

# LAKE HOUSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Newsletter for Family and Friends

...and a warm welcome to our visitors!

## Don't...

By Larry Heasley



I've been thinking about the word "don't" a bit lately – but not in the typical way that we normally think about it. This word is usually a part of the list of things we are instructed by the Bible not to do. Don't lie, don't steal, don't murder, don't covet, don't gossip – just to name a few. And these are all instructive and helpful restrictions regarding our daily lives. But I have been thinking about some other don'ts lately - some things that can be just as harmful to ourselves or others if we engage in them. These are far too often behaviors I am tempted to fall into. See if any of the following are temptations for you as well.

### *Don't compare myself to others.*

I was blessed to be raised in a strong Christian home. We were regular in our attendance with the church, including worship services, bible classes, fellowship meals, workdays, etc. My parents taught me right from wrong and were quick to correct me when I strayed off path. I was a "good kid" and didn't do the things the other kids did. So I grew into adulthood feeling good about myself when I compared my life to those around me. The problem is that I got far too comfortable comparing myself against the wrong target. When I was comparing myself to others I wasn't taking the time to compare myself to the one person I am supposed to model myself after – Jesus Christ. The older I get, the less I struggle with this, but it's still a temptation. So I have to remind myself – "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not of your own doing: it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

### *Don't read the Bible so it says what I want to hear.*

Have you ever proofread something you wrote just to find out later that you missed several typos? This is actually something we are prone to do because of the way our brains work. We are programmed, if you will, to see what we expect or want to see. Sometimes I have to stop and ask myself: is that what the Bible says, or is that what I wish it said? It is tempting to interpret the words in the way that are most comfortable for me, but my will is

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## 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;

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## Our Record

Bible Study	249
AM	477
PM	208
Wednesday	N/C
Contribution	\$15,447.50
Budget	\$15,238.00

## Those Needing Prayers

### MEMBERS

- ✧ Rita Ballard – Recovering from procedure and infection
- ✧ Andrea Barela – Recovering from knee surgery this past week
- ✧ Tara Bolin – Marriage
- ✧ Linda Haynes–Recovering from ankle surgery
- ✧ Larry Parker – Released from hospital

### MEMBERS WITH ONGOING CONCERNS

- ✧ Max Comer – Long-term care
- ✧ Lou Crothers – Comfort Senior Care
- ✧ Johnny Eddins – Health issues
- ✧ Larry Fain – Kidney dialysis
- ✧ Donna Gaddy – Health issues
- ✧ Marie Gordon – Home care
- ✧ Bob & Mary Latten – Health issues
- ✧ Jerry Wilson – 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
- ✧ Megan & Pete Moonjian-daughter of Harold & Laurie Mangham, birth and passing of their son David – funeral service was yesterday
- ✧ 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](http://lakehoustoncoc.org) for a more detailed prayer list.

## Impact Clothing Drive

We will be going to Impact church of Christ on **Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 14<sup>th</sup> and put them in room 105.

## New Members

Please welcome our newest members!

Gary and Carol Aldridge  
3603 Clover Valley Drive  
Kingwood, TX 77345

Kelly Stowbridge  
3727 Liles Lane  
Humble, TX 77346



## Middle School Retreat

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for the **November 6-7<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://www.bibleactivities.com) and log in with member number 2315737.

## Arms of Hope

The Arms of Hope truck will be coming to pick up donations during the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>. They have made a special request for glass cleaner. If you can help, please bring your items by October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Fellowship Groups

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

## New Addresses

Eric and Lisa Johnson have moved to:  
25269 Forest Ledge Drive  
Kingwood, TX 77365

Nathaniel and Dorothy Faulkenberry have moved temporarily to Alabama, but will be visiting periodically. You can send them a card at:  
3427 Pettibone Road  
Greenville, AL 36037

## Come Walk in the Park

**Today, 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, and then walk in the woods on the park's trails. The park is a beautiful, peaceful place with plenty of trails to walk and lots of room for kids to play, so bring a lunch and a change of clothes and come enjoy what God has made for us while getting to know your brothers and sisters better. If you have questions, see **Casey Pearce** or **Barb Wurzinger**.

## Girls' Service Project

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

## Ladies' Retreat

"Learning to See Yourself the Way God Sees You"  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Sign up today for this exciting weekend!



## Dates to Remember

### September 2015

27<sup>th</sup> – Youth go to Tarkington

### October 2015

10<sup>th</sup> – Kingwood POPS

11<sup>th</sup> – MS/HS Devo @ Arruda's

15<sup>th</sup> – Impact Day

16<sup>th</sup> – Primetimers Game Night @6:30

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

25<sup>th</sup> – Youth go to Tarkington

### November 2015

6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – Middle School Retreat

8<sup>th</sup> – MS/HS Devo @ Hahn's

21<sup>st</sup> – Blood Drive

22<sup>nd</sup> – Youth go to Tarkington

### December 2015

5<sup>th</sup> – Kingwood POPS

13<sup>th</sup> – MS/HS Devo – Hubbell/Brown

27<sup>th</sup> – Youth go to Tarkington

31<sup>st</sup> – Primetimers' New Year's Eve Party

## The Door

**Needs for comfort bags:** Travel sized deodorant and Kleenex

Also, if you have **household items, mattresses or furniture** that you would like to give away, please contact the office. The ladies leaving the shelter need anything that you would need in a home.

## Primetimers Game Night

Primetimers, come and enjoy an evening of food, games and fun! We will eat at **6:30 on October 16<sup>th</sup>** in the fellowship hall. Then, let the games begin!

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not always the same as God's will. A second or third reading of a Bible passage sometimes helps me reveal God's will more clearly than the first time I read it with my own will still at the forefront of my mind. So I have to remind myself – "Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. *Your will* be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:9-10

*Don't avoid the words of Jesus to deflect an uncomfortable conversation.*

I'm proud to be a Christian, but sometimes a bit cowardly. Conversations sometimes take a turn towards worldly, politically correct views. Sometimes I feel a little isolated because I know the Bible doesn't agree with the popular view that is being expressed. So what do I do when someone turns to me and asks me what I think? Do I speak the truth or do I act like I don't really have an opinion? So I have to remind myself – "Therefore everyone who confesses me before men, I will also confess him before my Father who is in heaven." Matthew 10:32

*Don't think that I somehow have a monopoly on interpreting the Bible.*

Ever disagree with someone over the meaning of a Bible verse or passage? Maybe even a Christian brother or sister? I sure have. Sure would be nice if they would recognize how correct I am and change their view to agree with me, right? God didn't create a different church for each one of us. He created ONE church that we are all part of, with Christ as the head. So I have to remind myself – "That there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another." Romans 12:25

I take great comfort and strength that I am surrounded by so many Christian brothers and sisters at Lake Houston who desire to live according to the plan God has for them. May God bless us as we journey through this life at each other's side!

## Those Serving

Sunday, September 27, 2015		Sunday, October 4, 2015	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn	Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Aaron Barnes	Song Leader	Aaron Barnes
Greetings/Call to Worship	Matt Schaefer	Greetings/Call to Worship	Bob Bounds
Communion Talk	Fred Fain	Communion Talk	O. Cullpepper
Communion	James Fillyaw Jonathan Webb	Communion	Brad Jones James Fillyaw
Scripture	Lamar McWaine Jon Wheeler	Scripture	Ken Johnson
Closing Prayer	Larry Ward	Closing Prayer	Orville Culpepper
Greeters	JY Brown	Greeters	K. Johnson
Communion Prep	Fain/Delome	Communion Prep	Schaefer
Cards	Boyles	Cards	Jackson Corley
	Caden Carnathan Ty Reamy		Colton Cunningham Cohen Dugas
Building Lockup	Drew Maple Ricardo Reyes	Building Lockup	Don McAdoo
	Eric Kennedy		Eric Johnson
<b>EVENING</b>		<b>EVENING</b>	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn	Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Fred Fain	Song Leader	Jim Daniel
Opening Prayer	Eric Kennedy	Opening Prayer	Matt Schaefer
Communion	Larry Heasley Parker Leighton	Communion	Elmer Hitt Brent McFarland
<b>Wednesday, September 30, 2015</b>		<b>Wednesday, October 7, 2015</b>	
Greetings	Brent McFarland	Greetings	Cason Pearce
Song Leader	Cason Pearce	Song Leader	Brent McFarland