

LAKE HOUSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Newsletter for Family and Friends

...and a warm welcome to our visitors!

Which Path?

by Kevin Hahn

As we were hiking along a trail recently, we came to a fork in the road. One of my daughters looked up and asked, "Which way, Dad?"

I could see that both forks joined up again a short distance ahead, so I answered, "It doesn't matter. Take whichever one you want."

I thought about how dangerous my response would have been if she were asking about spiritual forks in the road. "Which way, Dad?"

Does it matter? Do all choices in life lead to the same destination? Or does the Bible tell us there are different paths with very different outcomes? Here's one father's instruction:

"Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on" (Prov. 4:14-15). Notice the warnings: "Do not enter," "Do not walk," "Do not go."

Usually a warning like that will include what to expect if you DO choose to go on that path. What kind of companions will you find on the path of the wicked?

"For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence" (vs. 16-17).

Is there a difference in the paths? "But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble" (vs. 18-19).

Our world is full of souls standing at the forks in their spiritual roads with an important question—"Which way?" It *does* matter!

"If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 Jn. 1:6-7).

Elders

*JY Brown

Orville Culpepper

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Larry Heasley

Pat Porter

Doug Sessions

* Elder on call

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Our Record

Bible Study	197
AM	372
PM	205
Wednesday	216
Contribution	\$17,355.56
Budget	\$15,238.00

Those Needing Prayers

MEMBERS

- ✧ Andrea Barela – Recovering from knee surgery this past week
- ✧ Ruby & Johnnie Eddins – Prayers for Ruby as she cares for Johnnie's needs
- ✧ Larry Parker – Hermann NW, 8th floor
- ✧ Jerry Wilson – Home recovering from pneumonia

MEMBERS WITH ONGOING CONCERNS

- ✧ Max Comer – Long-term care
- ✧ Lou Crothers – Comfort Senior Care
- ✧ Larry Fain – Kidney dialysis
- ✧ Donna Gaddy – Health issues
- ✧ Marie Gordon – Home care
- ✧ Bob & Mary Latten – Health issues
- ✧ Mary Young – Colon cancer

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- ✧ Mervin Barrow – Jennifer Nwogwugwu's father – recovering from cataract surgery
- ✧ Katy Collins – Derryl & Jeanie Wood's granddaughter – Cancer
- ✧ Bob Dreher – friend of Sharp's – Surgery
- ✧ Steve Forbes – Debbi Folmsbee's brother – loss of mother-in-law, Jean Hernandez
- ✧ Paul Hilliar- friend of Daniel's – Cognitive Impairment
- ✧ Cooper Hanks – Thornburg's grandson – Texas Children's
- ✧ Isabel Hinojosa–Patty Carmona's sister-in-law – Surgery
- ✧ Heather & Pete Moonjian-daughter of Harold & Laurie Mangham, birth and passing of their son David Maddux Moonjian
- ✧ Gabriel Rodriguez – Patty Carmona's Brother
- ✧ Billie McFarland – Wendy Harrison's mother-in-law - Cancer
- ✧ Nancy Ness – Ellisor's sister-in-law - tumor
- ✧ Jared Pettit – Mangham's friend – Cancer
- ✧ Al Zillio – Eddleman's step-dad – lung biopsy

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

- ✧ Hillary Barnes – March 14, 2016

Please go to lakehoustoncoc.org for a more detailed prayer list.

Craft Night

Our next craft night will be **Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. **Peggy Johnson** will teach us how to make a Ten Minute Table Runner. Contact the office if you did not receive the email about the supplies that will be needed.

Mission Field Reports

For those who may be interested in our Mission efforts throughout the world, we receive reports from our missionaries we support from time to time. We recently received a new report from **Joseph Rhodes** who is in Russia.

Joseph and his family will be here in October and will give us a more detailed report at that time. If you would be interested in seeing this or any other of the reports we receive please send Pat Porter an e-mail with the word "Rhodes" in the subject line and he will add your name to his list of those who receive that report.

To see a list of our missionaries, go to our website: **Lakehoustoncoc.org**. Click on the page labeled "What we do", then "Serving our World", then the button named "Mission Fields". We can also provide you with both mailing addresses and e-mail addresses of these brothers.

Those who are working in these area really appreciate hearing from you and knowing that you are interested in their work. You are encouraged to contact them when you can.

Middle School Retreat

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for the **November 6-7th** Middle School Retreat. Please see Cason if you have any questions regarding this event.

Children's Bible Activities

Teachers, we have a resource for Bible activities for your classes. Go to www.bibleactivities.com and log in with member number 2315737.

Fellowship Groups

Webb/Edwards & Nweogwugwu group will meet after morning services today, September 20th.

Sharp/King – will meet Sunday, September 27th, after morning services in the fellowship hall.

Thank You

Thank you church family for your love and prayers for me and Sheri during this latest health issue and hospital stay. I was released to go home Wednesday and will resume activities as tolerated. Please continue prayers for us. In Christian love, **Jerry Wilson**

Men's Breakfast

There will be a Men's Breakfast and Work Day on Saturday, **September 26th, at 8:00 a.m.** in the fellowship hall. Come hungry and ready to work!

THE DOOR Meeting

If you wish to help with The DOOR (the women's shelter we assist), please come to a quick meeting immediately after morning services today. Turn in applications by today to **Melba Arruda or Sandy Tittle**.

Ladies' Retreat (10/23-25)

Can you help plan/organize the retreat this year? Meet with Heather immediately after morning services today in the front of the auditorium. We'd like to assign responsibilities so we can start working on a great retreat. We have the same facility as last year reserved for 2 nights this year, so we hope you will plan to stay.

Girls' Service Project

There will be a service project for girls in the fellowship hall on Sunday, **October 4th at 5:00 p.m.** The girls will be making cards of encouragement. If you would like more information, please see **Barbara Wurzinger**.



Dates to Remember

September 2015

21st – Monday Night for the Master/WBS

26th – Men's Breakfast & Work Day

27th – Youth go to Tarkington

October 2015

10th – Kingwood POPS

11th – MS/HS Devo @ Arruda's

15th – Impact Day

23rd-25th – Ladies' Retreat at Lake Houston Wilderness Park-2 nights

23rd – Primetimers' Game Night @ 6:30

6th – 7th – Middle School Retreat

IMPACT Clothing Drive

We will be going to Impact church of Christ on **Thursday, October 15th** to deliver our donations of clothing and small appliances. These donations will be given to the underprivileged of the city. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them by October 14th and put them in room 105.

Come Walk In The Park

On **Sunday, September 27**, everyone is invited to come to Lake Houston Wilderness Park after morning services for some fellowship in God's beautiful creation. The park is about 30 minutes from the church building; admission is \$3 per person. We'll eat lunch (brown bag), sing some songs, & then walk in the woods on the park's trails. The park is a beautiful, peaceful place with plenty of trails to walk & lots of room for kids to play, so bring a lunch & a change of clothes & come enjoy what God has made for us while getting to know your brothers & sisters a little better. If you have questions, see **Casey Pearce** or **Barb Wurzinger**.

Last week, I began writing a series about Biblical memorials. Under the Law of Moses, memorials held great significance in the Jewish culture. Memorials were important because His followers needed to be reminded of God's blessings, God's power, and God's mercy.

The first memorial in this series was the rainbow; the second is Purim. We read about the establishment of this memorial in the book of Esther. A conflict began between Haman (the Prime Minister of Persia) and Mordecai (a Jewish man serving in the king's court). Haman hated the Jews because he demanded that everyone bow down to him (3:2) and Mordecai refused. Haman's hatred provoked him to attempt to execute Mordecai and wipe out all other Jews in the kingdom. The celebration was established by Mordecai (9:20-21) after the king granted Esther's request and allowed the Jews to defend themselves. Through God's providence, they were able to destroy their enemies.

Purim was celebrated during the month on Adar on days 14 and 15 (9:21). During these two days the Jews celebrated with feasting, giving gifts, plays, and music. The Jews read from the book of Esther in the synagogue during the festival. Anytime Haman's name was mentioned the adults verbally expressed their disdain for him, and the children would make noise. The celebration was also a solemn occasion to remember God's providence and his deliverance from Haman's attempted genocide (9:22).

I think it is interesting that God's name is not mentioned in this book, but it's evident that He had a hand in the events that occurred. Esther was in a very unique position; she was a Jewish woman who became queen of Persia. Esther had so much faith that she was willing to risk her own life for her people. The result of her courageous faith was that God used her to save the lives of her kinsmen. We can also see how God used the faith of Mordecai to encourage Esther, in Esther 4:14 he tells Esther: *"For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*

When the Jews celebrated this time of liberty and deliverance, it wasn't a celebration to pat themselves on the back for being great warriors and defeating their enemies. It was a celebration to recognize God as their protector and to remember how God providentially used the faith of Esther and Mordecai to save many believers.

Those Serving

Those Serving			
Sunday, September 20, 2015		Sunday, September 27, 2015	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn	Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Jim Drachenberg	Song Leader	Aaron Barnes
Greetings/Call to Worship	Matt Schaeffer	Greetings/Call to Worship	Matt Schaeffer
Communion Talk	Bob Kovacs	Communion Talk	Fred Fain
Communion	Eric Johnson Johnny Wood	Communion	James Fillyaw Jonathan Webb
Scripture	L. Leatherman	Scripture	Larry Ward
Closing Prayer	JY Brown	Closing Prayer	JY Brown
Greeters	Fain/Delome	Greeters	Fain/Delome
Communion Prep	Boyles	Communion Prep	Boyles
Cards	Caden Carnathan Ty Reamy	Cards	Caden Carnathan Ty Reamy
Building Lockup	Eric Kennedy	Building Lockup	Eric Kennedy
EVENING		EVENING	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn	Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Bert Esteban	Song Leader	Fred Fain
Opening Prayer	John Wheeler	Opening Prayer	Eric Kennedy
Communion	Carl Brooks	Communion	Larry Heasley
Wednesday, September 23, 2015		Wednesday, September 30, 2015	
Greetings	Greg Hubbell	Greetings	Brent McFarland
Song Leader	Brent McFarland	Song Leader	Cason Pearce
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