

Worship Service
January 1, 2012

577 We Bow Down
47 Holy, Holy, Holy
76 How Great Thou Art
791 On Bended Knee

Scripture Reading
Prayer

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382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth

******Lords Supper ******

All Christians are invited to partake in this feast of remembrance. The bread & fruit of the vine symbolize the body and blood of our Savior who died and was raised for us. In eating together we proclaim our unity with Him and with one another until He comes again.

83 God is So Good

Children Down Front
Children's Bible Hour

- Light The Fire

Message By Johnathan Dobbs

669 Take My Life, and Let it Be

Announcements

622 Ring Out the Message

Closing Prayer

Please fill out an attendance card – white for members and gold for visitors. Please place it in the contribution basket when it comes around.

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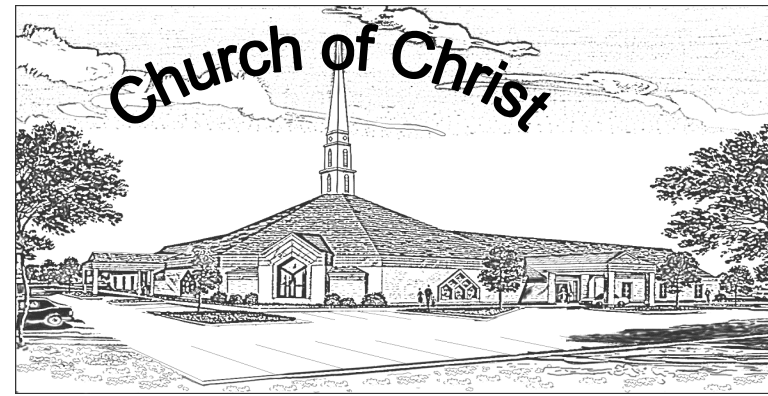
Welcome Visitors!!!!

Sermon Notes

Presented by Johnathan Dobbs

“Of Marathons & Obstacle Courses”

Our only limitation is the size of our faith!



Seek Life - Share Life - Obey One Life
Focusing Our Lives Around ONE Savior, Jesus Christ

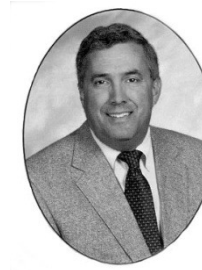
Pulpit Minister
Larry Macomber

Youth Minister
Johnathan Dobbs

Children's Ministry
Diane Beyer

Elders
Doug Anderson
David Carroll
Bob Noster
Glenn Organ
John Rawlings
Willie Rollins
John Westbrook

Run Christian Run!



Let me begin by thanking Jonathan and Vic Fagan for filling in for me over the past couple of weeks while I mend from my recent foot surgery. I hope that the Doctor will later this week give me the clear to throw down the crutches and begin to put weight back on the mended foot.

This whole ordeal has given me a greater insight into the world of the physically handicapped. I am now so much more aware of the many barriers that they face on a day to day basis. The simplest of tasks like opening and getting through a pneumatically controlled door before it slams on your backside or carrying a glass of iced tea from the refrigerator to the living room have now become challenging tasks that take forethought and a certain amount of dexterity to accomplish. While the cast and the crutches are fulfilling their roles, I am most anxious to be able to once again run around with the freedom that I had only a few weeks ago.

This whole ordeal has not only given me some special insights that I might not have had otherwise, it has also made me think of some spiritual principles. For example, as this cast has been an encumbrance to my mobility, so is sin to the freedom that God wants us to experience. Ironically, Satan often packages sin as that which will liberate us from all of our “hang-ups”, but in reality it is what enslaves us. As Jesus himself said, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin” (John 8:34).

As much as I am looking forward to experiencing a renewed sense of liberty, I would hope that we all can realize just what it means to experience the freedom from sin that God wants us to attain. It is as Paul told the churches of Galatia, “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free” (5:1). But if we are going to ever experience the joy that comes from being released from sin's grip, we must be willing to do our part. We must be willing to turn away from our selfish, sinful pursuits as we seek after Christ more. Rather than being enslaved and handicapped by our sin, “let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith” (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Larry Macomber

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For the Records December 25, 2011

Bible Study.....	88
AM Worship.....	178
Wed. (12/21)	96
Love Offering Received.....	\$15,075.77
Weekly Budget Needed	\$7720.94
Budget Year to Date	
(Plus+ or Minus -).....	\$47,804.76+
Weekly difference.....	\$ 919.32+
Missions Offering.....	\$ 295.00

Nursery Volunteers Today

Jody Dobbs
Jesse Springfield

There is an attended nursery in room #4. You may stay with your child if you wish, audio feed there.

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday:
Bible Classes9:00a.m.
Worship10:00a.m.
Life Groups & Seekers.....5:00p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Classes for all ages.....7:00p.m.

Elder of the Month

David Carroll
If you have a matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the elders, please talk to the elder of the month.

Prayer List Updates

Rita Rawlings taking chemo in Sugarland.
Cindy Phillips on new chemo treatment.
Jimmy Crum having chemo treatments.
Thomas Petter (Cindy Phillips' brother) esophageal cancer
Geordan Burt (G.W. & Tricia Burt's son) has Chronic Kidney Disease. He is on a high dosage of Prednisone Steroids. They will know in 3-6 mo. if it is working.
Barbara Gates recovering from broken hip at home
Rachel Ashworth has a mass in her cheek. She has put off any activity until after the 1st of the year
Pat Miller (Bob Fraley's niece) She is in the hospital with injuries. She has slightly improved.
Crystal Roy (Niece of Bill & Suzanne Beaver) had a heart attack. She has multiple blockages, plaque, & a birth defect they found in her heart that prevents them from doing either by-pass surgery or stents. Medications are her only option.

Jesse Jackson fell & broke his hip. Home address is 3223 Belmont Lane, Terrell Texas 75160 Phone # 972-564-5877

Norma Gates is back at home now & doing better.
Blaine Newton (Kerri Schurtz' cousin's 18 yr. old son) began chemo treatment for Grey Area Lymphoma.

James Cantu (Friend of G.W. & Tricia Burt) recovering from a serious car accident suffering from many broken bones.

Crystal Allison recovering from surgery on her neck.
Bradley Sabrsula the cause of his swollen lymph nodes is mono.

James Williams has blockage in his heart.
J.T. Carlton (Elaine Cox' son-in-law) has a bacterial infection in his blood. He has pneumonia & it is affecting his heart & lungs. He is doing better.

James Folmar (Bill & Suzanne Beaver's son-in-law) recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery.

Larry Macomber recovering from surgery on his foot.

Lolly Curtis is home now. She has a blood clot at the back of her heart & is on Coumadin to dissolve it.

Bobbye Aschenbeck (Sherrie Deen's mother) is now in Matagorda House room 414. She is 80 yrs old & unable to walk. She would enjoy visits & cards.

Wilbert Dale (Audrey Rollins' brother) had a massive stroke last Sat. He is in Hermann Memorial Hospital at the Medical Center. He is doing better.

Shut-Ins

Sheila Kunz Artie Hicks James White

Nursing Home

Legacy: Martha Jane Etie #724 Gerry Rogers #214
Marguerite Kettle #216
Bay Villa: Matthew Smith
Matagorda Nursing & Rehab: Norma Gates

Independent Living

Copperfield Estates Betty McNeill #238

Upcoming Events

Jan. 2nd Office closed for the Holidays

Jan. 3rd Toy Frog Sewing

Jan. 17th Military Family Support Group

Jan. 29th Blood Drive

Jan. 29th No Children's Bible Hour

Jan. 29th 5th Devo & Finger Food Meal

Office is closed on Mon. Jan. 2nd

Toy Frog Sewing

We are having a Toy Frog sewing day Tues. morning, Jan. 3rd, from 9:00-12:00. These are made to give to the sick children at Matagorda Regional Hospital. Volunteers are needed!

Budget Presentation

Next Sunday Jan. 8th will be the 2012 Budget Presentation.

Missions Sunday

On Sunday Jan. 15th we will be have our Pledge slips out for Missions 2012. Please be in prayer about what you can pledge to contribute for 2012.

Military Family Support Group

The next meeting will be on Tues. Jan. 17th in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00p.m.

Blood Drive

Our Blood Drive will be on Sun. Jan. 29th. It is from 12noon to 5:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment, visit www.giveblood.org & log in to Digital Donor. Enter sponsor code 1285 or call 1-888-482-5663 or contact Duane Ryman at 245-5857.

Youth Group News

The Youth are selling beautiful scenic calendars with scripture for \$6.00 each. They will get \$3.00 to go on their individual accounts for the trips & retreats & other activities with this money. They make beautiful gifts!

Thank You Note

*Church Family,
No words can express the appreciation I have for all the meals that were brought over after my surgery, for all the cards that were sent, for the visits and most of all the thoughts and prayers that were on my behalf. The love that has been shown to our family is beyond compare. The money, time spent cooking and the thoughtfulness that was behind each meal just shows what love is shared here. Thank you so much!
In Christian love, Crystal Allison*

My New Year Prayer

*The time has come to say good bye
A year of happiness and of sorrow
I pray the war will end soon
So we'll have a better tomorrow.*

*A year of happiness for all
When friends can get together
The blessings of a family
That we will love forever.*

*For those that have lost loved ones
My sympathy, I send your way
And hope that prayer and the love of God
Will help you through each day.*

*For those who have brought new life in the world
Congratulations to you
Thank the Lord in Heaven above
For making your dreams come true.*

*For those that are sick, in so much pain
May God Bless your health today
Ease your burden and give you peace
Help you in every way.*

*May His grace shine down upon you
As we start a brand New Year
Praying the New year brings to you
Much happiness and cheer*

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