ 58/35; Contribution ~ \$1,734.16

Calendar of Events

February

10 - Guest Preacher: Lee Davis with Fellowship following AM Assembly including Birthday & Anniversary Celebration

March

2 - *Standing in the Gap* Men's Fellowship
 3 - Services at Taylor Care Center, 2:00PM
 9 - Work Day at Florida Bible Camp
 10 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration fellowship following PM Assembly
 10-13 - Polishing the Pulpit Spark, Lakeside church of Christ (Orange Park, FL)

February Birthdays

12 - Isobela Mashburn
 23 - Barbara Tripp
 24 - Marion Pylant
 28 - Sharon Salisbury

February Anniversaries

14 - Steve & Nancy Berg
 14 - Gene & Belinda Bryant
 22 - Craig & Stephanie Kelly

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Morning Bible Study.....9:30 AM
 AM Assembly10:30 AM
 PM Assembly6:00 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!*