

April 13, 2009

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

April 19, 2009

a.m. *"Jesus' Gift of Peace"*

Scripture: John 14:25-31

p.m. *"A New Covenant"*

Scripture: Jeremiah 14:25-31

LADIES

**A Special Invitation For
A Special Time!**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE 8th ANNUAL LADIES' ½ DAY**

SATURDAY, April 25th, 2009

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

LUNCHEON SERVED

(No registration fee)

BELT LINE RD. CHURCH OF CHRIST

1202 N. BELT LINE RD.

IRVING, TX

SPEAKER:

POLLY CLINE

BLUERIDGE, GA

(We are happy that she is returning!)

HEAR Bible Based and Challenging Lessons!

Theme: Holiness In An Unholy World.

What Is Holiness?

How Important Is It To God And Me?

1). Holy Thine

2). Wholly Thine

*** Ladies' Class 4:30-5:30 Sunday in the Annex**

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

This is one of the latest reports from Terry Laurence, our Bear Valley preaching student. Jerry and Laquita Baker are his pen pals, because of their interest in the Navajo Nation for many years. They made a trip to his hometown, Kayenta, many years ago with our young people for a vacation bible school. I'm so proud that we are living long enough to see some results of all our planting and spreading the gospel. ~ Richard Renfro

Dear brethren,

We are praying for all of you, and hope that each of you are finding the time to grow in God's word. One of the greatest challenges we all have is staying faithful to God's Word. As I remember when I first obeyed the gospel, I could not put my Bible down without making a real effort in gaining something from it. I think you all know exactly what I'm talking about. I pray that each of you still have that desire burning within you. That is one thing that I pray we will never lose. Let us continue to encourage one another to keep pressing on to finish this race.

KEEPING US BUSY

These last few months seem to be going by faster than ever. Between school and the Bear Valley congregation, there never seems to be a dull moment. On March 4th another class was added to our regular studies. This is an evening class concerning "The Cost of Discipleship." So far it has been a great class; very practical; one that clearly reminds us again of our purpose of being true Disciples of Christ.

SEMINAR - In the second week (March 8-11) we had a real treat, with Brad Harrub returning to speak at Bear Valley's Spring Seminar. Last year he spoke on Christian Evidences, which gave the teenagers all the more confidence in God's plan of creation. This year the theme was on "*Assault on the Culture.*" It was another well delivered presentation.

Research Week – This is a week the students are probably the busiest, at least this quarter it was. I had three research papers that were all due upon returning back to class. What appears to be impossible at first seems to always come together at the end of the week. I'm always amazed at how much one can do when pressed for time. But I must say, that comes with some sleepless nights.

Final Words

You all have been such a great encouragement to us in many ways. With some of you writing us or sending us a card or shooting us an e-mail, and even praying for us, or calling just to see how we are doing, and all of you who make it possible, for us to make ends meet. May God bless you for the work that is being accomplished by your generous hearts. You all have made such an impact on us, and we are deeply encouraged by your love. Our prayer request is that you will be greatly rewarded for your efforts and all that you do in Him. Thank you,

God Bless,

The Laurence Family

“I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men; for kings and all that are in high place; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, one mediator also between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all; the testimony to be borne in its own times; whereunto I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I speak the truth, I lie not), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire therefore that the men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and disputing” (1 Tim 2:1-8).

The Lord wants all to come to “knowledge of the truth”. This refers to a body of doctrine which is the heart of the gospel (Eph 1:1-15). It is vital to know the truth for it alone can set mankind free from sin and death (Jn 8:30-33). The means to make an individual sanctified before God is the truth (Jn 17:17). Truth is equivalent to knowing the mind of God (2 Tim 3:16, 17). The truth of the gospel leads to the path of light (1 Jn 1:1-5).

The New Testament is based upon the truth. Preachers, teachers and the disciples were required to establish the truth in the hearts and minds of those whom they were training in the faith (1 Tim 2:1-8). Teaching the truth is imperative for the teacher. If the teacher varies from the truth they will have a heavier judgment (Jas 3:1, 2). Examples of those who varied from the truth and their consequences are men like Hymenaeus, Alexander, Alexander the coppersmith, and Demas (1 Tim 1:18-20; 2 Tim 4:9-17). Their failure was their ruin. Truth cannot be tampered with on any level.

The church is called the pillar and ground of truth (1 Tim 3:14-16). Her attitude towards truth is manifested in the practices of the truth. Those who know and believe the truth oppose false teachers (Rev 2; 3). Those who teach falsehoods are destitute of truth (1 Tim 6:3-10). Great care should be maintained in protecting the truth. Those who love the truth are urged to study the scriptures to show themselves approved unto God as workmen who are not ashamed (2 Tim 2:15). The scriptures comprise the body of truth. Going beyond the scriptures is condemned by God. Wresting the scriptures bring about destruction (2 Pet 3:14-18). Leaning the scriptures allows one to grow in the grace and knowledge of God. Guarding one’s life from being carried away by the wicked is to adorn the armor of God (Eph 6:10- 20).

Some are ever learning and never learning the truth. Truth is obvious to those who are spiritually mind (1 Cor 2:6-20). The church of Christ must maintain the truth and be vigilant in all aspects of its preservation. The saint have had the faith granted to them to earnestly contend for against any and all who would subvert it in the slightest manner (Jude 3-5). Resisting the truth is tantamount to resisting God. Those who turn their ears away from the truth will find false teachers who will teach them, but both will become worse and deemphasize the truth until they will not recognize it (2 Tim 4:1-5).

~ Don Hatch

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday, April 19, 2009

Front foyer: Megan & Jamie Little; Robert & Betty Ruckman

JBack foyer: Henry & Frances Seidmeyer

Sunday, April 26 2009

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro; Thomas Rathbun

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Family News:

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

MENS' GATHERING/DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** gathering will meet at 6:00 a.m. in the Annex.

SINGING SESSION

The **Sunday afternoon** singing session will meet at 5:15 p.m. in room #116.

LADIES

Ladies' Bible Class will meet in the Annex on Tuesday, **April 21st** at 11:00 a.m. for a lesson by Don Hatch followed by lunch. This will be the last class until the fall.

CAMP REGISTRATION

If you have a camper who attended last year, you should receive an application at your home address. We have received the registration forms for both Jr. and Sr. camp at Camp Cisco; please check with the office if you need a copy. Deadline to complete registration is **5/1/09**.

NEW BIBLE CLASS

A new study will begin in the Jr. Auditorium next Sunday, April 19th on "Why We Believe".

NEW SONG BOOKS

We are planning to buy new song books for the congregation. If you would like to have one for your own personal library we can purchase it at the same time we buy for the congregation. The cost per book is \$10.55 for hard back and \$35.00 for leather bound. There is a **signup sheet** in the front foyer **for one more week**. Please sign this to get your personal book at this discounted price. The **order will be placed** on Monday April 27th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School Bible School is planned for **June 15-17** (Monday-Wednesday 7:00-8:15 pm). Our study will be "Worshiping in Spirit and Truth". A meeting with all teachers and leaders will be held next Sunday **April 19th, 4:30 pm** in the main auditorium for a planning time where we will schedule and pass out information.

LADIES' DAY

If you would like to greet Polly Cline, meet at the Blackeyed Pea on Belt Line on Friday, **April 24th** at 12:30 pm. Please RSVP to Joann Hatch by Wednesday, April 22nd for seating purposes.

Ladies' ½ Day is **April 25th** with lessons by Polly Cline on "Holiness in an Unholy World". Be sure to pick up invitations located in both foyers; sign-up sheets for salads are on the table in the front foyer.

A Ladies' class taught by Sister Cline will meet on Sunday, **April 26th** in the Annex from 4:30 pm until 5:30 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

JC & Dessie Ross welcomed their 5th great-great grandchild into the world on April 6th. Her name is **Lylah Denise Wiggins** & she weighed in at 7 pounds.

WITH SYMPATHY

Darlene Rush, a friend of Nancy Pond, lost her husband, **Dick Rush**, yesterday to cancer.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Ilene Ashworth** underwent leg vein surgery last week.
- **Gwen Bingham** will need rehab; call the office if you'd like to reach her.
- **Billie Gilliam** also has bladder cancer.
- **Garldean Latham** is experiencing serious cognitive problems.
- **Linda Matthews** is scheduled at MD Anderson on April 15th.
- **Everett Newton** is home, but has a schedule for low dose chemo at MD Anderson 3 days a month for pre-leukemia.
- **Kathy Bennett** (Marjorie's daughter) has a staph infection to be cleared up before she can undergo surgery.
- **Erma Callejas** (the mother of Debra Alonzo's sister-in-law) is in ICU at Baylor/Irving in serious condition.

- Charlie & Mary DiPalma** (missionaries) are enduring severe health problems.
- Frances Morris** (Richard Renfro's aunt) will undergo cancer surgery & treatments.
- Ronnie Vaughn** (Dessie's son) underwent an MRI last week to help determine the next step.

Continuing Prayer Concerns:

Grady Fowler, Fauna Garrett, Don & Judy Hancock, Tom Prince, Roy Thomas, Thomas West, Brad Anderson (Bill Paschall's friend), Nancy Bauer (Scott Watson' mother), Glen Elmore (elderly father of a friend of Garl Latham), Frank Garrett (Fauna's husband), Louise Gierling (former member Tom Gierling's mother), Scott Watson (Jeanene Heilman's friend), Ilya Yakimenko (missionaries in Russia), & our shut-ins.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Be sure and mark your calendar -

- April 19: Mission Printing in the Jr. Auditorium at 4:00 p.m.
- April 19: Singing session in room #116 at 5:15 p.m.
- April 21: Ladies' Bible Class/lunch in the Annex at 11:00 a.m.
- April 24: Greet Polly Cline at Blackeyed Pea
- April 25: Ladies' ½ Day
- April 26: Ladies' Bible Class in the Annex at 4:30 p.m.
- June 3: Summertime Preaching
- June 15-17: Vacation Bible School
- July 5-9: Jr. Youth Camp
- July 19-24: Sr. Youth Camp

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Sunday morning:

- Jamie Little

Sunday evening:

- Melissa Allen

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

- Mike Batot
- Thomas Rathbun
- James Gilliam
- Brandon Howard
- Rob Farmer
- Denzil Myers
- Glen Kelly
- Stan Selby

Rear Table

- JC Ross
- Robert Taylor
- Max Melton
- Keith Vaughn
- Bobby Bowen
- Jeremy Hardegree
- Roy Martin
- Derroll Allen

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Richard Renfro
- Garl Latham

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

- Richard Renfro
- Mike Garrison
- Rob Farmer

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Henry Seidmeyer
John 14:25-31

A.M. SONG LEADER

- Darrell Allen

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Nathan Allen
Jeremiah 31:31-34

P.M. SONG LEADER

- Ty Harvey (last song, Jerry McKey)

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Darrell Allen
- Robert Ruckman

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Bill Paschall

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	97	77	92	125
A.M. Worship	150	172	155	210
P.M. Worship	87	75	88	112
Wed. Class	89	86	83	110
Ladies Bible Class	26	21	37	35
Contribution	\$6776	\$4815	\$5517	\$5474

MISSIONS

- Charlie & Mary DiPalma - India
- Willie Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Glen & KuinTattersall – Australia
- Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko - Russia
- Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
- Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
- Foster's Home for Children – Stephenille, TX
- Bitragunta Church of Christ, Bitragunta, India
- Ian & Mabel McPherson – Tasmania Australia
- Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
- Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
- Terry & Pam Laurence – Bear Valley School of Preaching
- Dennis & Beth Johnson - Chennai Teacher Training School – India