

For the Record

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254- Sunday Classes

78 -Sunday Evening
- 101- Life Groups

135- Wednesday Evening

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The Practice of Nearness  
Sermon Notes – Dec. 16, 2018

“The Lord is near” (NIV)  
“The Lord is at hand” (KJV)

Is this referring to space or time or both?

1. The Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ is near  
  
Eternal \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ is the antidote to current \_\_\_\_\_!

2. The Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ is near

ELDER TO CONTACT

Elder to contact in **December** with your prayer requests:  
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REGULAR WEEKLY MINISTRIES

- Life Group

- Sundays at different times
- Granddad’s Devo

- Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Room R5
- Ladies Bible Class

- Tuesdays at 10:00 am
- The Christian and Grief

- New session on February 6th
- Single & Parenting Class

- New Session Spring of 2019
- DC4K

- Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- DivorceCare

-New Session Spring of 2019
- Financial Peace

- New Session Spring of 2019
- Celebrate Recovery

- Thursdays at 6:30 pm (Meal at 6:00 pm)

Robinson Avenue this week

His Presence and His Peace  
“The Lord is near... and the God of peace will be with you”

What an exciting day last Sunday! We’re very blessed to now have Ron Dowdy, Pano Poulos and Marlyn Shafer as a part of our eldership. Remember the words that were read from Hebrews 13:17 on Sunday: “Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden...” Let’s strive to make the role of shepherding a joy for our leaders.

As we inch closer to Christmas our current sermon series will focus on two things that are often meditated upon during this time of year: nearness and peace. The Christmas songs we sing remind of these truths; songs like O Come, O Come Emanuel remind of us how God has

come near to us through the birth of Christ while songs such as Silent Night speak to the peace that has as a result of Jesus’ birth.

The passage that we are studying in Phil. 4: 4-9 has these promises as book-ends: “The Lord is Near” (v.5) and “The God of peace will be with you” (v.9). Nearness and peace – two of the blessings of the incarnation are also practices that can help us to curb anxiety and worry in our lives.

The phrase “the Lord is near” can be taken in one of two ways. Is this a reference to the Lord’s return or the Lord’s presence? Might it be both? This is what we’ll explore this morning in our study together.

It is always a good time to serve others but

-Keith Kilmer

The Bible in a Year  
Daily Reading Schedule (Chronological Order)

- ☐ Monday 17

☐ Tuesday 18

☐ Wednesday 19

☐ Thursday 20
- Philippians 1-4

I Timothy 1-6

Titus 1-3

1 Peter 1-5
- ☐ Friday 21

☐ Saturday 22

☐ Sunday 23
- Hebrews 1-6

Hebrews 7-10

Hebrews 11-13



Adult Education  
**Adult Bible Classes**

**Sunday Morning Adult Classes:** Book of James  
**Wednesday Evening Auditorium Class:** Lessons from Luke  
**“FUEL Session”:** The Gospel of John. Upcoming session leaders: Clint Jones, Gary Turner, David Hook, and Rodney Pless  
**WPW Sessions:** Join us for the Wednesday evening “Women’s Power Walk”. We will cover topics of prayer, through Bible study, and discipleship throughout spiritual warfare.  
**Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Study:** Continuing study through the Bible with the Fulfillments of Christ in the Old Testament at 10:00 a.m. Potluck first Tuesday of every month.  
**Tuesday Granddad’s Devo:** 10:00 a.m. Open discussion, donuts, coffee.

**Nairobi Missions**  
Contirbute to the Nairobi Mission fund that Charlotte Hackett is a part of. If you would like to donate funds to this mission you can send a check to The Saturn Rd. Church of Christ. 3030 Saturn Rd Garland, TX. 75041 or Give a check to Kevin Mayhew

Dec. Welcome Luncheon  
**For New Members and Frequent Guests**

If you are a new member or a frequent guest, please come to our December Welcome Luncheon today after morning services in the Small Fellowship Room.

**Greeters for December**  
**Unlock Front & Northeast doors at 9:00 am:** Steve Bradley  
**Parking Lot & Front Door Assistance:** Steve Bradley  
Curtis MCClure, Marlyn Shafer, James Woodward  
**Front Lobby:** Kathy Bradley, Debbie Johnson,Linda Shafer, Linda Neely, Mary Jane Jennings, BJ Woodward  
**Visitors Booth:** Nancy Gooden  
**East Door:** Bill Roberts  
**West Door:** Connie Thurbur, Jean Shipley

Opportunity to Serve  
**Nursery Attendants for Dec.**

Infant Nursery -Kathy Bradley, Noelle Dominguez, Hannah Arnold  
Toddler Nursery -Renee Arnold, Kenda Haskins, Elizabeth Arnold, Taylor Haskins, Olivia Gadberry



Youth Ministry  
**Caleb Says...**

Follow the **“RAVE Youth Ministry”** Facebook Page for updates

Dec. 15 – Youth Group Christmas Party/ Scavenger Hunt, please refer to RAVE Youth Ministry Facebook page for specifics

Dec. 19 – Youth Group Caroling, will take the place of Wednesday night class

Dec. 31 – New Year’s Lock-in @ Rob. Ave

Winter Series - Today’s youth class was Taught by Caleb Bryant over dating. Next week’s class will be taught by Jimmy Allen.

Think back to when you were a kid. Your parents and grandparents probably had little parables, phrases, and clichés they would use in order to teach you a lesson. “If your friends jump off a cliff, does that mean you should do it to?” “Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you’re gonna get.” “What would Jesus do?” These are a few of the many one-liners you may have heard that are supposed to help you be a better person. There is one that I often heard around Christmas that I never really bought into until recently: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Growing up I would give gifts to my siblings and parents and I enjoyed that part of Christmas. However, if I am being honest, there was no comparison with how much joy I got from opening presents given to me. As I have gotten older though, I truly enjoy giving gifts more than receiving them. I get more satisfaction out of seeing someone’s reaction and knowing that I made their day. This attitude was on full display last night at the youth group Christmas party during our white elephant gift give-away. There was a lot of joy as people got to see the reactions to those who received their gift. There was also a lot of stealing of other people’s gifts but that is beside the point ;)

I think giving arises from self-sacrificial attitudes we develop. We give because we love, and love cannot exist along side selfishness. When we are young, we are selfish because that is how we survive. Selflessness is something we learn over time that is contrary to our natural tendencies. Just a couple thoughts I had while Christmas shopping that I wanted to share with you. So this Christmas, give generously and know that it is more blessed to give than to receive!



Family Time			
SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	
9:30 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM	Bible Study
10:30 AM	Worship		
6:00 PM	Worship		

**Sympathy**

**Linda Taggart** passed away Thursday 12-13 at North Hills

Family  
**Illness and Recovery**

**Heather Steed** has had all of her teeth removed and her gums are healing

**Care Packages for the Troops**  
If you know of anyone (relative, neighbor, someone you met in line at a store) deployed overseas, we would love to send them packages to let them know they are remembered by the folks back home. Pass their deployment address along to either the church office or Cathy Hudson. Be sure to include the length of deployment so we will know when to stop sending the packages.  

Thanks, Cathy

**Trip**  
If you would like to go on the trip to see Noah’s Ark, you need to have your \$75 refundable deposit by Dec. 20th. The trip will be April 1-6. If you would like more info please see Beth Pettay. There are also flyers in the foyer. This is open to the whole congregation.

Help Needed  
**House Parents**

**Southern Christian Home** is in need of House Parents. If you are interested or know of someone interested, please contact Souther Christian Home. **501-354-2428**

Southern Christian Childrens Home  
**Items Needed**  
Items especially needed for the Southern Christian Children’s Home areAdvil, Chicken Stock Soup, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Pecans, Shaving Cream(Men’s and Women’s) Tylenol and Ziploc bags.



Our  
**Prayer List**

*Names will be printed on this list for up to 4 weeks at a time unless further updates are received in the office.*

**Family/Friends**

**Kelly Bryant**, father of Caleb Bryant  
**Chelly Conklin**, Coworker of Gerald Todd  
**Janet Elkins**, daughter of Pat Elkins  
**Twyla Forsland**, cousin of Brenda Waugh  
**Herman Graef**, grandfather of Ethan Graef  
**Chris Hare**, father of Ben Hare  
**Jerri Hare**, mom of Ben Hare  
**Bob Ingram**, brother-n law of Ro and Sarah Toon  
**Grace Jones**, sister-in-law of Barbara Jones  
**Roger Kernes**, father of Robert Kernes  
**Lisa Kuhl**, daughter of Jim and Flo Massengill  
**Phyllis Kupsick**, sister-in-law of Ro and Sarah Toon  
**Debbie Langstaff**, cousin of Beth Pettay  
**Theresa Long**, niece of Sarah Toon  
**Don Pipkin**, father of Eric Pipkin/Sherrie Hankins  
**Charlotte Phillips**, mother of Kim Kegley  
**Jay Rix**, father of Jana Cooke  
**Robert Squires Jr.**, son of Bob and Kay Squires  
**Lyndell Thomas**, father of Lynsey Moates  
**Pam Thrower**, daughter of Dorothy Sisemore  
**Raymond Zinn**, father of Aldea McClure and Brian Zinn  
**Michael Zuniga**, Brittany Smith’s Brother n law



Those  
**Shut In**  
**Cecil Cook**  
**Cleo Drevs**  
**Don & Marie Edwards**  
**Hazel Fletcher**  
**Glenda Garrison**  
**Donna Gaston**  
**Dan Hash**  
**Don McClane**  
**James Price**  
**Verna Tacket**  
**Elsie White**

Continue to  
**Remember**  
**Lucy Allen**  
**Jim Cantrell**  
**Beth Clem**  
**Chris Curlee**  
**Janetta Day**  
**Harold Gooden**  
**Ajeanna Kerns**  
**Faith Larkin**  
**Faye Lowery**  
**Scott Phillips**  
**Lee Pense**  
**Robert Sisemore**  
**Robyn Wike**  
**Speedy Williams**  
**Linda Wray**

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Those  
**Battling Cancer**  
**Mary Allen**  
**Helen Gillmore**  
**Charlean Howell**  
**Freida Hughes**  
**Peggy Huckleba**  
**Darren Jones**  
**Robert Kernes**  
**Mel Lowe**  
**Seth Mohorn**  
**Al Simpson**  
**Salina Wilson**