

The church of Christ at Luverne
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Assembly Assignments for September, 2008

The Lord's Supper

Mike McDougald / J. W. Furr / Russ Kilcrease / Steven Frost

Announcements

Dale Sanders

Building Duties

Jim Johnson

Greeters

Larry Wyrosdick
Jim Johnson

Nursing Home Duties

Ross Sanders
Zack Wilson

Lord's Supper Preparation

Melissa McDougald

Scripture Reading

Reed Kilcrease

Privileged to Serve on September 21st

Morning Prayer

Frankie Sims (opening)
Sam Sanders (closing)

Evening Prayer

J. W. Furr (opening)
Reed Kilcrease (closing)

Song Leader

Ronald Hilburn

A/V Equipment

Isaac Sanders

Please notify Mike McDougald if you are unable to serve.
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

The Messenger



Elders

Ray Frost
Larry Hoffman
Darrin Sanders

Deacons

Mike McDougald
Dale Sanders
Steve Sanders
Frankie Sims

Services

Every Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 AM
Morning Worship	10:30 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

Every Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 PM
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Do You Want To See Jesus?

By:

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Imagine starting off your day tomorrow however you normally start off your day. Perhaps you have breakfast, get into your car and head off to work. You turn on the radio, ready to listen to the early morning news broadcast. While listening, the broadcaster announces that Jesus will be in town today at such and such location, at such and such time. You'd be stunned! Jesus, coming right here to the city where you live. What an opportunity to see Him, to hear Him speak...But, *would you go to see Jesus?*

The scriptures give accounts of people who went out of their way, in some cases extraordinary lengths, to see Jesus. Zacchaeus, a tax collector, heard that Jesus was going to be in his city on a certain day (Luke 19:1-10). He wanted to see Jesus. However, the crowd was big, and Zacchaeus was a short man. So, learning the route that Jesus was to take, Zacchaeus *"ran ahead and climbed up into a Sycamore tree to see Him"* (verse 4). Jesus called him down from the tree and went and stayed in Zacchaeus' home for a time. Later, Jesus said, *"Today, salvation has come to this house..."* (verse 9).

On another occasion, news that Jesus was in Capernaum brought a crowd to the house where He was at that time (Mark 2:1-12). The crowd pressed in so tight to hear Jesus teach that *"there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door"* (verse 2). Four men carried, on a bed, a man who was paralyzed, to the house where Jesus was teaching. When they arrived, the way being blocked, they carried the bed onto the roof, broke through, and lowered the man on the bed down before Jesus. Impressed by their faith, Jesus pronounced the man's sins forgiven and then healed him of his paralysis (verses 5-12).

On another day, Jesus was on His way to the home of Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, whose daughter was dying (Luke 8:40-48). As Jesus made His way, a multitude was described as *thronging and pressing Him* as they followed along. In the midst of that crowd, a woman who had suffered from a bleeding problem for many years pressed her way forward and touched the border of Jesus' garment. When she did, her infirmity was healed (verses 43-44). Jesus, perceiving what had happened, praised her faith, pronounced her healed, and told her to *"Go in peace"* (verse 48).

These cases depict people who went out of their way to see Jesus and were blessed as a result. Each of us has the opportunity every Sunday and Wednesday evening to be in the presence of Jesus as His body, the church, gathers together in His name (Matthew 18:20). Now, you might say that if you knew Jesus was coming to town today that you'd do whatever was necessary to make sure to be in the crowd so you could see Jesus. But, will you be in the crowd that gathers here in this building each Sunday and Wednesday to be in the presence of Jesus? If not, what reasoning will you use to justify your absence? Blessing awaits you if you will come. So, *will you come to see Jesus?*



In Our Prayers

- Virginia Elliott – health problems
- Joe Dexter Flynn – brain tumor
- Joe Griffin – general health, improved some
- John Allen Helms – in critical care @ Jackson Hospital
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Richard (Rich) Hodgkinson - cancer
- Dianne Hoffman – progressing as expected following transplant; needs to remain in isolation right now because of non-existent immune system
- Donald Hilburn –treatments for cancer
- Cecil Kelley – COPD
- Chris Kyser – a little better, still serious condition
- Maggie Marshall – on ventilator only at night
- Stephanie Martin – cancer; not doing well
- J. T. Owens – lung cancer
- Teresa Parker – health problems
- Charles Richardson –broken foot
- Lisa Rolling – more tests this month
- Ted Tindal – brain cancer
- Joseph Wright – in trauma unit in B'ham following an auto accident

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

- Margaret Hall - Allene Mount
- Fanny Nichols - Charles Phillips Edwina Rolling

- *Pray for soldiers overseas such as Dickie Sims*

- *Remember to pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will.*

- *Please pray for the victims of recent storms.*

MISSION EFFORTS

Gospel Broadcasting Network:

www.gbntv.org

Rainbow Omega, Inc.

South Africa Missions

Tooele, Utah church of Christ

India

Panama Missions

Santiago, Panama church of Christ

Watch "Good News Today" on:

DirecTV – Channel 323 – 7 to 8PM CST
Dish Network – Ch. 9407 & 9396 – 11 to 12PM CST

What Must We Do to be Saved?

The Alien Sinner Must:

1. Learn the truth (John 8:31-32; Rom. 10:17).
2. Believe in Christ (John 8:24).
3. Repent of his sins (Acts 17:30; 2 Cor. 7:10).
4. Confess his faith in Christ (Matt. 10:32).
5. Be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:20, 21).

The Child of God Must:

1. Study the Word of God (2 Tim. 2:15).
2. Grow spiritually (1 Pet. 2:1-2; 2 Pet. 1:5-11).
3. Worship regularly (Acts 20:7; Heb. 10:24-31).
4. Live right in this present world (Titus 2:11, 12).
5. Be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10; Matt. 10:22).

The Erring Child of God Must:

1. Repent and confess sins (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:8-10).
2. Pray for forgiveness (Acts 8:22; James 5:16).

Announcements

- We want to thank everyone who participated in the Panama Shoebox effort in any way – filling boxes, wrapping and packing, or financing the shipping cost. We have 192 boxes, 13 filled diaper bags and 3 filled backpacks to be shipped and have collected sufficient funds for shipping. Thank You!

- The church of Christ at Dalraida in Montgomery invite us to be a part of their Friends and Family Day on Sunday, September 21st. Bible Study is 9 a.m., worship @ 10 a.m., lunch at 11:30 and worship at 1 p.m.

- Copies of sermons are available on CD.

- Ladies Caring and Sharing **group meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30.**

Why Fire Engines Are Red: Copied & Edited
A fire engine has 8 wheels, and 4 people ride in it. From a mathematical perspective, $8 + 4 = 12$. Twelve inches is a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth was a ruler. Queen Elizabeth was also the name of a ship that sailed the sea. Fish also swim in the sea. Fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians, and the Russians are red. Well, fire engines are always *rushin'*, so that's why fire engines have to be red.

Now, you probably think that is about the strangest line of reasoning you've ever heard, but is this sometimes the way we "reason"?