

From the Preacher's Pen... Remember those New Year's resolutions? A new year is always seen with optimism. We courageously make our resolutions without much of a backward glance at success or failure in times past. Yes, that will cause us to joke about previous resolutions that were unfulfilled, but it never seems to seriously diminish that new resolve. Of course, now those New Year's resolutions are far behind us. In fact it's almost time to begin anew.

Actually, it IS a perfect time to begin anew! Today we begin our Gospel Meeting. Today we welcome James DuBose and his wife, Susie. We look forward to his lessons on fighting and winning the spiritual battle that is our earthly life. Wouldn't NOW be a good time to renew our resolve?

I Am Resolved...

The song we sometimes sing says it well: *I am resolved no longer to linger, Charmed by the world's delight; Things that are higher, things that are nobler, These have allured my sight.*

There are many good things that we may do with our lives. The earthly philanthropist, the heroic soldier or civilian may do many good things. But only in Jesus, only serving Him and the church He died for (see Ephesians 5:25) may we do the greater things. Terrorism and the events of 9-11 gave us all a new and much improved standard for heroes. May we set our standards higher that we may no longer be enamored by lesser things. May we resolve to focus on Christ!

I am resolved to go to the Savior, Leaving my sin and strife; He is the true One, He is the just One, He has the words of life.

How sad when we allow earthly things to come between Christians. So often we are self-willed and self-centered thinking that others (and even God) should do it *my* way. But Jesus calls us to leave our ways behind and take on His ways, His thoughts and His priorities. May we resolve that "it is no long I who lives, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me" (Galatians 2:20).

I am resolved to follow the Savior, Faithful and true each day, Heed what He says, do what He wills, He is the living way.

Recently I read an article about a TV psychologist proclaiming to all who would listen that modern psychology made people's lives better by teaching them to deal with things one day at a time. What a load of nonsense! Jesus Christ was teaching God's people to do that some 2000 years ago! (read Matthew 6:25-33 for one example) The challenge for us is to live like He wants us to! Let's resolve to help each other to be faithful and true, obedient and living for Him one day at a time. Let us "encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called 'Today,' so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:13).

I am resolved to enter the Kingdom, Leaving the paths of sin; Friends may oppose me, foes may beset me, Still will I enter in.

Certainly, the challenges to our faithfulness will be there today, this month, this year. But victors are those who rise above the challenges. Let us resolve to be living, active parts of the Kingdom, the body of Christ today and always. Of course this resolve needs to be renewed each day! But as long as we begin today we can be successful!

I will hasten to Him, Hasten so glad and free, Jesus, greatest, highest, I will come to Thee!

Let's go together, encouraging, loving and helping each one from youngest to oldest, large and small. Let's resolve to make today our finest day of service to our Savior, to the lost and to each other... as long as it is still called "Today!" Let's resolve together to hasten to Jesus!

— Lester P. Bagley

Opportunities to worship, study & serve:

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY 10 AM

WORSHIP 11 AM

EVENING WORSHIP..... 6 PM

WEDNESDAY 7 PM

THURSDAY LADIES' BIBLE CLASS..... 10 AM

Congregational Potluck 3rd Sunday
each month after morning worship
(except June, July & August)

Welcome to all!
We are glad you are here!

Enter to Worship...
Leave to Serve



Welcome to our visitors today! We hope & pray you'll be blessed by your time with us & will join us again soon!

Our Prayer List: Keep the following in prayer this week as you "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17): Matthew Odom, Heather Ries, Hunter Shirley, Ruth West, Everett Martin, Anna Mae Hardin, the Najera family, Bill Hall, Reta Wallace, Jim Holder, Kristi Martin, Wally Myers, Cindy Turpin, Millie Cunningham and...

Our Missionaries: Jack Farber and Aaron Knotts and families; Cesario Espinosa, Jr. (Philippines).

Previously Announced Family & Friends: Robin & Marc Estabrook (Julie Evan's sister & nephew), David Reffner (Flora Doster's grandson with MS), Art Stoneking & wife (friends of Carl Catozzi, cancer), Jeremiah Haller (Flora Doster's grandson), Annette (Cindy Turpin's sister), Cole Myers (grandson of friend of Myers), Sheila Simpson, Lillian Wilhite & Mirlene Smith (relatives of Lynn Shirley), Teresa Acosta, Rosemary Glasier (Crystal Mora-Landroth's mother), John Hoover's relatives with personal difficulties, Shelly Cooper (friend of Carl Catozzi), Lucas Espinoza (Brian Campbell's friend), Kaesha Raffterfer (Gene Pinkston's cousin, cancer), Chuck Keels (friend of Grubbs with cancer), Terri Fillipski (cancer, Julie Evans' cousin).

Special Requests: WBS & WEI Bible study students; Kevin & Nancy Chambers & World Christian Broadcasting; Judy Hagner, son Preston, daughter Angela & son James. Brandi Schroeder (Flora Doster's granddaughter with MS); Dallas Purcella's mother; Paulina's father (Arnold); Julie's father; Laurel's father.



OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Nate Panka (Cleo Wise's grandson); Javier Najera; Fernando Najera, Frank Torres (Javier's brother & cousin); Eric Shirley; Trevor Farrow (Allen's son); Scott Hoover (John's son); Ariel Gomez; Ismael Lopez; Robinson Goldman (Cindy Turpin's son-in-law); Nathan Bagley.

New: Jason: Carl Catozzi's son in need of prayers; Michael Lighthouse: son-in-law of Flora Doster, health problems; Jimmy Handtegen: friend of David Davis following a stroke; Derwin Jackson & family: with his job; Sean & Vickie: Carl Catozzi's friends with struggles in their lives; Terri Hoover: John's daughter-in-law with serious health issues; Monica Lopez: George Mora's aunt with breast cancer; Jacob Shirley: struggles; Ray Stephenson family: youngest son's cancer has spread; John Mark: in Afghanistan in danger for his faith; Jimmy Davis: friend of Mike Evans with melanoma; Adele Fink: recovering from colon cancer; George Ponter: Brian Campbell's cousin with multiple struggles; Anna Price: via Kimberlee Myers; Chuck Hedrick family: with multiple health problems; Kathy Gonzalez: grandmother of Heavyn & Tatum with cancer; LaVerne Jackson's mother; Sandra Watson, Sue Shepperd & Elzie Shirley: Lynn's family with illnesses; Ray Stephenson; Delbert White's Granddaughter Jessica; Tom Hoover: (John's brother); Jerry Odom; Barbara Harrison.

Steve McDonald: Jean Grubbs granddaughter's husband, tests.

Donald Helton: on dialysis until he has a kidney transplant.

Kirrin Kerby: (Jean Grubbs grandson).

Bob Harrod: cancer

Carolyn Fisher: multiple health issues (via Cleo Wise).

Dena Lara: complications of Valley Fever.

Ken Price: friend of the Halls with kidney disease.

Rick Richarson: Cheryl Campbell's brother with heart problems.

Carl Catozzi family: especially his unborn great-grandson.

Lonnie Akins: brain cancer.

Don McCaully & his son: friends of Carl Catozzi.

Rosella Schuman: Alyssa Velarde's grandmother recovering from knee surgery.

David Davis: recovering from surgery.

Malakye Didelotte: improving with his kidney problems.

Ayanna Rodriguez: friend of Sarah Evans with brain cancer.

Amy Vestal: in treatment and rehab.

Ruben Torres family: Javier Najera's cousin's family recovering from auto accident. Evelyn is now out of hospital & in rehab.

Jeannie Lewis' brother-in-law: recovering from lung transplant surgery.

Raney Family: Rita's grandson, Wes Mc Faul was killed in an accident.

Pierce's grandson: back injury.

Also Our New Christians, those travelling and especially those with spiritual struggles.

Help Update Our Prayer List!

If you have someone listed in our *Previously Announced Family & Friends* prayer list & would like them to REMAIN on the list, please fill out one of the *Prayer Request* cards in the foyer & give it to Lester.

A BIG thank you to those that have given updates! It really helps keep us all up-to-date.

Upcoming Events...

Potluck: TODAY — Group #2 [Toni Pierce's group] set-up, serve & clean-up

Monthly Singing: October 28 at 2:30 in Coolidge.

5th Wednesday Prayer & Song Meeting: October 31.

Men's Business Meeting: November 11 after evening worship.

Congregational Projects

Project 1: *Cottage fund for George & Chantelle @ NM Christian Children's Home. PRAY, plan to be involved!*

Project 2: *Collecting t-shirts to make into diapers.*

Upcoming Speakers...

Plan to be here for each lesson

Our Gospel Meeting with James DuBose begins TODAY!!!

October 28 the new preaching minister at Tonto Street church of Christ, Jeffrey J. Walker, will deliver our morning sermon.

Church TV Program Reminder

In Search of the Lord's Way

Cox Cable channel 13 @ 7:30 am

Dish channel 239 @ 4 am

DirecTV channel 307 @ 4 am

www.searchtv.org

Getting to Know Your Bible

DirecTV channel 377 weeknights @ 7:30 pm

Last Week: 6+ Pew-Packers



Be "in the picture" every week!

✓ Checkup ✓ *How are we doing?*

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday Morning Bible Class = 66

Sunday Morning Worship = 106

Sunday Evening Worship = 68

Wednesday Evening = 57

Giving

2018 Weekly Budget = \$3,015.00

Contribution Last Week = \$2,363.00

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Sunday Morning October 21

Adult Bible Class: • *How to Be Strong* James DuBose
Announcements: Lester Bagley
Song Leader: Allen Farrow
Prayer: Jim Holder
Serve Communion: Brian Campbell, John Hoover, Kim Myers, Frank Campbell, Max Compton
Sermon: • *It Begins with Taking a Stand* James DuBose
Closing Prayer: Mike Evans

Count Contribution: Mike Evans & Bill Hall

Sunday Evening October 21

Song Leader: Allen Farrow
Prayer: Derwin Jackson
Sermon: • *Put on Truth & Righteousness* James DuBose
Serve Communion: Kim Myers
Closing Prayer: John Hoover

Wednesday Evening October 24

Song Leader: Curt Odom
Prayer: Jerry Odom
Lesson: • *The Greatest Weapon of All* James DuBose
Closing Prayer: Bill Hall

Anniversaries



October 21: *Jim & Carol Rouse*

November 8: *Charles & Beverly Hedrick*

November 11: *Jeff & Stephanie Davis*

November 14: *David & Christina Polito*

November 21: *Roy & Nelwynn Holland*

November 28: *Allen & Angela Harrison*

Birthdays



October 24: *Tyra Grubbs*

October 27: *Dora Lara*

October 29: *Bill Hall*

October 30: *Mark Hedrick – Randy Landreth*

November 1: *Mickey DeWitt*

November 4: *Alma Baum*

November 7: *Chantelle Mora*

November 9: *Samantha Odom*