Prayer List

Our Church Family

Sue Bradley
Lisa Calvert
Brandon Chrysler
Tami Frost
Debbie Gilbert
Courtney Hawley
Katherine Herring
Beth Makibbin
Richard Nichols
Everett Prevett
Mary Romero
Earl Rose
Ivey Siau
Bobby Stehwein
Dortha Threet
Pat Vaughn
Beth Wallace
Charles Wells
Dink West

Nursing Home & Shut-ins

Kathy Barrett
Rhonda Chrysler
Jim Lee
Mary Rolston
Dorothy Thompson

Friends & Relatives

Phil Agee
Milton Banta
Angela Berryhill
Randy Bishop
Ginger Breeding
Tina Ewell
Jackie Fowler
Beverly Gaither
Cody Hardesty
Jimmy Harjo
Ed Hodges
Jennifer Jenson
Danny Jones
Steve Kelley
Gary LaValley
Robyn Long
Frank McManus
Dustin Mosco
Helen Nigard's husband
Carol Ogilvie
Danny Rose
Jack Rose
Billy Russell
Andy Schick
William Smith
Janice Tamplen
Glendell Threatt

News

Asking for Prayers

+ Debbie Gilbert is awaiting her appointment with a spine specialist.
+ Pat Vaughn is now cancer free. Answered prayers.
+ Benjamin Hawley was born April 9th to Courtney and Ben Hawley, Courtney is Brent & Kim Jenson's daughter.
+ Casey Bryant was baptized Sunday morning. Please welcome our new brother in Christ.
+ Please join us for a wedding shower in honor of Elle Eddy & Jon Evans on Sunday, April 25th at 2 p.m. at the church building. The couple is registered at Amazon, Walmart, and Bed Bath & Beyond.

Please join us at the building so we may worship together.

Weekly Attendance
April 4th, 2021

Sunday Bible Class	47
Sunday Worship	102
Sunday Evening	33
Wednesday Evening (4/7)	38

April 25th		
Grant Jenson	**Song Leader**	Jim Broadbent
May 2nd		
Carson LaValley	**Song Leader**	Keith Estes

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Henryetta Church of Christ

April 18, 2021

The variant readings about which any doubt remains among textual critics of the New Testament affect no historic question of the fact or of Christian faith and practice.

F.F. Bruce

Weekly Bible Scriptures

Sunday, 4/18
Lesson 323
Luke 13:10-21
John 10:22-42

Wednesday, 4/21
Lesson 324
Luke 13:22-14:14

Elders

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Textual Criticism and the Bible

Sunday morning, we had the opportunity to address a very beloved passage of scripture, John 7:53-8:11, the woman caught in adultery. This passage is what is considered a textual variant. What this means in a nutshell is that it is not believed to be in the original text.

A faithful pulpit ministry is characterized by at least two virtues: (1) proclaiming the whole counsel of God, and (2) speaking authoritatively only to the degree that the preacher can confidently say, "thus saith the Lord." These virtues require preachers to reflect on how text-critical issues should be handled in the pulpit.

Why such grave concern? In addition to the desire to be a faithful steward of the pulpit ministry, preachers should also be concerned about the potential of leading their people to doubt. If handled poorly, the preacher may lead his people to doubt that the Bible they hold is inspired scripture. On the other hand, he may lead people to doubt his ability to handle God's word, since he casts doubt on the text included in their Bible.

Spurgeon noted this double problem as he spoke of the intersection of the pulpit and text-criticism: "It is unwise to be making every old lady distrust the only Bible she can get at, or what is more likely, mistrust you for falling out with her cherished treasure." Carefully navigating in the pulpit without falling into one of these two ditches is difficult and requires much wisdom.

I believe we must address these passages truthfully as we study. In view of most new translations that bring notice to these passages, it is difficult to just ignore them, and it would be a disservice to do such. Many would say they cast doubt on scripture, I would counter that they bring truth to the scripture. It proves that we are not just blindly accepting the bible as we know it, but that we are using every means to get it as accurate as possible. Rest assured, no textual variant has ever changed any doctrine that we teach or cast any doubt on our path to salvation.

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April

Birthdays

8 - Dortha Threet
11 - Rider Sperry
17 - Cole Crum
19 - Billy Green
20 - Teresa Eddy
20 - Kathy Lackey
20 - Amanda Rose
21 - Jordan Madison
24 - Bob Lovell
26 - Rex Walcher
27 - Margaret Rose
27 - Terri Thompson
27 - Grant Jenson
27 - Emma Thompson

Anniversaries

3 - Bret & Kathy Lackey
16 - Jack & Melissa Cloud