

THE GETHSEMANE GRAPEVINE

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Tomorrow and Today

Call to me and I will answer you; and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Jer 33:3

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Psalm 73:26

Steve and I worked for the same company. I ran the laboratory in Houston and Steve supervised the laboratory in Aberdeen, Scotland. He was an American, and his work visa was expiring, so he was being transferred back to the States. Our work was piling up in Houston and we were getting farther and farther behind. Just keeping up with the normal requests was difficult, but when special projects came along, it was just too much. Steve's manager suggested that he work with our group until he received a new assignment. That was certainly good news to me. More hands helping would be appreciated.

After a few months, things had improved a lot. I didn't know Steve well when he started working with us, but we quickly became fast friends. We worked well together, combining our efforts and knowledge. As we were beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel, Steve received a new international assignment. He would be leaving us soon. My manager asked me how it would affect our work. I said that we would cope, but that Steve provided valuable help. While he was in Houston, he helped move us from a difficult place to a better place. Really, that's all we could have asked of him.

In some ways, our life as Christians is like that. We all have difficult times and a variety of problems, some worse than others. We are asked to aid and comfort those in need; to care for our brothers and sisters, to try to move them from a difficult place to a better place. Often, it is as simple as listening. A visit, a card or a telephone call may make a big difference. But sometimes we fail. We make mistakes. As painful as it is to say, in some ways, we always will fail, but all we can do is try.

God has not failed us. He never will. The love of God is always there. It is always with us. By His Grace and through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, He has moved us from a difficult place to a better place, the best place, to a place of eternal peace and joy.

"For no word from God will ever fail." Luke 1:37

"Not one of all the LORD's good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled." Joshua 21:45

Yours in Christ Jesus, Curtis





Fall is finally here. I am so excited for the cooler weather to stick around a little while. We have enjoyed playing outside more and are hoping we can spend even longer on our wonderful playground.

We have some special events coming up that I want to make sure you know about. We will have an accreditation informational meeting on October 23rd. Please note the date has changed, it will be held after family night.

We also will enjoy some Halloween festivities on Oct. 31st. The children will come in their costumes and have the opportunity to trick or treat in the gym. WE will also have a small pumpkin patch. Then in November be on the look out for our adopt a family trees.

We have adopted a total of 4 families this year and we are excited to help make their Christmas wonderful. The preschool will also have a Thanksgiving feast on November 15th. We will have ham and turkey with all the trimmings for lunch for the children.

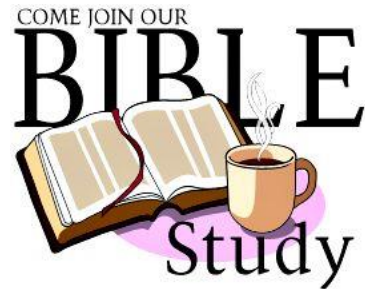
This is a busy time of year but I am excited to see what God has in store. Have a blessed month!

In His Service,
Kim Perry



PRESCHOOL ACCREDITATION MEETING:

We are having an accreditation informational meeting on **October 23rd**. Please note the date has changed from the original date of October 16th, and it will be held after family night. It is very important that we work together, as a congregation, teachers, & parents, to meet the requirements for the accreditation application. Thank you for your help and interest and we hope to see you all there!



Sunday Morning Bible Classes
(10:30 am)

“2 Thessalonians”

Led by Doug Pennekamp, meets in the Life Center

“Living A Chocolate Life”

Women Only – meets in the Library

“Joy”

Led by Pastor Jerry, meets in the Sanctuary



Tuesday Morning Bible Class

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in the library to study God’s Word. Pastor Jerry is teaching the class. The topic is titled, “The Lord’s Prayer”. Prayerfully consider making the choice to participate.



Family Night is back through November!

Enjoy dinner and fellowship in the Life Center on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm from October 2nd through November 20th

Prices

Adults - \$4.00

Children ages 5 to 11 years - \$2.00

Children under 5 years - Free

"To go's" for homebound and caregivers - \$4.00

Other "To-go's" - \$5.00



In our thoughts & prayers



The following people are experiencing problems with their health – Herta Adams, Francisco Briones, Mark Byerly, Brenda Criss, James Ellison, Evelyn Gersch, AnnaBella Heckmann, Jason Johnson, MaryAnne Lee, Barbara Marburger, JoAnn Milton, Stacy Mooney, Bill Reed, Donna Romeo, Doris & Fritz Warncke.

Please pray for the following seven families of our congregation:

Week of November 3rd

*John Molson
Brandon & Sarah Mosley; Rhett
Micalyn Muske
Curtis Myklebust
Ruby Nimtz
Herbert & Junelle Nittsche
Martin Nittsche*

Week of November 10th

*Peter & Tiffany Onarheim; Emma
Harvey & Carol Owens
Ken & Mary Oyer; Nicole
Tanoa Parker
Bobby & Denise Penick
Adriana Pennekamp
Doug & Vicky Pennekamp*

Week of November 17th

*Marissa Pennekamp
Nila Petersen
Tia Podolsky and Samantha
Joyce Pohl
Anthony & Rachel Puccio
Theresia Raif
Sherrill Rambo*

Week of November 24th

*Bob & Donna Ratcliffe
Claudine Rivera
Esther Roth
Mark & Amy Ryan
Martha Sanner
Bill Schlobohm
Howard & Clarice Schneider*

November 3rd

The Bible readings are:

Rev. 7:2–17
1 John 3:1–3
Matt. 5:1–12

November 10th

The Bible readings are:

Ex. 3:1–15
2 Thess. 2:1–8, 13–17
Luke 20:27-40

November 17th

The Bible readings are:

Mal. 4:1–6
2 Thess. 3:1–13
Luke 21:5–36

November 24th

The Bible readings are:

Mal. 3:13–18
Col. 1:13–20
Luke 23:27–43



God Bless & Keep Our Members & Friends in the Military

Taylor Lowe (Alan Lowe's son and Jim & Jan Taylor's nephew), Freddy Mendoza (Bill & Marcia Reed's grandson), Joshua Goldsmith (Melissa Aasgaard's brother), Caleb Becker and Adam and Ethan Heckmann, (Joyce Heckmann's nephews), Valarie Sparks (Don Look's niece), Christopher Kieschnik, Courtney Sharp, Doug Yates (Cheryl Yates' nephew), Andrew Fair (Dolores Karkoska's nephew), Kiera Vernon, Adam Fingleman, Crystal Briones, Curtis McDonald, Erica Lewandowski (granddaughter of Ken & Pat Herbrich), Christopher Ambrose, Tala Raus (granddaughter of Charlene Raus), and Chris and Mike Handy, and Tyler Copeland (Megan & Simon Martin's cousins and family friend).





**COMMUNITY FALL FEST
& YARD SALE
AT GETHSEMANE:
SATURDAY OCT. 26,
8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

In traditional Oktoberfest style, we'll have a special Saturday brunch, a bake sale, games, face painting and pumpkin decorating for the kids, & Halloween Trunk or Treat, all while the community Yard Sale continues until 2:00 pm. This event is another way to reach out to the community, meet new people & let them know we're here! Money raised at the yard sale will be used to fund a new missional project, Emergency Assistance Packs (explained below).

To accomplish this goal we will need:

- Donations of items for sale
- Cakes, cupcakes & cookies
(for the bake sale & Cake Walk)
- Candy for "Trunk or Treat"
- People to work at the sale
- Workers for the games & activities
- Your attendance & prayerful support



If you have friends or neighbors who would like to have a booth, the cost is \$10 per space outdoors and \$15 indoors. Sellers are also asked to donate a 10% of their sales total for the mission project.

Costumes welcome!

For more information or to volunteer, text or call
Lisa Sitz at 713-410-5427 or
email Lisa at: lisa.sitz@gmail.com.

Why make "Emergency Assistance Packs"?:

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

During last month's Saturday brunch, a young mother knocked on the Life Center door & asked for information. She was stranded in Houston with her three boys, no job & no place to stay, due to family promises falling through, & she wanted to know if we knew of any shelters that weren't full (because of the Imelda flood.) When we invited her to sit down and rest and have something to eat, she burst into tears in gratitude.

We packed up brunch plates for her & her boys, a sack of other food, plus a couple of tee shirts & information about Gethsemane, MANNA and some Portals of Prayer. We used the brunch donations to get them a safe place to stay until Monday, prayed with her & sent her on her way. After the family left, we talked about what we could do, in a more organized way, to be ready for anyone who might come to us in emergency circumstances needing help. I think it's pretty obvious what Jesus would want us to do: be willing, and ready!

Proceeds from the upcoming Fall Fest Yard Sale will be used for creating Emergency Assistance packs so that we will be ready- to do it for them, and do it for Him.

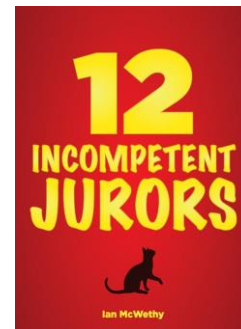
ESL CLASSES ARE GOING GREAT!

ESL continue every week Tuesday through Thursday, & we have an average of 10 students per class! We have 12 church members and 3 non-members helping with teaching & babysitting on a rotating basis (2 teachers & 2 sitters per day), but we can always use more volunteers for substitutes & extra help. Ask anyone who's helping and they will testify that it's so rewarding and so much fun.



The free classes for new language learners are being held in the daytime, during school hours.

Each session of classes meets three days per week for three weeks. NO teaching experience required - English only speakers, OK!



**12 INCOMPETENT JURORS
LUTHERAN HIGH NORTH FALL COMEDY
OCTOBER 19 AND 20**

A man steals cats. The cat napping is captured on video. Witnesses see him do it. He confesses. Yet Juror #8 somehow convinces 11 other jurors that there is "reasonable doubt" and that "a man's life is at stake." Don't miss this hilarious parody of "12 Angry Men."

Saturday, October 19, at 7:00 pm, with a wine and cheese reception at 6:00.

Sunday, October 20, at 3:00 pm.

Delicious dessert bake off during intermission of both shows.

Adults \$10. Children and students free.
Donation for wine, cheese, and desserts.

Plenty of great seats.

Contact paul.stuenkel@lhnlions.org with questions or to reserve seats. Or just come! Thanks!



MANNA FOOD PANTRY is gladly accepting food items and appreciates all

donations of non-perishable items, as long as they are not out of date. Items greatly appreciated are flour, sugar, shortening, oil & oatmeal.

The Manna Resale Shop is also open! We are accepting donations now, so feel free to bring your donations.

Address: 6760 Antoine Drive, Houston, TX 77091

MANNA THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DONATIONS:

This year our church has been asked to collect Stove Top boxes of dressing and cans of chicken broth for the Manna Thanksgiving Day food drive. Manna will then be distributing boxes of food to those families in need for their meal. We will be collecting donations through Sunday, November 24th.



Thank you

I would like to offer many thanks to my Gethsemane family for your prayers, cards, and phone calls after the passing of my son, Jerrell Wolff. .

*Yours in Christ,
Bernice Wolff*



Autumn Group Trip

Please reserve your seat for the next Autumn Group trip.

November 2nd , 2019

Hemi Hideout in Brookshire, TX



Autumn Group

The Autumn Group meets on Tuesday, November 12th at 10:00 am. Come early to visit with friends and play games. The November meal is Thanksgiving Day food themed: meat, vegetables, salad, bread and dessert. So bring your favorite dish to share at noon. See you then!



COOKIES FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Every Sunday cookies and coffee are enjoyed by our members and visitors in the gathering area prior to Sunday School.



Help provide these cookies! **The sign up sheet** is on the table in the gathering area. Approximately six dozen cookies are needed each week.

Our thanks and appreciation to everyone who provides the cookies enjoyed each Sunday morning in the gathering area.

TIE-QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Wednesday, November 6th

Wednesday, November 20th

9:30 am in the GLC

Everyone is welcome!



LWR MISSION QUILTS & KITS



Every fall the Gethsemane church council presents a work program for voter approval. We will also be voting on the nominating committee for 2020.

Our congregation will meet on Sunday, November 10, 2019 after the Sunday School hour to approve the 2020 work program. A light lunch will be served.

The work program is a guide that helps the council prudently plan how to manage the gifts that God gives.

Our church constitution asks us to make the program available for review by the congregation at least two weeks prior to the congregational meeting. Copies of the 2020 work program will be available in the church office.

