

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM**

Those serving the congregation today

April 17, 2016

April 24, 2016

Bible Class	Dale	Dale
Announcements	Harold	Eddie
Song Leader	Greg	Ryan
Opening Prayer	Jason	Jerry
Communion:		
Presiding	Eddie	Harold
Serving	Grady	Greg
	Raimi	Jason
	Jerry	Pat
Sermon	Ryan	Dale
Closing Prayer	Harold	Eddie

### **EVENING SERVICE 6:00 PM**

Announcements	Jason	Harold
Opening Prayer	Harold	Eddie
Lesson/Devo	Eddie	Dale
Song Leader	Greg	Jim
Communion/ Closing Prayer	Jerry	Harold

### **April Greeters—Diane & Diana**

**Readings for the week:** Genesis 12:1–9; Psalm 33:1–12; Hosea 5:15–6:6; Psalm 50:7–15; Romans 4:13–25; Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

RESPONSES: Each time we meet together, there is a possibility that someone would like to respond to the invitation of Jesus Christ. We would be very glad to help you if you would like to be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, (2) to repent for sin in your life and ask for prayers of the church, or (3) to ask the church to pray for some special need in your life.

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# Church of Christ

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### **Welcome Visitors**

We are honored to have you as our guest. We pray that the worship and fellowship will be a blessing to you. If we can serve you in any way or answer any questions, you may fill out a visitor card on the back of the pews and place it in the collection plate, or you may contact our Elders.

### **Nursery/Training Room**

Provided where you may sit with your children during services

## NEWS AND EVENTS

The toilet tissue for the New Mexico Children's Home will be picked up on April 23.

Remember our Grateful Givers food drive headed up by the teens. See Ryan with any questions.

Tonight at fellowship - Sandwiches will be served

May 1st is Potluck

Friday May 6th Fellowship - Pizza (Bring Dessert)

Men's Breakfast is each Tuesday in May at 8:30am

The Next Ladies Bible Study is May 12th at 11:00am

*Thank You Note from Donola ~*

*Thanks for my Doctor and for all of the Prayers! My eyes are better! ~ Love Donola*

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

Prayers for the family of Louise Davis as they mourn her loss.

Prayers for all those who are battling cancer.

Prayers for those of our number who are traveling.

Prayers for the missionaries out in the world.

Please continue to pray for those with health concerns:

Amanda, Mary Jane, Bill, Grady, Sibyl, Babs, Linda, Helena, Hayley, Wayne, Charlie & Shirley, Ephraim, Jeff Landers, April's mother Linda, Ed Christian, Shirley Brinkman, Sharon's sisters, Krisha Borchers, Donola

Our Military men and women, and the leadership of our nation and our congregation.

A FAMILY WHO PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER.

## Long Ago & Far Away

Long ago and far away – sounds more like an introduction to a movie than a bulletin article, but there is a point I hope to make with it. Very long ago when I was just a little kid I spent a great deal of time in the sun. My mom “let” me go outside to play every day then locked the screen door to make sure I enjoyed myself outside. I did have fun, running, jumping, and playing in the bright Texas sunshine. Now, to bring that thought into today's reality fifty years later. You might notice the bright red, splotchy, raw, perhaps even ugly, red places on the top of my head. Many of you are familiar with the treatment for skin cancer and pre-cancerous lesions (Carac), but if you are not, you might like to know it is from playing in the sun without a hat fifty years ago. If you need a horrible example for your children, feel free to point to the top of my head. The lesson: Long ago and far away can eventually become here and now.

Something quite different but still related is a story of some friends who were totally immersed in their congregation's bus program. For years they worked trying to gather kids to the bus, singing, teaching, and enjoying the excitement of the children as they learned about Jesus. Then it happened. The bus program was ended. It was too much work with too little return according to the majority of the workers. The work had lasted for several years and many had just “burned out” while others were simply frustrated with the amount of time necessary for preparation, maintenance, money, etc. it took to keep everything running.

But for this one couple, it was a different kind of frustration. For them it was a labor of love. They loved the work, but most of all they loved the kids. When the bus program stopped, the kids stopped coming. Their parents were not interested in continuing with anything so many of the children just vanished spiritually.

Now jump ahead by fifteen years. The kids are young adults with children of their own. They are developing a spirituality and looking for direction. In all of their lives most of them had only known one couple who wanted to care for them, to teach them, who loved them and was concerned for their soul. Sometimes the couple would run across their former students in a store, sometimes there would be a phone call out of the blue, sometimes the church would be called asking if this couple was still around. In almost every case Bible studies were conducted and most were eventually baptized and now have their own children in classes. In some cases the couple's new frustration was that they couldn't teach everyone at the same time.

One lesson from two illustrations: Long ago and far away – we never know how the past will affect the future. Things to which we gave no thought can teach us to be aware of what we are doing now because – if we live long enough – they can be a major part of our future. Also, God can use those activities of the past which we thought were fruitless to bring great glory to his name. The lesson? Learn to never give up.

Love ya,  
Dale

## Graceful Givers

### Accepted/Needed Items

Food: Non-perishable; Bread is Accepted

Clothes: Kids Clothing; Shoes; Socks; Jackets; Sweaters;

Blankets; Towels; Wash Clothes; Pillows

Supplies: Soap; Deodorants; Shampoo; Toilet Paper;

Toothbrushes; Toothpaste; Laundry Soap; Kitchenware

School Supplies: Coloring Books; Pencils; Crayons; Kids

Toys

### BIBLES

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me” Matthew 25:35*

*“Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor” Proverbs 22:9*

### Family Records Last Week

Sunday Morning Worship	63
Sunday Evening	26
Wednesday Evening	17
Contribution	\$2259
Weekly Budget	\$1500

### Elders

Harold Kilby	567-9764
Eddie Rose	567-4349

### Deacons

Jason Carr	592-0791
Jim Vogel	451-0782

### Evangelist

Dale Rhodes	274-4717
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### Schedule of Services

Sun	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Evening Service	6:00 pm
	Youth Group	6:10 pm
Wed	Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thurs	Ladies Devotional	11:00 am
	(every other week)	
Friday	Fellowship (EOW)	6:00 pm
Tues	Men's Breakfast	8:00 am