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**SHEPHERDS**

Barry McDowell  
 Jimmy Neatherlin  
 J. R. Stroble  
**Our Door is Open**  
 Anyone wanting to meet  
 with our Elders is en-  
 couraged to contact any  
 of the elders to set up a  
 time.

**DEACONS**

Travis Crandall  
 Johnny Harris  
 Larry Mitchell  
 Mike Owens  
 Virgil Smith  
 Glenn Wells

**Ministry Team:**

*Jill Crandall*  
*Bruce Daughtry*  
*Tammy Frintz*  
*Brian McGonagill*  
*Glen Moore*  
*Eleanor Nelson*  
*Mark Schinnerer*  
*Charlie Weatherford*

**Sunday Services**

Sunday Bible Class  
 9:00 am

Morning Worship  
 10:00 am

Evening Worship  
 5:00 pm

**Wednesday**

**Fellowship**

Ladies Bible Class  
 10:00 am

Wednesday Night  
 Meal  
 6:00 pm

Bible Class  
 7:00 pm

Hatred

Doesn't it seem that there's just a lot of hatred these days? The most prevalent seems to be on social media and the violent attacks on groups of people. Social media avoids the face-to-face confrontation and may seem otherwise harmless, except for the encouragement of anger and hatred towards other people. The mass killings are beyond my comprehension. Some of the shootings may have been targeting specific individuals, but so many are just random violence. Just a hatred for other people in general.

Hatred is not something new. I watched an interview with a member of a group known as the Little Rock Nine. Nine black kids who were used to integrate an Arkansas high school. I was just a toddler at the time, and was horrified by the treatment of those young people. We see that same hatred today towards middle easterners. Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians, "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, quarreling, and slander be put away from you, along with all hatred." (Eph 4:31 NIV)

Even if you go back to the rules for living that God gave to the Israelites, the way they were to treat their fellow man was with fairness and compassion, simply because we are all made in the image of God. The way we treat others actually reflects our attitude towards God. Surely none of us would say or do these hateful things to our Lord in person, so why would we do so to His creation?

Let the fruit of the Spirit show in your interactions. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Gal 5:22-23)

~Barry McDowell

*Please keep the following people in your daily prayers:*



**Becky Cunningham's** markers were good and she continues with her treatments.

**J.C. Cunningham** will have surgery on Wednesday, February 28th.

**Lucas Hernandez, Brian & B.J. Santo's** grandson, is missing from his home in Wichita, Kan. Please pray for his safe return.

**Faye Nelson**, Terry Nelson's mother, is in the hospital with pneumonia. She is in CCU at Eastern NM Medical Center in Roswell.

**Lorella Treadway** is in the hospital in Conroe TX. She only has one kidney.

**Remember the following as they continue to heal: Wah-Leah Ballard, Vallaree Cherry, Curtis Cox, Eva Cruz, Bruce Daughtry, Audrey Fisher, Jan Groom, Jeannie Houchin, Ross Hyden, Veda Jennings, Peggy Moore, Terry Stade, Eileen Tidwell, Lorraine White, and Dee Witherspoon.**

**Home Bound: Grace Autry, Bob and Velma Brown, Durees Carriaga, Pauline Crisman, Audrey Fisher, Vivienne Garner, Enid Gates, Kay Oakley, and Richard Titus.**

**Prayer Connection Cards: Linda Greene and Blayne Jackson.**

*Our Deepest Sympathy To:*

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Bill & Shirley Crabb** on the passing of their son-in-law, **Dave Chambless**. Please keep **Ranea** and the rest of the family in your prayers during this very difficult time.



*Thank You Notes*



*Thank you for all the visits in the hospital and at home. Thank you to Rachel for the chicken dinner and to Jean for the snacks. We appreciate the friends we have at church. In Christ, Glen and Peggy Moore*

*Brian's Corner*

**Stand True to What You Believe**

*"Stand true to what you believe. Be courageous. Be strong"* (1 Corinthians 16:13b NLT).

You see it over and over in Scripture. God uses people who show courage, people who stand up when everyone else sits down.

Just look at Daniel. Daniel is one of only two people in history to whom God revealed how the world ends (the other is the apostle John). God used Daniel like few men in human history.

But before God used Daniel to change the world, Daniel stood up to the most powerful man in the world. When King Nebuchadnezzar told him to eat his Babylonian food, Daniel said no. Think about it. He rejected the king. He said, "Sorry, king — your food isn't good enough for me. I can't eat it." Daniel was respectful but firm in his refusal to compromise.

I'm sure there were many other Jewish young men taken captive who saw no problem with eating the king's food. I'm sure those people said, "But everybody's doing it!"

But Daniel said, "I don't care if the whole world eats the king's food. It's not right. I'm not going to do it."

Daniel stood with courage. He was willing to stand alone. History has shown us that the majority is wrong much of the time. Just because the majority likes a particular value or passes a particular law doesn't mean that value or that law is right.

Only God decides what's true, not us. Only God decides what's right and wrong. It's not up to a majority vote.

The Bible says, "Stand true to what you believe. Be courageous. Be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13b NLT).

We need people of courage today to stand up to evil in a culture that's turning wrong into right and darkness into light. And because that's what God calls us to do, he will support and reward you when you stand firm for him.

- **What encouraging stories have you heard or read that reveal how someone spoke out when something wasn't popular?**
- **What things make you hesitate from standing up courageously when you see a wrong?**
- **What are some instances from history when the majority has since been shown to be wrong?**



## Jill's Corner

### Afraid to Grow

by Thom Schultz

What could be stifling growth in the American church—and in individual spiritual growth? A deadly emotion is killing us.

It's widespread, sneaky, crippling, and the very antithesis of faith. It is fear.

For the past 35 years I've had one foot in the church ministry world and one foot in the business world. I've seen many examples of success and failure, growth and stagnation. How leaders—in church and business—handle the emotion of fear usually predicts their success and growth—or lack thereof.

Those who've learned to manage fear ask, "What could we gain?" These are the successful ministry leaders and entrepreneurs who overcome obstacles, accomplish big things, and make a difference. They're not reckless. They count the costs and plan for contingencies. But they're juiced more by the prospect of success than the fear of failure.

Meanwhile, those who fearfully obsess over questions such as, "What could go wrong?" repeatedly turn down promising opportunities. And they, and their organizations, shrink.

In my work at Group Publishing and Lifetree Café I hear all kinds of fear-based questions and comments from timid church leaders. "What if it doesn't work?" "What if nobody comes?" "What if somebody doesn't like it?" "What if one of my elders objects?" "What will people think of me if I support something that doesn't work?" The church today suffers from fear-induced paralysis. It's slowly killing us.

Throughout history we see sad examples of fear-based thinking. The scriptures tell story after story of the disappointing results of fearful thinking. What caused Peter to deny Christ? Fear. What caused Judas to betray Jesus? Fear. What caused Thomas to doubt? Fear.

God knows our weaknesses—especially our tendency to fear. That's why we see hundreds of commands throughout scripture to "fear not."

When circumstances call for change (and current circumstances in the church are crying for change), it's time to ask God's guidance, to trust in him, to have faith—and to fear not.

When we stop angsty over what we may lose, and starting dreaming about what we may gain, then we'll starting growing.

Fear not.

## Upcoming Events



All ladies are invited to a **Baby Shower** for **Chris and Brandi Connell** this **Sunday, February 25th** in the **Multi-Purpose Room** from **2:00 pm to 3:30 pm**. They are expecting a girl and are registered at Amazon.com. Brandi is the daughter of Mike and Lorie Owens.

PEEKABOO hope to see you at the **baby shower** for **Rolando and Taylor Gonzalez** on **Sunday, March 4th** in the **Multi-Purpose Room** from **2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**. They are expecting a girl and are registered at Wal-Mart and Delmonico's Boutique.



### Women's Higher Ground is March 8th-11th.

If you would like to participate please go online to apply or contact: Georgina Stroble in Carlsbad ([575-361-3462](tel:575-361-3462)), Donna Canada in Artesia ([575-748-1060](tel:575-748-1060)), or Don Canada in Artesia ([575-513-2632](tel:575-513-2632)). The website for Higher Ground is: <http://ltittle.wix.com/highergroundhighergroundministry.us>

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be **Saturday, March 10th** in the **Multi-Purpose Room** at **8:00 am**. Please join us for this special time together.



Sunset would like to invite all parents with babies ages two years and under to participate in our first baby dedication on **Sunday, March 11th!** We have planned a special time to pray for our babies and parents. If you would like to participate, please contact Tammy at the office (575-887-1278) no later than **Wednesday, February 28th**.

With the Elders' blessings, we are beginning a new ministry. Starting immediately, we are accepting donations of clothing and non-perishable food for our new **Benevolence Room**. Once we have enough of both, we will open the Benevolence Room to the public for those in need. The schedule for that opening will be decided **at a later date**. Join us in this exciting ministry! If you have any questions, or if you'd like to help, please contact Eleanor at the Church Office, 887-1278, ext. 302.



The meal is at 6:00 pm and Bible class starts at 7:00 pm. Volunteers for Wednesday night meals are needed. Sign up on the calendar in the kitchen or call the office at 887-1278.



## Contribution & Attendance For Sunday, February 18, 2018

<b>Checks</b> \$11,064.00	<b>Average</b> \$11,197.33	<b>Wednesday February 14th</b>
<b>Bills</b> \$634.00	<b>Weekly Budget</b> \$11,166.00	<b>Ladies Bible Class</b> <span style="float: right;">16</span>
<b>Change</b> \$2.11	<b>Weekly + or (-)</b> \$31.33	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Online Giving</b> \$635.00	<b>Kid's Cash</b> \$194.00	<b>Sunday Morning</b>
<b>Total</b> \$12,335.11		<b>Bible Class</b> <span style="float: right;">140</span>
		<b>Morning Worship</b> <span style="float: right;">211</span>
		<b>Evening Worship</b> <span style="float: right;">43</span>

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## Men to Serve for Sunday, February 25, 2018

<b>Speaker:</b> Bruce Daughtry	<b>Men To Serve</b>	<b>Greeter &amp; Nursery</b>	<b>Communion Talk</b>
<b>Worship Leader:</b> Mark Schinnerer	<b>Communion:</b> Dwayne Smith	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
<b>Welcome:</b> Glynn Shelton	Robert Stade	<b>Greeters:</b> Red Team	<b>March 4th</b> -Terry Lunsford
<b>Scripture:</b> J.R. Stroble	Dalton Stroble	<b>Welcome Desk:</b> Sally Stade	<b>March 11th</b> -Barry McDowell
<b>Communion Service</b> Cody Layton	Cas Tabor	<b>Nursery Attendant:</b> Chelsea Layton	<b>March 18th</b> -Brian McGonagill
	John Tigert		<b>March 25th</b> -Larry Mitchell
	Jeff Veilleux		<b>April 1st</b> -Steven Morgan
	Mike Veilleux		<b>Thank you for serving! If unable to serve during worship, please call: Kelly Henry at 706-3304.</b>
	Charlie Weatherford		