

The Shady Acres Servant

Matthew. 20:27, "Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant." ~Jesus

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Sunday

Morning Bible Study
9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship
5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study
7:00 p.m.

- WATCH -

*In Search of
the Lord's Way*

Each Sunday
KBSI-TV
Cable Channel 9
7:00 a.m.

Resolution Suggestion #12—Count Your Steps

Several years ago it became fashionable to measure one's progress toward fitness by counting steps. It got easier as technology advanced and you no longer needed a bulky pedometer, so that now your watch or your phone probably does it automatically for you with no extra effort on your part. The counting of steps turned into a measure of progress, even if you didn't really go anywhere. With the counting of steps, the destination—a greater level of fitness—is somewhat implied, while the location is somewhat immaterial.

Paul wrote, "For we walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). I don't know that anyone has ever read that verse and asked, What steps? Where are we going? The destination is implied. For the previous several verses, Paul had been putting in contrast the physical and the spiritual, things temporal and things eternal. The steps, and the subsequent progress, may not lead us directly to that objective destination, but they are essential to the arriving at the destination, a part of the process, if you will.

When we are counting physical steps, your pedometer watch or phone doesn't care if you are on a walking path intentionally seeking to exercise, or if you are in a store, or walking the dog, or taking out the trash. To the pedometer, all the steps are the same, and they all add up. You may know that some of those steps are more substantial than others (for example, if you are intentionally engaged in exercise), and yet every one matters.

When we are walking by faith, not by sight, we have to remember that every one of those steps matters as well. We may view some of those spiritual steps as being more significant than others—as indeed they likely are—yet we cannot afford to overlook the other spiritual steps that we take. That is because Jesus did not call us to be His disciples only when we are "on the clock." Faith must be a part of our lives and not something saved for special occasions. Those steps of faith we take whenever our faith is tried certainly add up. In the parable of the talents, the lord of the servants said, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord" (Matthew 25:21). So keep counting those spiritual steps.

Keith Olbricht

SUNDAY - MARCH 19, 2023

THOSE TO SERVE:

Lord's Supper: Presiding - Dan Robinson

SUNDAY PM COMMUNION: Bruce Gilmer

SCRIPTURE READERS:

A.M. Larry Kellett Romans 8:14-17
P.M. Lance Ray 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

TO LEAD PRAYER:

A.M. Opening: Billy Littleton
Closing: Jason Whitten
P.M. Opening: Bruce Lawrence
Closing: Jerry Kelley

WELCOME TABLE:

March 19 & 26 - David & Teresa Braden

NURSERY ATTENDANTS:

A.M. N/A

SENIOR MEMBERS BUS DRIVER:

March: N/A

USHERS: Cole Smith, Scott Hankins

SOUNDRoom:

Ben Hartzog, Kathy McClellan, Heath Alan
Poindexter

SONG LEADER:

Sunday A.M. — Benny Eason
Sunday P.M. — Singing Night

WORSHIP GREETINGS & WELCOME:

DOOR GREETERS:

SUNDAY SERMONS:

A.M. These Are the Sons of God
Keith Olbricht

P.M. Singing Night

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Bain - now at home
Anna Boelker - friend of Chester & Jeanette Bell
Jim Burden - friend of the Littleton's
Blake Coleson - recovering from hip surgery at home with Tom & Carol Britton
Annabelle Dykes - friend of the Olbricht's
Kenny Grubbs - cancer, Teresa Braden's uncle
Richard Hampton - cancer, friend of Jerry Terrell
Connie Hinman - home from the hospital
Dan Holland - had surgery Tuesday
Pat Hosey - recovering from surgery
Gene Karnes - Delta South Nursing Center
Myrt Kellett - recovering from gallbladder surgery
James Kennedy - homebound, health issues
Glen Mouser - will have foot surgery April 6
Jerry & Brenda Nimmo - health issues
Tim Owens - recovering at Marion & Brenda's home
Jeanie Price - had surgery Tuesday
Rose Smith - recovering from shoulder surgery
Karen Tillman - hospital in AR. Edsel's daughter
Janet Tuttle - is holding off on surgery for now
Georgia Jacobsen, Bobby & Martha Parker, Violet Price, Pat Rea, Pam Shankle, Leveda Williams

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Bertrand Nursing Center

Maggie Hatley
Loretta Ray

Clearview Nursing Center

Carol Evans Smith
Wanda Raper

Delta South Nursing Center

Lois Hubbert Evelyn Price
Gene Karnes Barbara Ross
Glenda Kelley

La Bonne Maison

Pam Manwaring
Francis Miller
Allieen Smith
Barbara Smith

Westridge

Margaret Morrow

PRESCHOOL BIBLE HOUR SCHEDULE

March 19 & 26 - Teresa Braden

BIG BIBLE HOUR

March - Kathy Sturgess

BIBLE STUDY QUESTION

Answer to last week's question: Who said "Come, see a man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ"?
The Samaritan woman - John 4:28-29

This week's question: What was the legal limit of stripes administered for justice according to the law of Moses?

BARNABAS GROUP: meets on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship room. Everyone is welcome.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP: meets at 10:00 on Thursdays.

THANKS: To everyone who brought meals to me and Pat I can't thank you enough. I love my church family and you helped us so much. May God bless you all for your generosity.

In Christian Love, Gene & Pat Hosey

Please help keep the prayer list updated.

PARAGOULD CHILDREN'S HOME

The truck will be here Monday, April 3rd to pick up donated items. Please leave these items in the room across from the library.

Requested items:

Bottled Fruit Juices
HE (High Efficiency) Laundry Detergent
Thirst Quenchers (I.E. Gatorade)
Toilet Bowl Cleaner (Liquid)
Light Bulbs
Dill Pickles

FOR THE RECORD — Mar. 12, 2023

Sunday Bible Class - 106 Sunday a.m. Worship - 194
Sunday p.m. Worship - 106 Contribution \$
Weekly Budget \$7,898

Shady Acres Pantry Needs: Breakfast Items... Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, Pancake Mix, Syrup, etc.

VBS - JUNE 4-8: Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School! It will be in the evening.

PLASTIC EGGS & CANDY NEEDED: We are in need of plastic eggs and candy to put in the eggs. You can leave them in the office. Thank you!

MARCH 26TH ACTIVITIES

—**POTLUCK:** There will be a congregational potluck in the gym immediately following morning worship service.

—**EGG HUNT:** There will be an egg hunt for 4th grade and under immediately following the potluck.

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SPRING GOSPEL MEETING: April 2-4th:

Arnold Church of Christ

Speaker: Cliff Goodwin



BABY SHOWER: There will be a come and go baby shower in the fellowship room honoring



Ben & Sarah Olbricht

on March 19th from 1:30-3:30. It's a boy & his name will be Casey. They are registered at Amazon, Wal-Mart and Target. Hostesses are Sandy Turnbow, Linda Bell, Kaitlyn White, Terri Williams, Lena Gaines, Janie Hazel, Charline Chambers, Lori Adell, Cheryl Turner, Tina Enax, Kiersten Tibbs & Kim DeHart.

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Love Demonstrated

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

God did not just tell us He loved us and then left it there. As the preceding verse states, God demonstrated, revealed, and validated His love for mankind by allowing Jesus to be crucified, thus bearing the sins of all undeserving people. After showing us the greatest act of love, He now commands us to love others. (1 John 4:11). As we comply to the second greatest command, "love your neighbor" (Mark 12:29-31), it becomes so easy to shake the hand or hug the neck of a fellow Christian and say, "I love you." However, the love that the Lord requires of us is much more than a verbal acknowledgment. The love which God demands is not a love spoken, but a love shown. Notice how we are to demonstrate love:

- Doing good and showing mercy for our enemies (Luke 6:35-36)
- Giving preference to each other (Romans 12:10)
- Serving one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Putting up with each other's imperfections (Ephesians 4:2)
- Sacrificing ourselves for our family (Ephesians 5:25)
- Being ready to meet urgent needs of others (Titus 3:14)
- Encourage one another to do good works (Hebrews 10:24)
- Being enthusiastic in expressing our love for each other (1 Peter 1:22)
- Showing compassion for each other (1 Peter 3:8)

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