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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	SUNDAY 3ible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M.	WEDNESDAY Ladies Bible Class 10 September-May 6:30	DAINGERFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST P.O. Box 779 Daingerfield, TX 75638 3-Mail:dfieldcoc779@aol.com 903-645-2896 Website:www.dfieldcoc.org 903-645-2039	ELDERS: Fim Gibbs 645-3714 John Seeley 227-1834 Charles Thompson 645-3642 Johnny Williams 645-7785	DEACONS: amey Frazier 736-2116 Greg Gant 645-7511 Dennis Hill 918-9144 Dis Kennington 563-3701 Doug Mays 645-3188

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FORGIVENESS: Unlocking God's Greatest Gift

The closer he got to the house, the angrier he became. Surely what the servant had told him was not true. Surely his father had not welcomed his wayward brother back so easily. Surely the sounds of partying and joy were not because the "prodigal" son had returned. He stopped short of going in. He could not bring himself to join in the celebration. The resentment he felt was too strong. He felt justified in his feelings. He had a right to feel this way. He had been the good son. He was the one who remained loyal to his father. He had been the one who had stayed and worked hard. He had never disgraced his father's name. And his brother? Well, he had demanded his inheritance, abandoned his father and squandered his money in wicked living in a far off country. Now he had the nerve to return? And his father had the audacity to throw him a party!? No. He would not go in and celebrate!

Soon, the father came out to beg him to come in. He tried to reason with his son. He tried to explain why celebration was in order. His brother was dead, but now is alive! He tried to appeal to him on the basis of love. But the older brother would have none of it. What a sad story. A story of a refusal to forgive. Forgiveness is God's greatest gift, paid with the greatest price. The parable of the Prodigal Son is a microcosm of the Gospel message. The father, representing God, the ultimate forgiver. The younger son, representing all those who seek God' forgiveness. The older son, representing those who have enjoyed the blessings of the Father, yet are unwilling to forgive others.

Forgiveness is a difficult topic. It is difficult to put into practice. Understanding and accepting God's forgiveness is the easy part ... sort of. Extending forgiveness to others when we have been deeply hurt and wronged is the hard part. Our feelings of anger, pain and resentment can keep us from enjoying the peace and joy God extends to us. The Bible is clear about the fact that we cannot experience the true blessing of forgiveness until we are willing to forgive others.

Forgiveness is the door to peace and joy. But it is not a door easily found or opened. It is a door through which you must kneel to enter. But it is a door through which we all must enter.

- Tim

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Mark White had foot surgery on Tuesday in Dallas. He did well and is home. Kenia Gibbs had her last chemo treatment on Monday. She will soon begin radiation treatments. Laura Hill has finished her radiation treatments. Hazel Frazier saw a pediatric cardiologist on Monday in Dallas. Nora Phillips did suffer a mini stroke recently. She has improved. Nelda Banks had a heart cath on Monday. She didn't have any blockages. Continue your prayers for Waldine Walker who continues with heart difficulties. Please pray for little Scarlett Gibbs. She was born in Longview prematurely last week and weighed 3lbs & 3 ounces. She was flown to Medical City in Dallas for surgery and also had a brain bleed. She seems to be improving and gaining weight. Scarlett is the greatgranddaughter of Michael & Donna Allen (brother of Janis Terrell & Vickie Warden). Please continue your prayers for those dealing with cancer who include Alan Powell, Sue Sloan, Emma Martin, & Glenn Justiss. Frances Allen was hospitalized but is now home. She is very ill. Becky Fountain, a teacher at South Elementary, is suffering with lung cancer. She is beginning chemo and radiation treatments. Jack Silvernale, the brother of our Sheri Carson, has started chemo for throat cancer. He did have surgery. Ginger Smith, daughter of our Wanda Purdy, is undergoing severe pain at this time after injuring her back. She had an MRI and will see a surgeon. Please pray for the following: Frances Allen, Thelma Awtry, Glen Baird, Nelda Banks, Carla Barnes, Marlene Bohr, Bettye Brantley, Shyne Bright, Jean Cook, Desiree Corbello, Colby Cox, Maggie Cox, Sue Cox, Terry Cox, Shane Crumbaker, Brad & Darren Erwin, Jill Fender, Becky Fountain, Dee Frankford, Faye Galloway, Kenia Gibbs, Scarlett Gibbs, Betty Grainger, Laura Hill, Patti Holt, David Ingram, David Ingram, Jr., Corrine Jacobsen, Glenn Justiss, Barbie Kirkland, Laverne McCurdy, Emma Martin, Janiece Miller, Diann Mueller, Will Parks, Will Pendergrass, Colleen Prahl, Don Prahl, Lloyd Puckett, Wanda Purdy, James Shoellmann, Sue Sloan, Jo Speck, Jeffery Sweet, Jeremy Sweet, Julia Sweet, Royce Sweet, Jimmy & Bobbie Walker, Marlene Watkins, & Mark White.

LOVE & SYMPATHY

Our love & sympathy is offered to the family of Mary Lou Kelly who passed from this life last Wednesday. Services were held for her on Tuesday in Dallas. She was the mother of our Laura Lilley. Please pray for Laura and all of the family.



VBSTHISYEAR WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, JULY 27, FROM 10AM-2PM,
AGES 4YEAR OLDSTO 5TH GRADE.
INVITEYOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
AND MOSEY ON DOWN!

HELP WITH VBS

Our VBS this year will be a western theme. If you have items that we can borrow, it would be much appreciated. Please see <u>Karla Dublin</u>, Thanks!

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

The men of the congregation will meet this coming Sunday evening following services, July 14, for their regular monthly meeting. All men are urged to attend.

ELDERS TO MEET

Our elders will meet this coming Monday, July 15, 7:00, in the conference room. If you would like to meet with them, please let one of the elders know or the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 14-Men's Business Meeting

July 15-Elders Meet

July 21-FLGs Meet

July 27-VBS

Oct. 5-Church Retreat@ the State Park

"Youth Stuff"

Devo Sunday hosted by the Yarbroughs. We will play!

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

NONE THIS WEEK DUE TO NETKIDS.

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NETKids Camp July 15-18

3rd—5th graders.

We will leave Monday at 11:30. We will also have a short meeting Sunday morning after services.

VBS T-SHIRTS

If you are going to teach etc. at VBS this year, <u>Karla Dublin</u> is in need of your size ASAP. Thanks!

KAYAK TRIP

Triday, August 9. Need to sign up ASAP. More info on bulletin board.