

# LAKE HOUSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Newsletter for Family and Friends

...and a warm welcome to our visitors!

## No Orphan Sins

Kevin Hahn

Recently, I came across the term “orphan diseases” in an article I was reading. An orphan disease is a disease that affects very few people. For example, a genetic disease called RPI deficiency has only been diagnosed in one person...ever. Can you imagine being the only person in the entire world to have a particular problem?

You might be shocked by the number of people who feel that way about their sin. Or maybe you wouldn't be shocked because you've felt that way before. I can't tell you how many times someone has started a conversation with, “I know you've probably never dealt with this before...” or “I know no one else has this problem, but...”

It's simply not true. I believe it's a lie Satan perpetuates to increase the feelings of isolation, guilt, and hopelessness. If the lie were true, then no one understands, no one has escaped, and no one exists to help others find the way out. Let's put truth to the lie:

“What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, ‘See, this is new?’ It has been already in the ages before us” (Ecclesiastes 1:9-10).

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you”...“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world” (1 Pet. 4:12, 5:8-9).

The means and methods of sinning may change, but sin is still sin. “For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world” (1 Jn. 2:16).

Don't believe Satan's lie. There are others who understand, who have escaped, and who are willing to help others find the way out; and even if there weren't others in the brotherhood, there will always be Jesus Christ. “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Heb. 4:15).

So, instead of isolating ourselves in guilt and hopelessness, “let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (vs. 16).

## Elders

JY Brown  
Orville Culpepper  
Bob Deister  
\*Mike Drachenberg  
Larry Heasley  
Pat Porter  
Doug Sessions

\* Elder on call

## DEACONS

Richard Ames – Building & Grounds  
Joseph Barela – Youth  
Michael Corley - Finance  
Mike Degge – Foreign Missions  
Mike Diaz – Benevolence  
Carl Holder – Domestic Missions  
Eric Johnson - Finance  
Ken Johnson – Building & Grounds  
Eric Kennedy - Visitation  
Don McAdoo – World Bible School  
Tim Mansell – Building & Grounds  
Darvin Mitchell – Worship  
Warren Roane - Education  
Ron Schultz – Involvement  
Billy Tharp – Building & Grounds

## MINISTERS

Kevin Hahn – Preacher  
Cason Pearce – Associate Minister;  
Licensed Professional Counselor  
Office Phone: 281-852-7946

## Our Record

Bible Study	229
AM	402
PM	222
Wednesday	218
Contribution	\$13,742.35
Budget	\$15,238.00

## Those Needing Prayers

### MEMBERS

- ✧ Rita Ballard – Recovering from surgery
- ✧ Cheryl Domoulin – tests/inner ear/dizziness
- ✧ Dave Ellisor – Had to reschedule tests
- ✧ Lucy Makowsky – Home from hospital
- ✧ Grant McFarland – Leaves for boot camp  
June 15th
- ✧ Larry Parker – Heart surgery May 29<sup>th</sup>
- ✧ John Thornberg – Recovering from surgery

### MEMBERS WITH ONGOING CONCERNS

- ✧ Rita Ballard – Health issues
- ✧ Leon Boeker – Health issues
- ✧ Ellen Boucher – Health issues
- ✧ Max Comer – Long-term care
- ✧ Lou Crothers – Comfort Senior Care
- ✧ Genie Deister – Health issues
- ✧ Johnny Eddins – Health issues
- ✧ Pam Eddleman – Strength
- ✧ Larry Fain – Kidney dialysis
- ✧ Marie Gordon – Home care
- ✧ Linda Haynes – Health issues
- ✧ Ruth Hunt – Health issues
- ✧ Bob & Mary Latten – Health issues
- ✧ Rolanda McHennon – Strength
- ✧ Don & Donna Pringle – Home. No visitors.
- ✧ Jeri Wood – Fractured vertebrae

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

- ✧ Russell Caraway – McJobe's brother - cancer
- ✧ Gilbert Guzman – Mike Diaz's dad – 80 yrs.  
old now in hospice care
- ✧ Wayne Nichols – Shane's dad – Recovering  
from surgery
- ✧ Lillie Sanders–Sandra Caballero's mom-  
surgery
- ✧ Becky Sanders-Cody Atkins' sister – surgery
- ✧ Gwen Webb – Jonathan's mother - surgery
- ✧ Eli Williams – Boyles' family friend – Cancer
- ✧ Lance Yeager – Ginger Alexander's brother –  
bone marrow transplant – donated by Ginger
- ✧ Mary Young – Shane's mother– Breast cancer

Please see our website [lakehoustoncoc.org](http://lakehoustoncoc.org)  
for a complete listing of our prayer list.

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Karen Walsh** at the passing of her mother, Jewels Dennard who passed away last week in Waurika, Oklahoma. Please remember this family in your prayers.

## Thank You

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for such a fantastic time for the Senior Banquet. I apologize that for most of this year I have been absent. It has been a very busy, very stressful year. I appreciate everyone being so kind as well as the Bible after the banquet. Thank you for all of the help you all have given my family and me over the years. I truly appreciate it. Thank you and God bless!  
- **Evan Gaddy**

## Men's Breakfast

There will be a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall at 8 o'clock in the morning. Mark your calendars now for some great fellowship and good food, too! Hope you can make it!

## Fellowship Groups

The **Hubbell/Johnson Group** will meet **May 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** in the home of **Bob & Debbie Bounds**.

The **Kennedy/Johnson Group** will meet after morning worship on **May 31<sup>st</sup>**.

The **Nwogugwu/Roane Group** will be meeting Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> after morning services for lunch at the home of the Roane's.

## New Quarter

The next Bible class quarter will begin on **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**. On Sundays, in addition to other adult classes, we will have a class for College-20's and a class with Jim Daniel: "My Pillow a Stone: Lessons from the Prophets". On Wednesdays, there will be a beginner's class on Biblical Hebrew.

**Thank You - From THE DOOR**

Brethren, Yvette Sharp and I visited The Door, Humble's domestic abuse victim's shelter, on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. I merely delivered groceries. Yvette baked 5 pies for them for dinner.

I pulled large size cans and boxes from our pantry shelves and filled in with some fresh produce from the grocery store. The food made such a hit! The Door feeds about 30 people every night for dinner and provides fixings for breakfast and lunch.

The cook kept saying, "God bless you. Oh, God bless you for this food. I can hardly wait to see what you've given us. Oh, God bless you!" I told her our church members are very generous in keeping our pantry shelves filled and she replied, "Bless them, too! God bless all of you who brought food for your pantry!"

Thank you, Church! Jesus said, "...for I was hungry and you fed me..."  
-Rebecca Ward

# Memorial DAY

**Dates to Remember**

**May 2015**

24<sup>th</sup> - Youth go to Tarkington

24<sup>th</sup> - Singing @ 5:15pm

30<sup>th</sup> - Men's Breakfast

**June 2015**

7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> - Camp Bandina

14<sup>th</sup> - Singing @ 5:15

16<sup>th</sup> - Craft Night

26<sup>th</sup> - Elementary Lock-In

27<sup>th</sup> - Blood Drive in FH



**VBS will be here before you know it!**

Mark your calendars now for **August 9-12, 2015.**

We need teachers & helpers. If you can help, please see Matt Carnathan.

**A Note from our Elders**

Throughout the month of May, we will be taking special contributions for the Christians in Nepal. If you wish to contribute to those affected by the earthquake, you should mark your check: **"For Nepal Aid."**

**South Texas Mission Trip July 11-17, 2015**

Come join us for a week of spreading God's word while helping to build a new home for a deserving family. To learn more about this adventure, please see **Cason Pearce** or **Larry Heasley**. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**Hope you can join us!**



**Our 2015 Graduating Seniors!**  
We are so proud of you!

**Elementary School Lock-in (K-5) June 26, 2015**



There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for the kids.

If you can help, please see Cason.

**TEACHERS NEEDED**

We need pre-school and cradle roll teachers for the summer quarter. If you can help with this important need, please contact **Casey Pearce**.

I've always been fascinated with knives, I remember getting in trouble for playing with them. My mom always warned me to be careful with sharp knives because they're dangerous. This weekend I was reminded that dull knives can be dangerous, too. While slicing an onion, I also managed to slice my finger. The knife was too dull to cut through the skin so it slid off the onion and down my finger.

God's word references dullness, not of knives but of our hearts and our ears, in several passages. In the Bible, 'dull' carries the idea of incompetence or of inability to fulfill a function. I would like to focus on three points the Bible makes about dullness.

**First, there is nothing dull about our God or about His word.**

Isaiah 59:1 assures us that *"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear..."* Hebrews 4:12 declares that *"the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword..."* In short, our God is sharp, active, & able. God is never dull, incompetent or complacent. He is always ready to save, and the sword of His Word is prepared to pierce and transform each one of us.

**Second, it is possible for us to become dull.**

God is always ready, but very often we are not. In their ministries, both Jesus & His apostles encountered people with dull ears & dull hearts. The Hebrew writer lamented, *"About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing."* Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 13:15 that he was forced to speak in parables because *"This people's heart had grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed..."*

This can easily happen to us as well. In our day-to-day lives, we are surrounded with the messages and values and cares and pleasures of the world. If we're not alert, this can have a dulling effect on us over time. We become more and more complacent until our ears become dull to God's Word. Our hearts dull until they are no longer pierced with the understanding of God's awesome love, mercy & salvation. We close our eyes to the amazing life we can have in Christ.

**Third, dull hearts are even more dangerous than dull knives.**

In the second half of Matthew 13:15, Jesus lays out the consequences of dullness. *"...lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them."* Dull ears and hearts lead us to turn away from Jesus. When we turn away from Him, we turn away from the wisdom and the blessings He offers. We are easily led away and lost. This is a much more dangerous state of affairs than slicing onions with a dull knife.

My prayer is that each of you avoid this state. Instead let the words of Matthew 13:16 apply to you always. *"But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear."* Keep your ears and hearts sharp to protect your soul. While you're at it, protect your fingers by sharpening those kitchen knives too.

## Those Chosen to Serve

Sunday, May 24, 2015		Sunday, May 31, 2015	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn	Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Brent McFarland	Song Leader	Bert Esteban
Greetings/Call to Worship	John Doering	Greetings/Call to Worship	John Doering
Communion Talk	Brad Jones	Communion Talk	Greg Hubbell
Communion	Brad Jones James Fillyaw	Communion	Carl Brooks John Delome
Scripture	Cedric Kimble	Scripture	John Delome
Closing Prayer	M. Drachenberg	Closing Prayer	M. Drachenberg
Greeters	Tankursly/Dean	Greeters	Tankursly/Doan
Communion Prep	Sharp	Communion Prep	Sharp
Cards	Devin Edwards Cameron Pringle	Cards	Devin Edwards Cameron Pringle
Building Lockup	Diaz/Corley	Building Lockup	Diaz/Corley
<b>EVENING</b>		<b>EVENING</b>	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn	Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Aaron Barnes	Song Leader	Aaron Barnes
Opening Prayer	David King	Opening Prayer	David King
Communion	Larry Ward	Communion	Larry Ward
<b>Wednesday, May 27, 2014</b>		<b>Wednesday, June 3, 2014</b>	
Greetings	Grant McFarland	Greetings	Grant McFarland
Song Leader	Jim Daniel	Song Leader	Jim Daniel