

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Randy Ellis

Song Leader
Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper
Mike Davis Bill Rinehart
Dave Massey Dee Minter

Prayers
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WEDNESDAY

Announcements
Preston Ellis

Song Leader
Jack Calvert

Prayers
Melvin Potts Pete Rowland

Invitation
Bryan Garlock

ABOUT US

Elders
Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons
Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Dave Massey

Evangelist
Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.
Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday
Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16;
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think On These Things

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GOSPEL SINGING

A capella Music

Join us as Antony Parsons, Dane Shephard, and Tim Stevens lead us in a night of praise in song.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH - 7PM

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A SEARCH FOR GOD'S WILL

April 8-11, 2018 with Dee and Russ Bowman

"Whatever a Man Sows" Russ, Sun. 9:30am

"Teach Me, O Lord" Dee, Sun. 10:15am

"What Is Good?" Russ, Sun. 6pm

"The Sufficiency of God's Word" Dee, Mon. 7pm

"Except God Be With Him" Russ, Tues. 7pm

"A Well Orchestrated Life" Dee, Wed. 7pm

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What an **opportunity!** Each year the elders at **Franklin Drive** provide an **opportunity** for us to gather together with many from the area to sing praise and glorify our God. Then we have another **opportunity** to listen to God's word proclaimed by faithful gospel preachers. These are also great **opportunities** to invite others to participate in worshipping God and getting to know us at Franklin Drive.

Eph. 5:16-16; Col. 4:5

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Willie Margaret Mobley, Bob Buls, Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham,** and **Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Rhonda Minter continues to recover from her knee surgery.

Donna Mobley had successful surgery on her had this past week and is home recovering.

This Wednesday, Apr. 4th would normally be our First Wednesday Singing night. But the elders have decided to have our regular classes instead. This is because our Annual Singing is this Friday and we will miss classes next Wednesday due to the Gospel Meeting.

THANKS! to our **elders**, Rodney Ellis and Jack Calvert. Thanks to God for their faithfulness and love for Him and for our souls. Thanks for their knowledge of His Word and dedication to it's purity. Thanks for their patience with all of our shortcomings. Thanks for their help in leading the way to heaven.

Also, a huge **THANK YOU** to all of our **teachers.** We greatly appreciate your knowledge of the Bible and your willingness and abilities to teach our young ones. We pray that the foundations of faith you teach today will yield strong faithful Christians tomorrow!

The Farmer

Bryan Garlock

Please read 2 Timothy 2.1-7. While Paul prepared Timothy for his coming death, he encouraged him to be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus. All those who carry out the Lord's work from day to day need this strength to continue steadfastly in the faith. Paul gave three analogies for the Christian – soldier, athlete and farmer. In this article, we will see how the Christian is like a farmer. To read our past articles on the passage, please visit our article section online at txkchurch.com.

To identify how the faithful are to be like farmers, one must understand what a farmer is and does. In an article entitled "What does a Farmer do?", one writer said, "A farmer's main goal is to produce a good crop and/or healthy animals in order to make a living and to feed the population.... Whether it is the purchasing and planting of seeds on a cash crop farm, the purchasing of quality breeding stock on an animal husbandry farm, or the diet and care of a specific type of livestock on an animal production farm, a farmer needs to have a wide knowledge base of the agricultural industry as a whole. Besides the general knowledge of planting dates, breeding cycles and harvesting periods, a farmer often needs a good working knowledge of mechanics in order to keep their equipment running and in optimal order. A strong working knowledge of the limitations and regulations of the Food and Drug Administration, state agencies, and local government is a must for a farmer, as there are many regulations placed on the agricultural industry." (Author Unknown)

"What Does a Farmer Do?"

<https://www.sokanu.com/careers/farmer/>

The main point that stands out in this short article is the knowledge, wisdom and experience farmers must possess to be successful in their field. Without these, the world would not have the available crops or stock needed to sustain life.

Interestingly, every character trait that Paul set forth in 2 Timothy 2.1-7 has one thing in common: each must have knowledge of his trade. The application is simple: one cannot live the gospel nor share the gospel without first having knowledge of the gospel. This is where so many Christians fail. No wonder each generation is getting further and further away from biblical truth. Unless we develop a deep love and reverence for God's word, there will be some in each generation that do not know God and will do whatever is right in their own eyes (see Judges 21.25, etc.).

Next, the farmer is hard-working. This means he puts to use the knowledge he has acquired. He wakes early in the morning because he knows the work that awaits him. Throughout the day he cares for and tends to every need of his crops or animals. He cannot put off his work, shift it aside or take the day off. Therefore, Paul states he "ought to have the first share of the crops." In other words, he will reap of the blessings which he sowed (Gal. 6.7-9).

Finally, another quality of a farmer is his patience. James taught, "Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also,

be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand" (James 5.7-8). While inspiration is perfectly clear in its wording, we must make application of James' words. Once our knowledge and wisdom from above is put to use in hard labor for the Lord, we must patiently wait for God to give the increase and for His word to take effect (1 Cor. 3.6-8; 15.58; Isaiah 55.11). Further, we must patiently endure to the end so that we may share in heavenly blessings (Rom. 8, etc.).

A faithful Christian must emulate the time and care a farmer puts in to his work because the Christian has a more important and fruitful work to accomplish. We must be ever ready to tackle the good work our Lord has given us. As the farmer redeems the time he has been allotted, so must the Christian (Eph. 5.16).

The Lord said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few..." (Matt. 9.37). The church needs more "faithful men who will be able to teach others" (2 Tim. 2.2)! In love, BG

PRAY for our **Singing and Gospel Meeting!**

PRAY for those who will **lead and teach** us!

PRAY for the souls who **attend!**

ATTEND all the **services!**

ENCOURAGE each other!