

GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY

A Note from Our Pastor

“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.” – Psalm 100:4

Have you ever thought what it means when you “go to church?”

This single verse from the Psalms tells us we are entering into the very gates of the kingdom of God. Further, we aren’t just coming into the outer part of they city of God, we are coming into the court of the King of kings!

What an honor and privilege!

This verse also tells us *why* we have come to church and what it is we are supposed to *do* when we are there.

We are to come because we are thankful to God for His manifold blessings and mercies in our lives. Thanksgiving should not just be one Thursday in November, it should be every day, but particularly on HIS DAY!

The word thanksgiving means simply “to GIVE thanks.” If we are not coming to His house, how can we give thanks in his courts? And that begs the question, “are we truly thankful?”

Oh, and that is another word we need to understand “thankFUL.” Our words need to be FULL of thanks to the Father of lights. Our praise should be all directed at the glory of God and not our personal comfort or entertainment.

Something else we are supposed to *do* while we are there is “bless his name.” *Bless* means to lift up high. We cannot make God any greater but we can properly honor the majesty of His great name. This is a further description of the type of praise we offer. We are to lift up the name of Christ as the risen and successful Savior that He is!

Special Events

- Dec 2 & 9 • Bible Study
- Dec. 6 • Athens Area Fellowship
- Dec13 • Mini Singing School
- Dec 16 • Caroling in Madison
- Dec 20 • Caroling in Monroe & Good Hope
- Dec 26 • Moriah PBC Meeting
- Dec 27 • Elder White Preaching @ MPPBC
- Dec 30 • No Bible Study
- Jan 3 • Church Year Planning

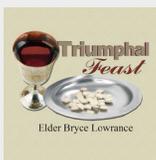
Regular Services

- Sunday • 10:30 AM Worship
- Wednesday • 6 PM Dinner
- 7 PM Bible Study

Online Sermons

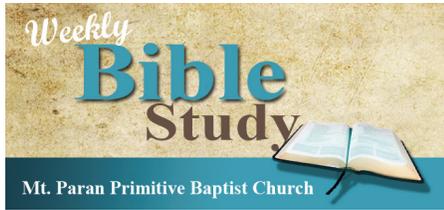


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Through the Gospels

Week 32 - The Call of Matthew

Bible Reading

- Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32

"The Life of Jesus Christ" by Elder R. Wayne Peters

- p. 64 (Section K)

"Little Brother's Thoughts on the Bible" - Blog articles by Elder Lowrance

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Dec 3 • Labels

Dec 4 • Purple Hair and a Nose Ring

Dec 7 • Keeping Company with Sinners

Dec 8 • Are You Righteous?



Here is a quick review of what we get to do every Sunday:

Who? - The Elect Family of God.

What? - Praise God

Where? - At church (in His courts)

When? - On the Lord's day

Why? - Because we are thankful and He deserves it.

How? - With all our hearts FULL of thanksgiving.

News & Prayer Requests

Elder Larry White's father is in congestive heart failure.

Sister Nancy Autry has improved enough to move from the hospital to a rehab center.

Elder Kerry Lathrop resigned as pastor of Mountain Home PBC.

A student in Morgan Co. schools is battling non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Multiple members of Indian Oaks PBC (Lake Worth, TX) have Covid-19.

Sister Kathi's mom is waiting on the results of a Covid test.

Brother John Hancock has decided to give up the gospel ministry.

Pray for the Gillespie family.

Pray for the McCart family.

Pray for Brothers Jeff & Jonah in their endeavors to exercise in the gospel.

Brother Bobby's "neighbor" Jimmy has a son with type 1 diabetes.

Sister Barbara Cooper's great grandson Dax is still having regular cancer treatments.

Sister Michaela Hancock is having a baby. Pray that all goes well.

Sister Joanne Reeves from Sorrells Springs PBC) is having back trouble.

Pray for our Elders.

I am so thankful for all those that attended and shared in our Thanksgiving service last week. - Love to all, Bryce