



SUNDAY NEWS

July 18th, 2021

Elders

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* Chairman

**Building a Strong Congregation**

By Nathan Adams

I hope that every faithful Christian wants to build a spiritually stronger congregation of the Lord's church. It also my hope that every faithful Christian is looking for ways they can individually contribute to this strengthening effort. How do we build a spiritually stronger congregation? As we endeavor to continuously strengthen this congregation we must always remember that our growth will always be because of the our Lord. The Psalmist stated, "*Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it...*" (Psalm 127:1). Paul stated that while we plant and water the gospel seed in the lives of people, God is the One that brings the needed growth (1 Corinthians 3:6).

Congregations grow stronger by its members growing stronger spiritually. Members grow when they focus on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2), the author and perfecter of our faith. As we look to Jesus, we must look to the cross. As we look at Jesus on the cross, the attributes that kept our Lord on that cross are the same ones that grow strong Christians and thereby, strong congregations. Let's consider those same attributes that will grow our spiritual lives to be like Christ:

Love for God — "...but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me." (John 14:31). Jesus loved the Father and showed that love by doing the Father's will in staying on the cross. Jesus stayed on the cross doing the Father's will and not His own as He stated in Gethsemane because He loved His Father. Our love for God will create devotion that will cause each of us to spiritually grow.

Love for Each of Us — "Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end." (John 13:1). As we sing, "it was my sin that held Him there," we know that it was His love driving Him to remove my sin through that sacrifice. Our love for each other will cause us to sacrifice for the good and growth of others.

Trust in God — "...and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously" (2 Peter 2:23). Jesus endured a terribly painful death and brutal mistreatment by trusting in the Father. Mature Christians know that trust in God enables and strengthens them to endure the "valleys of deep darkness" (Psalm 23:4).

Obedience to God — "Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered." (Hebrews 5:8). Through staying on the cross Jesus learned the full measure of obedience. Obedience to the point of death is whole of what a person can give. A strong faith will cause a person to be willing to die for their faith (Revelation 2:10).

The Joy Set Before Him — "...who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2). The joy for Jesus was the ability to save each of us. Our joy comes from a strong spiritual life that knows that whatever happens in this life, "for your reward in heaven is great." (Matthew 5:12)

Those attributes that kept Jesus on the cross will strengthen our family when each of us grows in these attributes. In so doing, may we each take up our cross to strengthen our lives and the Lord's church of which we are a "living stone" bringing strength.

Deacons

Gerald Floyd

Seth Huddleston

Jeff Parrish



SUNDAY NEWS

Today

 Worship Services — 9:30 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.

 Monthly Visitor Night — 5:00 P.M.

Tuesday, July 20th

 Men's Bible Class — 10:00 AM at the church Library.

Wednesday, July 21st

 Summer Series — Chris White

Summer Series “Now These Abide...”

Wednesdays in July at 7:00 PM

July 7th

Neal Thurman — **Knowledge**

July 21st

Chris White — **Hope**

July 14th

Jim Laws — **Faith**

July 28th

Bill Allen — **Love**

Plan to Attend and Invite Others

2021 Upcoming Events

 Wednesday Summer Series	July
 Visitor Night	July 18
 Youth Camp	July 18-24
 “Your Questions” Wed. Series	August
 GIFT Program	August
 Trunk or Treat	October
 Family Day	November



If you are visiting with our church family today, we are thankful and overjoyed to have you with us. It is our hope and prayer that you are encouraged by your time with us. We look forward to getting to know you better and sharing with you the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Welcome!

We are very thankful and blessed that Ricky & Maxine Ray have chosen to attend here at Whitehouse. We welcome them and look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship. Make time to meet this wonderful couple.

Church Planning Survey

There are congregational planning survey sheets in the foyer on the table. Please pick one up, fill it out, and return it to one of the ministers or Gail by next Sunday. Your help in this is greatly appreciated and will provide valuable perspectives as we plan for the next few years.

2021 THEME

“Increasing in Christ Daily”

“He must INCREASE, but I must decrease” John 3:30



If you have Bible questions for our Wednesday night series in August, please email them to the office or put them in the contribution boxes.

FAMILY & YOUTH NEWS

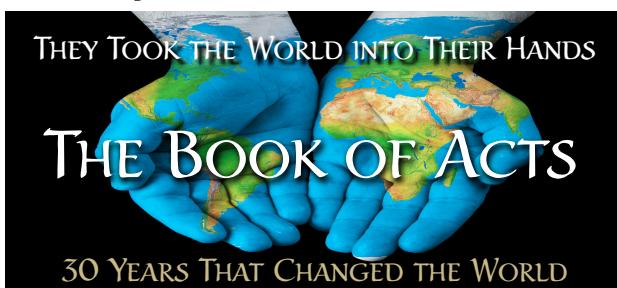
Upcoming Event

- * The next **Parents Night Out** will be August 20th at the church building from 5pm - 9 pm. This will be a time of food, snacks, activities, games, & a kid-free evening for the parent(s).
- * Our Marriage/Family Bible Study is this Fall September - November. The Topic is going to be **The Christian Home**. Sign up sheet coming soon.
- * Our next **Congregational Family Event** will be a Bonfire this fall. More information will be coming soon.

Family Thoughts & Ideas

This week you have an opportunity to teach by example the importance of encouraging others. With our youth traveling to SCYC camp, some being away from home for the first time, this is a perfect opportunity to talk with your family about encouraging others. This week may be a roller coaster ride for some of the kids. They will be far away from home, missing family, they may be sad. Talk with your kiddos about how receiving a card from them would help them not feel sad or lonely—instead encourage them to make the most of their time at camp—meeting new friends, having fun, learning more about God and Christ. Help your kiddos understand the power that one card of encouragement can make.

Sunday Auditorium Bible Class



Wednesday Auditorium Bible Class

Summer Series

“Now These Abide...”



Sonshine Christian Youth Camp

By Chris Detkos

This week I am postponing my series on "Christ, the Cross, & Us" to talk about our campers. For those of us who have been to church camp growing up, we remember how camp was a time for us to build relationships, deepen our faith, our belief and trust in God. We learned that all Christians struggle in this world, and we are not alone in our battles with temptation and sin. Church camp is a time for growth, maturity, and pushing our boundaries in our relationship with Christ. It's a time for them to build their relationship with God separate from their parents.

It is like how Jacob perceived his relationship with God in Genesis 28:13 "And behold the LORD stood above it and said, I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac...." Genesis 31:42 "If the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac..." Now in Genesis 32:9, "Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac..." At times we are the same as Jacob is in his relationship with God. It's distant, NOT personal, NOT my God, God of the box. When Jacob wrestled with God, his life started to change to develop a deeper connection with God.

While we are at Sonshine Christian Youth Camp this week, please keep us in your prayers that we will be able to deepen our connection with God and trust Him on a very personal level.

You can help encourage this by taking a few minutes to send a card to our youth while at camp this week.

Campers Name
C/O Bandina Christian Youth Camp
320 Bandina Ranch Rd
Bendera, TX 78003

Matthew Harrington
Jackson Huddleston
Mack McDonald
Madison Stowers
Cole Benson
Kyla Gannon
Emma Weskamp

SUNDAY NEWS

Morning Service

Song Leader: Barrett Carter

Song #31

Be Still and Know

Call to Worship

Doug Yates

Song #869

We're Marching to Zion

Song #611

Heavenly Sunlight

Prayer

Damon Elkin

Song #315

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Lord's Supper

Steve Veazey

Scripture: Galatians 6:1-5

Sagar Solanki

Song #560

Living By Faith

Sermon: Nathan Adams

Paul & the 3 Bears - Lesson 2

Song #907

Hark the Gentle Voice

Song #885

How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

Prayer

Todd Hancock

Please leave your Attendance

Cards in the pew.

We have an attended Nursery for ages 6 months to 2 years.



Online Resources Available

- Website: www.whitehousechurch.org
- We stream and archive all worship services on our website.
- Our website contains Biblical teaching tools

Evening Service

Call to Worship

Doug Yates

Song Leader: Barrett Carter

Song #797

Lord We Come Before Thee Now

Song #564

I Must Tell Jesus

Prayer

Gerald Floyd

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Caleb DuPree

Song #452

Standing on the Promises

Sermon: Nathan Adams

The Need For God is Timeless

Song #915

Trust and Obey

Song #416

Footsteps of Jesus

Prayer

JJ Hubbard

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements: Doug Yates

Song: TBD

Prayer: TBD

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Thursday

8:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Friday: 8:00-12:00

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday AM Bible Study 9:30 AM

Sunday AM Worship 10:30 AM

Sunday PM Worship. 5:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

2021 STATISTICS

Sunday, July 11th

Sunday AM Attendance: 121

Contribution: \$8605

Placed Membership: 8

Baptisms: 1

Restorations: 1

Average:

Sunday AM Attendance: 122

Contribution: \$9329

Weekly Budget: NA