

Lake Houston Church of Christ

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When There's Only One Way

by Kevin Hahn

There used to be two ways to get from our house to the church building. For the next two months, one of those ways is closed down while they repair a bridge that's in bad condition.

That has pushed all the traffic onto the one remaining route, and in the afternoon rush hour, traffic at the stoplight has been backed up from the railroad crossing to a subdivision almost two miles away.

So what are the choices? When there's only one way to get somewhere, you can go...or not go.

It reminds me of how people responded to Jesus in John 6:60-69.

Jesus laid out a difficult path – “When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?’” (v. 60).

Many chose to opt out – “After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him” (v. 66).

Jesus didn't offer a second way, an alternative route, or a Plan B. Instead, he asked a simple question. “So Jesus said to the Twelve, ‘Do you want to go away as well?’” (v. 67).

Peter saw only one way – “Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life...’” (v. 68).

So, what do you do when there's only one route and that route is difficult? Do you go or not go? It depends on how much you value the destination.

Peter knew what was at the end of the difficult path – “and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God” (v. 69).

No one said it would be easy. No one said we would always understand why. But we're told in the clearest terms that following Jesus is the only way, and the destination is eternal life. And that's enough to convince us to keep going no matter the cost.

ELDERS

JY Brown

*Bob Deister

Larry Heasley

Pat Porter

Warren Roane

Mike Sharp

Hermise Wilkins

* Elder on call

DEACONS

Rick Cunningham – Education

Mike Degge – Foreign Missions

Elmer Hitt - Evangelism

Carl Holder – Domestic Missions

Eric Johnson - Finance

Ken Johnson – Building & Grounds

Eric Kennedy – Visitation

Kenton Lockhart - Fellowship

Tim Mansell – Building & Grounds

Don McAdoo – World Bible School

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Our Record	12/02/18
Bible Study	223
AM	362
PM	175
Wednesday	n/a
Contribution	\$22,385.59
Budget	\$17,167.00

Prayer List

MEMBERS

- ❖ Wendy Bounds – Benign brain tumor
- ❖ Mike Degge – Surgery Dec. 21st
- ❖ Evelyn Fain – Holly Hall Ret.Comm.-#114
- ❖ Linda Haynes – Kingwood Hospital
- ❖ Stan Januhowski - Answers from appt. 12/11
- ❖ Exa Roth – Park Manor
- ❖ Yvette Sharp – Home–No calls/visits for now
- ❖ Jeanie Wood – Kingwood Hospital

MEMBERS WITH ONGOING CONCERNS

- ❖ Joyce Allen
- ❖ Vivian Brown
- ❖ Mickie & Laura Buchanan
- ❖ Wayne Campbell
- ❖ Elbert Ford – Knee issues
- ❖ Michelle Goodnight
- ❖ Ruth Hunt
- ❖ Lucy Makowsky
- ❖ Gary Maple
- ❖ Buz Reynolds – ALS
- ❖ Rosemary Trevena
- ❖ Jerry Wilson

For a more complete list, visit our website lakehoustoncoc.org.

Meeting Schedule

Sunday

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| Bible Class..... | 9:00 a.m. |
| Worship..... | 10:00 a.m. |
| Evening Worship..... | 5:00 p.m. |

Tuesday

- Ladies' Bible Class (September–May)...10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

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| Bible class (all ages)..... | 7:00 p.m. |
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Our Calendar
Prayer List
Audio Sermons

Our Missionaries
Those in the Military
Involvement Form



Thank You

Dear Lake Houston Church of Christ Members,
We're writing to thank you all for your prayers, kind thoughts and cards during a very sad time for us. On a brighter note, we'd like to wish all of you the very best of the season. With Love, Ed & Rosie Kiley (Barb Wurzinger's Parents)

College Age Party

Our college age members (18-25) will have a holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 20th, at 6:30 pm. Bring your favorite snack/dessert to share and a \$10 gift to exchange. Girls bring a girl's gift. Guys bring a guy's gift. Prepare for an ugly holiday sweater contest with prizes! Join us for an evening of fun! Please sign up in the foyer.

Prayer Group

Sign up for the Prayer Group meeting at the Wurzinger's (19423 Pine Cluster) starting at 6:30 a.m. tomorrow morning, Dec. 10th. Please see the bulletin board located in the foyer. We hope you'll be able to participate!

The Door

Some of our ladies here take comfort bags to the residents at The Door, our local women's shelter. They are in need of small toys or little girl jewelry for those bags. If you could help out with this, there is a bin in the foyer where you could place your donations. Thank you!

Arms of Hope

Today is the last day to purchase a gift card from Academy, Belk, JC Penney, Wal-Mart, or a Visa gift card in the amount of \$10, \$25, or \$50 to help the children at Arms of Hope. You can also go online to armsofhope.org to donate. If you contribute either way you will be sent an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes. Grab a star on the board in the foyer for more information. Thank you!

Seek Lost Souls
Serve One Another

Share Our Blessings

New Year's Eve Parties

Cason and Casey Pearce will have a New Year's Eve get-together at their home on Monday, December 31st, starting at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited! Bring finger foods and join the fun!

Also, all Primetimers are invited to come celebrate New Year's Eve in the fellowship hall starting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31st. Bring snacks to share and any games you'd like to play. Hope you can make it!

Holiday Party

Saturday, December 15th, at 7 p.m., in the fellowship hall. It's been a few years since we have done a White Elephant, so why don't we give it another try. Men please bring a wrapped gift for a man, and women, bring a wrapped gift for a woman. Make it, bake it, or buy it! Bring your potluck holiday dishes to share.

Ladies Bible Class

Join us in room 208 (2nd door on the left in the education wing) for our Sunday morning Ladies Bible Class: A Study of Peter: The Life of Peter, and 1st & 2nd Peter. Come study with us!

Year-End Fellowship

Today, December 9th, immediately following morning worship is our Year-End Fellowship Lunch. We hope you brought your favorite Italian dish (spaghetti, lasagna, etc.), salad, and/or dinner rolls. Please remember we'll need volunteers to cleanup when we're done. Visitors, you are our welcomed guests!

Pantry Needs

**Boxed Potato Mixes
Canned Chicken
Canned Soup**

Youth Devo

There will be a middle school/high school devotional at the home of the Michael & Mindy Corley on Friday, December 14th. The Corley's will serve pizza and ask the boys to please bring drinks and the girls to please bring desserts.

Sign-Up Sheets

If you are able to prepare the communion for one month in 2019, or you would like to host the youth in your home sometime in the next year, please use the sign-up sheets located in the foyer. Thank you for your service!

I've heard that there has been a lot of sickness going around recently. Casey and I have both been sick, so I've even experienced it myself. If you're like me, being sick is frustrating because there are so many things you want to do and need to do, but, because you feel terrible, it's hard to muster up the motivation to do what needs to be done. Some illnesses go beyond feeling terrible and are more debilitating. In those cases, it's not a matter of motivation, but a matter of being too sick to leave the house. I hate being sick - the body aches, sinus pressure, sore throat, and in general just feeling blah. Matthew 13:22 describes a more severe illness; it says: "The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful."

This scripture describes something much worse than physical illness, this is a description of spiritual sickness. Since Casey and I have been sick, we've been frustrated by how unproductive we've been. We've thought about all the things we are missing out on and the things we can't do, but it's nothing compared to what Christians who suffer from this spiritual sickness miss. When we choose a path that leads to spiritual sickness and the world has choked our faith, both the church and the individual suffer. When we are spiritually sick, it's much more difficult to draw close to God. It's also makes it more difficult to grow, to help and encourage others. Thankfully, there is a solution to spiritual sickness. You can go to God in prayer and reach out to the Church for help. My prayer is that we'll all recognize the unfruitful nature of spiritual sickness and choose a different path.

Those Privileged to Serve

Sunday, December 9, 2018		Sunday, December 16, 2018	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn	Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Terry Hunt	Song Leader	Brent McFarland
Greetings/Call to Worship	Randall Perero	Greetings/Call to Worship	Randall Perero
Communion Talk	Harlee Glover	Communion Talk	Quenton Farr
Communion	Don Caballero	Communion	Troy May
	Ethan Gunnels		Parker Leighton
			Alvin Logan
Scripture	Darwin Trevena	Scripture	John Delome
Closing Prayer	Bob Deister	Closing Prayer	Bob Deister
Greeters	Logan	Greeters	Lyerly
Communion Prep	Sharp	Communion Prep	Sharp
Cards	Jackson Corley	Cards	Jackson Corley
	Regan Corley		Colton Cunningham
Building Lockup	Primary-Delome	Building Lockup	Primary-Delome
EVENING		EVENING	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn	Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Terry Hunt	Song Leader	Brent McFarland
Opening Prayer	Kenton Lockhart	Opening Prayer	Fred Fergusson
Communion	Caleb Hahn	Communion	Bud Dromgoole
Closing Prayer	Ricardo Reyes	Closing Prayer	Elmer Hitt
Wednesday, December 12 2018		Wednesday, December 19, 2018	
Greetings	Cason Pearce	Greetings	Kenton Lockhart
Song Leader	Caleb Hahn	Song Leader	Brent McFarland