

Welcome to our Bible Study and Worship Hour. If you are a visitor, we appreciate you taking the time to be with us and we invite you back as often as you have the opportunity. We invite all Christians to join us in partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Opportunities for Service

- **March 27, 2016: Lord's Supper:** Kenny Leach. **Serving:** Carl Allgood, David Cross, Isaiah Howard, David Longest. **Scripture Reading:** David Longest. **Song Leader:** J R Satterfield. **Shut-In Communion:** Stan Means. **Greeters:** Carl & Joy Allgood. **Building Security:** Rob Stocksdale.

- **April 3, 2016: Lord's Table:** David Longest. **Serving:** Ben Marsh, Stan Means, Dwight Mellon, Larry Miles. **Scripture Reading:** Ben Marsh. **Song Leader:** Jeff Adams. **Shut-In Communion:** Dwight Mellon. **Greeters:** Allen & Darlene Brown. **Building Security:** Jeff Adams.

March Birthdays

March 5 th -Leamon Shepherd	March 17 - Emily McNew
March 6 th - Dwight Mellon	March 24 th -Laura Means
March 11 th Aaron Cross	March 25 th David Cross
March 14 th Sue Leach	March 30 th Charles Zachery

Elders	Deacons
J. R Satterfield	Edward Merten
Dwight Mellon	Kevin Parr
Davis Longest	
Nick Marsh	
Stan Means	

Blessed With Every Spiritual Blessing

The Apostle Paul is writing this epistle to the Christians in the city of Ephesus. He has talked about grace and peace in Eph. 1:2. We know that the “grace of God” was manifested in the person of the Lord Jesus. That grace was also an action, whereby God showed forth His love for lost mankind and the Lord Jesus was the Redeemer who came down to Earth to die for the sins of mankind. Since we are now “in Christ,” we can claim the blessings in the letter also.

In Eph 1:3, Paul stresses first of all that we need to praising the Heavenly Father above all things. God wants to bestow, yea, even lavish his love and blessings on His children. He is not up there in Heaven blessing us sparingly. Jesus said that He came that we might have an abundant life in Him. We must desire all that He has for us. We must want to live the Christian life to the fullest, learning more about Jesus every day. We strive for this because we want to “grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus,” as well as encouraging our fellow believers in their walk and reaching the lost with the message of salvation.

He has blessed us “with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places **“IN CHRIST.”** The same Greek words rendered here “heavenly places” are translated heavenly things” in James 3:12. Since we are “citizens of Heaven,” (Phil. 3:20) we must look to the things above and not things on the earth. Our spiritual mindset must be honed in on Jesus at all times. We are but pilgrims and strangers here on earth. We sing “this world is not my home...,” and rightly so. But we are as John says in I John 2:15-17 “in the world but not of the world,” we have to have a heavenly perspective in life. That perspective comes from believing the words of Paul here in Eph. 1:3.

Messages from God's Word

There is no Scripture reading and text this morning—The reader will have to ask Bro. Nick for the text. Bro. Larry Miles did the bulletin on Thursday because he is in Louisiana with Joe Stone and his son Matthew.

Cherry Street Prayer Concerns

Ernie & Whilma Balsley, June Chamberlain, Angie Chowning, Ann Cox, Etta Dean, Glenn Farnsley, Elsie Howard, William Kelley, Bob & Karen Koufeldt, Roscoe & Sue Leach, Ron Lee, Joe Meredith, Edward & Janice Merten, David Mount, Richard Paris, Sherry Perciful, Wanda Rayle, Ina Reynolds, Pie Satterfield, Larry Smith, Laurie Smith, Jerome Spearman, Barry & Kennita Stewart, Victor Stewart, Elnora Stocksdale, Deena Stoess, Barry Thompson, Eric & Lydia Wade, Dale Wiseheart, Our Nation and her leaders, our enemies, new Christians, our travelers, answered prayer, persecuted Christians world-wide, unspoken requests, and for the peace of Jerusalem.

Missions: Robert & Joy Garrett, Sonny Childs' Ministries, Philippine Missions, Nakahara Mission, Martin & Susan Brooks, Words of Life Radio, Maple Manor, Portland Christian School, and all other works of faith and labors of love.

Military: Our armed forces throughout the world, Aaron Byerley, Ben Adams, Greg Davis, Dan Eckiss, Kelli O'Neil, Kelly Patterson, Philip Pipes, Jordan Villareal, Tony Adams, Tom Emery, Jeffrey Newkirk, Nathan Poindexter, and for all active duty military personnel

- Bible Classes-----9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Worship-----10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Evening Worship-----6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Bible Study-----7:00 p.m.

Note: No Evening service on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

- **Minister:** Nick Marsh; 812-945-7209
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