

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class 10 A.M.
(September-May)
Bible Study 6:30P.M.

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"Troublesome Times Are Here"

"Troublesome times are here, filling men's hearts with fear" - the opening line to a favorite hymn. It is interesting to me that the hymn, written by R.E. Winsett, was copyrighted in 1942. Ring a bell? It would have been the early stages of America's involvement in World War II, the middle of the great depression, and a time of great uncertainty. There were shortages and rationing of goods and supplies. It was a scary time.

Today, we face some of these same challenges, unique to this generation of Americans. And yet, I was thinking that all over the world, many nations and peoples endure these and more challenges on a daily basis. What is our response as Christians to troubling times? I mentioned Sunday that one response should not be surprise. Jesus prepared His disciples for troubling times ahead. Paul spoke of all the hardships he had endured. And the psalmist in that great psalm of comfort said, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil". We know that Jesus said, "The rain falls on the just and the unjust." Surely the opposite is true as well: The troublesome times come to the just and the unjust.

We also take comfort in knowing that even though this world is filled with evil, natural disasters, wars, deadly diseases and sorrows, our God is ultimately in control. He is our Rock, Our Fortress, Our Shield, Our Strength, Our ever-present Help. He has never promised to remove the storm of life from us, but always promised to guide us through the storms.

I know Paul was talking specifically about death, but remember what he said? "If in this life only we have hope, we are of all men most miserable". Our hope is greater than this life. Our hope is greater than any struggles we face. Our hope is greater than the most troubling of times.

The first two verses of that hymn are dark and depressing. But it's the last verse that gives us hope: "Troubles will soon be o're, happy for evermore. When we meet on that shore, free from all care! ...". Praise God! Our faith, our hope, Our God is greater than the troubling times.

As a church family, I pray that we use this time to truly be the "city set on a hill". Let us encourage and serve one another. It will be strange and discouraging not meeting together. I will miss our time together greatly, and that is how it should be. We can manage to stay connected in different ways, but it won't be the same. I know that. But nothing can separate us from the love of God, and nothing can separate us from our love for one another. We may be separated, but not isolated. Let us pray that this will pass and that soon we will be back together as God's family.

May God Bless us all and lead us as the Great Shepherd He is.

- Tim

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Please continue to keep Michelle (Gibbs) Crowson and her unborn child in your prayers. She will see her doctor again on Wednesday. Recent tests reveal that the baby is not growing as expected and they may have to deliver early. Nancy Thompson had her pace-maker replaced on Wednesday morning. She did well and is home. Dallas Andrews, father of our Chris Andrews, is now under the care of Hospice. The cancer has now spread to his bones. Continue your prayers for Shyne Bright who is in a Shreveport hospital undergoing extreme cancer treatments. Also pray for his mother, Tanya, who is not able to visit with him because of the coronavirus. Please pray for 2 year old Maren Turner. She is taking cancer treatments in Kansas City, MO. Her father John Turner is a minister and is known by our Gary & Amanda Luensmann. Nancy Urtiz remains under Hospice care at home. Please pray for Emma Martin as she continues to deal with cancer. Melba Williams continues with rehab. Remember Frank & Jo Barrett as they continue to deal with health issues. T.C. Love, father-in-law of Andrea Love, remains under Hospice care in San Antonio. Please pray for our country which is under siege right now from this terrible coronavirus. Please pray for the following: Faye Alford, Thelma Awtry, Loyd Banks, Nelda Banks, Carla Barnes, Frank & Jo Barrett, Bettye Brantley, Shyne Bright, Billy Carlson, Jean Cook, Desiree Corbello, Colby Cox, Maggie Cox, Sue Cox, Terry Cox, Jill Fender, Becky Fountain, Dee Frankford, Faye Galloway, Kenia Gibbs, Scarlett Gibbs, Betty Grainger, Trevor Gray, Angie Helms, Laura Hill, Patti Holt, David Ingram, David Ingram, Jr., Corrine Jacobsen, Barbie

Kirkland, T.C. Love, Mike McCarty, Laverne McCurdy, Emma Martin, Mary Moss, Diann Mueller, Will Parks, Will Pendergrass, Colleen Prah, Don Prah, Lloyd Puckett, Shontele Purdy, Wanda Purdy, Jeffery Sweet, Jeremy Sweet, Julia Sweet, Royce Sweet, Vonnie Ross, Jimmy & Bobbie Walker, Sondra West, Mark White & Melba Williams.

LOVE & SYMPATHY

Our love & sympathy is extended to the family of Mike McCarty, the brother of our Wanda Purdy and uncle of Penny Purdy. He had been suffering with cancer and lived in Vidalia, LA. No services are planned at this time. Please pray for the family.

LOVE & SYMPATHY

We extend our love & sympathy to the family of Maria Louisa Vail Acabel. She was the mother of our Lico Rodas and passed from this life last weekend in Guatemala after an extended illness. Please pray for all of the family.

BABY SHOWER CANCELLED

The baby shower honoring Kayla Lee and baby girl on March 29, has been cancelled. We will be doing an online shower. She is registered with Amazon & Target online. Or if you want to send a monetary gift or gift card you can either mail them to her or drop them by the building and we will make sure she gets them. Jeannie Williams will be buying the Hostess gift and will call each of you. The address is Kayla Lee, 704 East St., Josephine, TX 75164.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

- No services until Sunday, April 5th
- Kayla Lee's Baby Shower
- Hymn Fest
- 1st Sunday Fellowship
- All Wednesday evening meals
- Ladies Bible Class
- Easter Egg Hunt

CHANGE OF ADDRESS-AGAIN

Jeremy & Brittney Phillips have another new address. It is 300 CR 4219, Naples, TX 75568.

NEW ADDRESS

Joe & Nancy Bowers have moved to Longview. Their new address is P.O. Box 7848, Longview, TX 75607.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12-Men's Business Meeting
April 13-Elders Meet

SERVICES SUSPENDED:
As you have probably heard by now, we have made the decision to suspend all public services until Sunday, April 5. We hope and pray we can resume at that time. In the meantime, if you need help, please let the office know. We have several who have volunteered to serve as needed to make sure our church family is cared for. We hope to have the ability to "live stream" worship services and devotional messages soon. You will be updated when we have this information available.
Stay safe and connected!

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