

Scriptures Direct US to Lay by in Store

Why are our contributions inconsistent? We all need to be reminded concerning our response to this subject. I have picked out a number of verses to remind us all to stay consistent. We should purpose to give. The purpose is to willingly pre-determine what we will give, rather than haphazardly giving.

Everyone who prospers is to **“lay by in store”** (I Corinthians 16:2). The rich, middle class and poor who prosper are directed by Jesus to give. Each Christian is to carry his/her part of the load (2 Corinthians 8:13-15). Such was the case in Mark 12:41-44, though the poor widow was proportionately carrying the greater part of the load. Jesus praised her.

Those who give are not to give **“grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”** (2 Corinthians 9:7).

The **“inspired Word of God”** (2 Timothy 3:16-17) instructs us to give according to our **“prosperity”** (1 Corinthians 16:2). Much is required of those to whom much is given. (Luke 12:48). Members’ giving’s will vary according to their salary. The more one makes the more one is required to give. Christians are to give bountifully if they expect to reap bountifully (2 Corinthians 9:6, Luke 6:38, Matthew 6:33). Those who sow sparingly will reap sparingly. Examples of God-approved givers are the Macedonians who gave beyond their power.

The order Paul gave the churches of Galatia and the Corinthian church for the collection was **“upon the first day of the week”** (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). The first day of the week is God’s pattern for the collection. We also learn that the collection is to be taken **EVERY** week.

It is a sin to know to give but not do so (James 4:17). Let us do as God has directed, as did Noah: **“According to all that God commanded him, so did he”** (Genesis 6:22).

Doug Smith



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Schedule of Services:

Sundays:
Morning Worship 9:30 AM
Bible Class 10:45 AM
Evening Worship 5 PM

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class:
9:45 AM / Refreshments
10 AM / Bible Class

Wednesday Night Devo / Bible Class:
5:15-6:15 PM Meal
6:30 PM Service

Beaumont Nursing Homes Service Times

Harmony @ Beaumont
(2660 Brickyard Rd., Bmt)
Sunday @ 2 pm

Avir of Beaumont
(4195 Milam St., Beaumont)
Sunday @ 3:30 pm

Brookdale Dowlen Oaks
(2250 Dowlen Rd., Bmt)
Bible Study / Saturday @ 2:30 pm
Service / Sunday @ 2:30 pm

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The Importance of Godly Mothers

Few influences in life are as powerful, tender, and lasting as that of a godly mother. Long after children forget many lessons from school, many conversations with friends, and many events from childhood, they often remember the prayers, words, tears, corrections, and example of a faithful mother.



Godly mothers are important because they help shape the spiritual direction of the home. Paul reminded Timothy of the sincere faith that first dwelt in his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5). Later, he noted that Timothy had known the Holy Scriptures **“from childhood”** (2 Timothy 3:15). We are not told everything about Timothy’s upbringing, but we are shown enough to understand that faithful women had a lasting influence on his heart.

A godly mother teaches in more ways than one. She teaches with words when she speaks of God, prayer, worship, obedience, kindness, and truth. But she also teaches by example. Children notice when Mother chooses patience instead of anger, service instead of selfishness, forgiveness instead of bitterness, and faith instead of fear. Her quiet consistency may preach more powerfully than she realizes.

Godly mothers are also important because they show the beauty of sacrificial love. Many mothers give their time, energy, sleep, comfort, and personal desires for the good of their families. While such sacrifices may sometimes go unnoticed by others, they are never unseen by God. **“God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love”** (Hebrews 6:10).

This does not mean mothers are perfect. No mother is. But godly mothers keep pointing their families to the One who is perfect. They teach their children to trust God, repent when wrong, love the truth, serve others, and **“seek first the kingdom of God,”** (Matthew 6:33).

A godly mother’s influence may begin in the home, but it often reaches far beyond it. Her faith can bless children, grandchildren, the church, and even generations she may never meet. Therefore, let us thank God for godly mothers, encourage them, honor them, and pray for them. Their work is holy, their influence is precious, and their faithfulness matters deeply in the eyes of God.

Rick Walker

“Motherhood is the hardest job you’ll ever love.”

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EVEN **ENTS**

Current Events & Activities:

Give a warm welcome to Felita Price in her decision to place her membership with us. Give her a hug and welcome her to the Meadows family. Please keep Felita in your prayers.



Camp Red Oak Springs BBQ

Saturday, May 16th

Eating at NOON!

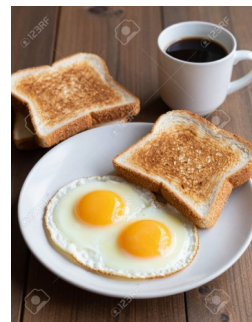
Purchase your tickets at Camp for \$10 per person

This is the schedule for the last 2 Tuesdays in Ladies Bible class before the summer break.

May 12 ~ Doris McQueen / teacher

May 19 ~ Doris will teach a short lesson and then all ladies are invited to carpool to Paulette Austin's home (9645 Arkansas Street) for a provided lunch. Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible class will pick back up in the middle or end of August.

Next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, May 23rd @ 9 am.



"A man is known by the company he avoids."

Beaumont Church of Christ Homecoming

(3710 S. 11th St.)

Dr. Jerry Taylor (Minister of Abilene, TX)

Warren Blakney Jr. (Worship Leader of Atlantic, GA)

Sunday, May 17th @ 10:30 AM

Lunch & Musical following

"I Told You So"

Don't you love hearing, "I told you so"? It usually reminds us we missed something obvious—and rarely is it uplifting. The ultimate "I told you so" was on that Sunday after Jesus had been crucified on Friday. Jesus told them that he was going to be crucified and rise again on the third day.

Angels said to the women at the tomb: *"He is not here, but has risen. Remember, how He told you,* while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise (Luke 24:6-7).

Humiliation was not the intent when the angels said, *"Remember, He told you so."* Rather, the purpose was accountability followed by clarity. They needed to think about what they had heard, how they felt, and what would follow.

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Meadows Prayer List:

Members:

- Mike Culver / Upcoming appointment for health issues
- Jayden Davis / health
- Weldon Dunlap / cancer
- Ruby Franklin / medical issues
- Cheryl Probst / rec from hip surgery
- Keri Robin / cancer
- Carl Sundgren / recovering from shoulder replacement

Members Unable to Worship With Us:

- Charles Baird
- John Beard
- Jack & Majorie Crabtree
- Floyd & Georgia Guillory
- Darline Harrell
- Marsha Hoskins
- Annie Pearl Leigh
- Martha Richardson
- Louise Runnels

Friends & Family of Meadows Members:

- Patsy Bass / health, dialysis port issues
- Lorene Bass / J's mom, rec from surgery to repair a brain bleed
- Coleen Clark / cousin of M. Barnett / cancer
- Dwain & Raye Dorrell / health issues
- Betty Scott / fell, broke hip, in pain
- Wayne Turner / Terry Gonzales brother, ICU / kidney failure, installed heart catheter
- Addy Walker / Walker's granddaughter, health issues
- Dennis Wallace / Sander's neighbor, cancer

This Week's Birthdays:

- 5/10 Larry Thomas
- 5/11 Auston Barnes
- 5/11 Willa Funchess
- 5/14 Phyllis Buxton

Anniversaries:

- 5/16 Guy & Rhonda Crabtree
- 5/18 Bradly & Alicia Hailey
- 5/25 Arthur & Tracy Pearson
- 5/28 Thad & Amie Price
- 5/30 Floyd & Georgia Guillory
- 5/30 Mark & Jamie Hogge

Attendance & Contribution

2026 Weekly Budget: \$13,100.00

Collection 5/3: \$8,888.64

Sunday AM (5/3) ... 165

Bible Class (5/3) ... No Count

Sunday PM (5/3) ... No Count

Wednesday (5/6) ... NO Count

Weekly Averaged Collection for April: \$12,409.71

Building Fund: \$34,144.93 Disaster Relief: \$2,376.50

"I hope I look as good as my mother does when I reach the age she says she isn't."

"Americans are so tense and keyed up these days that it is impossible even to put them to sleep with a sermon."

"Never trust a doctor who sells cemetery plots on the side."

Camp Red Oak Springs EARLY BIRD

Registration

Sign your child(ren) up for **Camp Red Oak** now until May 31st for the early bird rate of \$170 per camper. Session 5 is the week of July 5~11.

Go to:

campredoaksprings.com