



*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!

### Love Is Not Selfish

By Damien Barber

September 19, 2021

#### 9:30 Bible Classes

For all ages

Adult Class:  
1 Peter

John the Baptist had a lot of followers before Jesus began preaching. Once, Jesus started preaching many of John's followers left him to follow Jesus. Some of John's followers were concerned because people were leaving him and they asked John about his followers going to Jesus. John, however, was not concerned about people leaving him to follow Jesus. His response to his disciples was "He must become greater and I must become less" (John 3:30). John was not upset about people leaving because he knew it wasn't all about him.

1 Corinthians 13:5 states, "Love is not self-seeking." Other versions translate this phrase "love does not insist on its own way," "love is not selfish" and "love takes no thought for itself." In other words, love puts others first and is not focused on self.

#### 10:30 Worship

Scripture Reading  
1 Samuel 16:7-13

David's Faith

Damien Barber

What does it mean to be self-seeking or selfish? Being self-seeking means only (or primarily) thinking about what you want or what is best for you and not giving much thought to what others need or want. Examples of being self-seeking include: not sharing with others, not helping others when we are able to help, not thinking about other people's feelings, and talking badly about other people to make ourselves look better. It is possible to do good for others and still be self-seeking if the good deeds are done to get something out of it.

#### 6:00 Evening Worship

As The Deer

Philippians 2:3-8 says, "Do nothing out of selfishness or pride. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming..."

#### 7:00 Wednesday

Bible Classes for All

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## Prayer Updates:

- \***Family of Ben Franklin:** Ben passed away.
- \***Marie Rutkowski's daughter:** diabetes and getting disability.
- \***Marie Rutkowski:** was having issues with new medicine, so is trying another medicine.
- \***Tonya McHale:** health and personal issues.
- \***Mary-ann and Diane** (*Marion's daughters*): recovering from hurricane damage.
- \***Family of Lehman Ragan:** passed away recently.
- \***Jerry Johns** (*Gregg's brother in law*): ulcer.
- \***Joyce Maier:** numbness/ tingling in right leg.
- \***Tyler** (*family friend of the Hirts*): soldier in Afghanistan.
- \***COVID:** Kim Eastep, Joe Thiede (home on oxygen), and Steven Farris (Alice Farris' son).
- \***Jill Anderson** (*friend of Steve Berg*): pancreatic cancer.
- \***Kizzy Smith and Tatiana Thompson:** spiritual, physical health, and personal needs.
- \***Tammy Heslin** (high blood sugar, pneumonia, and Covid Delta)

## Please Pray for Our Church Family:

- \***Steve Berg** (eye problems); \***Dutch Dekker** (breathing issues); \***Bobbye Donaroma** (knee and health issues); \***Reata Dunlavy** (foot); \***Theron Golleher** (spiritual and family struggles); \***Ann Hyatt** (pain in leg); \***Audrey Hylton** (rehab on knee); \***Jamia Hylton** (epilepsy); \***Craig Kelly** (back/ diabetes/ emphysema); \***Marion Pylant** (health); \***Michael Ray** (encouragement/ wisdom); \***Elaine Roth** (spiritual/ physical health); \***Sharon Salisbury** (cancer); \***Barbara Tripp** (cataract surgery/ arm); \***Rita Webb** (back & hip).

**Shut-ins:** **Barbara Abbandola** (Taylor Apts.); **Louise Cauthen** (Consulate Rehab); **Nancy Godwin** (Taylor Home); **Connie Kersey** (Opis Center); **Athel Webb** (Atrium at Regency).

## Others to Remember in Prayer:

*Reata's husband*, \***George Dunlavy** (spots on lungs/ chemo for leukemia/ breathing issues); *Dekkers' son and grandson*, \***Lucas** and \***Nikolas Dekker** (encouragement to become Christians); *Georgana's brother*, \***Danny Fry** (health); \***Terry Lewis** (Stage 2 bone cancer); *Elsie Pylant's son-in-law*, \***Randy Stone** (seizures; other health problems); \***Betty Edenfield** (colon cancer); \***Larry Waite** (encouragement); *Jennifer's friend's son*, \***Jacob Long** (chemo); *Barry's mom*, \***Cathy Rutkowski** (pain); *DeeAnna's niece*, \***Lori Potter** (recovering from surgery); *Damien's mom*, \***Janice Smarr** (heart/ health); *friend of the Bergs*, \***Stacy Evans** (liver, pancreas, and colon cancer); *Gene's cousin's friend*, \***John Cornell** (stage 4 cancer); *Gene's friend*, \***Andi Mahoney** (baby born without kidneys); *friends of Gollehers*, \***Linda Nichols** (recovering from surgery); *Don Kovar's friend*, \***Sally Pendlin** (health issues); \***James Nichols** (heel); *Bella's brother*, \***Damen Myers**: (foot amputated); \***Katherine Myers** (personal issue); *Bobbye's son*, \***Jarrold Donaroma** (recovering from car accident); *friend of Peggy*, \***Cheryl Stewart** (colon cancer); *friend of Gene Bryant*, \***Annie Westshore** (military); *Rainy's sister*, \***Lily Pond** (heart).

## Calendar of Events

### September

- 19 Men's Business Meeting
- 26 Friends and Family Day

### October

- 2 Door-knocking

### Friends and Family Day

Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to our Friends and Family Day on September 26<sup>th</sup>. As always, we will follow our morning service up with a Fellowship Meal, so be sure to bring a dish or two to share.

### H2H Annual Door Knocking Campaign

Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the date of the House to House Annual Door Knocking Campaign. This year we plan to join in by getting out into the community, meeting our neighbors, inviting them to church, and handing out special door-knocking editions of House to House and Heart to Heart.

### Love is Not Selfish (continued from front)

“obedient to death— even death on a cross!” We are called here to think and live like Jesus. This means looking out for others interests instead of our own and serving others. Dying was not in Jesus’ best interest, but he put us ahead of him – His love was NOT self-seeking and we are called to love like Jesus, which means making sacrifices for others.

### Pantry Item of the Month

This month's item is boxes of cake or brownie mix. Our goal is 25 boxes. We greatly appreciate those who continue to support this effort!

## September Birthdays

- 3 Nancy Berg
- 14 Don Kovar
- 15 Christopher Howell
- 25 Ashley Hirt
- 26 Barry Rutkowski
- 30 Fiona Hirt

## 2021 Theme

### Revive the Fire

“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31, ESV).

### This Quarter’s Focus: Rebuild My Faith

#### Memory Passage for the Quarter

“In this rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith - more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:6-7, ESV)

## How Do I Become A Member of the Lord's Church?

**Hear** God's Word: Romans 10:17

**Believe** Jesus is Lord: Acts 2:36, John 3:16

**Repent** of your sins: Luke 13:3-5

**Confess** Jesus as the Son of God:  
Romans 10:9-10

**Be Baptized** for the forgiveness of sins:  
Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 3:21



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## Next Men's Business Meeting

Sunday September 19th at 4 PM

In the Fellowship Hall

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## Notes:

### Have something for the bulletin?

Please contact Damien if you have a prayer request or something else for the bulletin by Thursday each week, so we can be sure it gets in the bulletin and announced during services.

### Last Week's Numbers

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| <b>Sunday AM:</b>    | 41        |
| <b>Bible Class:</b>  | 27        |
| <b>Sunday PM</b>     | 22        |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>    | 25        |
| <b>DBR:</b>          |           |
| <b>Contribution:</b> | \$2398.50 |