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| Building/Communion Schedule | |
| Sheldon | July 24 |
| Gomez | July 31 |
| Children's Bible Time | |
| Peyton | Month of July |
| Sheldon | Month of Aug. |

Preacher
Cecil Belk

Ministers (Servants)
Every Member

Times Of Assembly

Sunday
Bible Class & Nursery... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Assembly..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Assembly..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

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“His eyes are on the ways of men, He sees their every step.”
Job 34:21 (NKJV)

National TV & Radio Programs
In Search Of the Lord's Way
DirTV channel 364 — Sundays at 7:30 a.m. EST
INSP Network: Galaxy 1R — Transponder 17 — Orbit Position 133 West
Sundays-7:30 a.m. EST — Dish Channel 259, Sunday 7:30 a.m., EST
Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN) Sun. 7:00 p.m. EST
Mon. 2:00 a.m./2:00 p.m. EST Thurs. 5:00 a.m./5:00 p.m. EST
Daily Program Streaming & Printable Bible Studies
Web Sites: www.thegospelofchrist.com—www.searchtv.org
Gospel Broadcast Network (GBN) Satellite Dish Broadcasts
24/7 on www.gbntv.org or by a home satellite dish (K band) and receiver.
See their web site www.gbntv.org for details.
“Good News Today,” — Sundays, 7:30 a.m. EST,
(New time and satellite TV station channels for “Good News Today”)
Dish Network, ch. 267, Direct TV, Ch. 376,
Glorystar Ch. 117, & SkyAngel ch. 136

“That you may grow thereby”

The word of God speaks directly to the Christian to get out of the sinning business. “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth ... having been born again ... through the word of God, ... Therefore, laying aside all malice, all guile, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.” (1 Peter 1:22-2:2)

- ◆ Envy involves a resentfulness or ill will towards another’s advantages, possessions, abilities, or accomplishments, and resenting their possession of them.
- ◆ Slander or evil speaking involves making verbal statements or accusations that defame, malign, or misrepresent, another’s character or person. Evil speaking often is in the form of grumbling about what another Christian does or doesn’t do.

Consider the seriousness of the sins mentioned here that Christian’s are warned to recognize and root out of their lives.

- ◆ Malice involves ill will, animosity, hostility, or resentment towards another. Malice is the opposite of goodwill.
- ◆ Guile involves deceitfulness, craftiness, slyness, or cunning towards another.
- ◆ Hypocrisy is a play-acting, a pretending to be something that one is not.

The laying aside of these sins opens one up to the life-changing influence of the word. Yes, God is in the “business” of changing one’s character, personality, motive, and attitudes, whenever a person is open to Christ-likeness. “As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby ...” (1 Peter 2:2) God says

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“And having been perfected, He (Jesus Christ) became the Author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him!”
Hebrews 5:9

Address Label

Thought for the week: “A wise person wants to know where the pathway they are traveling will take them.”

"That you may grow thereby"

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"desire the pure milk of the word." --

The word becomes adulterated, and hence deceitful by mixing man's teaching and ideas with it.

There is a growing up that must take place in the Christian -- a mental changing of one's thoughts and understanding. This growing-up change only takes place when the pure milk of the word is not hindered or adulterated by sin. Sin blocks spiritual growth! It takes each individual Christian laying aside sinful attitudes, actions, and talk, for a congregation to have a strong and stable foundation. When there are few in number every person counts. In larger congregations the sinful and worldly life'd Christian may hide -- by being present but not involved, by being a pew warmer but not a work accomplisher. The effect on the entire congregations is often not readily noticeable; but is it damaging to the body and cause of Christ? Certainly!

In small congregations the effect of the sinful life'd Christian ripples through the congregation and affects it quickly. Why? Because everyone's involvement, or lack of it, has an immediate effect upon the small sized family.

In a large congregation the impact is just not felt so quickly, or so obviously (unless it involves one of the leaders of the church).

What is the result of "growing thereby"?

- ◆ It is getting busy and active for the Lord with a spiritual focus.
- ◆ It is spending time together with others in the congregation.
- ◆ It is wanting to help brothers and sisters in the congregation-- and doing it!
- ◆ It is the getting out of pretending to be an "I'm ok" Christian when one's not.
- ◆ It is wanting to save souls-- and doing it by talking to those who are having problems giving up sin.
- ◆ It is wanting to be caring --- and doing it by visiting those in the hospital, or home.
- ◆ It is wanting to be compassionate like Jesus -- and being compassionate.
- ◆ It is being longsuffering or patient like Jesus -- and not giving up on those Christians who haven't grown in Christ as they could and should have.

Peter hadn't given up on those he wrote to. We also shouldn't give up on those we know.

Cecil Belk, Evangelist

FAMILY NEWS



A WARM WELCOME
TO OUR VISITORS.
YOU ARE
HONORED GUESTS!

PRAYERS &
THANKSGIVINGS



Pray earnestly for more souls to be saved, and more Christians to be involved in the work here!

July Events

July 31st, 5th Sunday Special Collection

Begin preparing for this additional collection that has been a great blessing in furthering the congregation's ministry work.

August Events

Friday, Aug 5, 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Study in Proverbs, at the church building

Sunday, August 7th, 12 Noon

First Sunday Potluck Fellowship, enjoyable fellowship and food.

ACA Thrift Store

Special thanks to and Sharon Loy, and Christa Ayden who did volunteer work at the store Last Monday. Special thanks to Zack Cisneros, Ralph Peyton, Gaye Peyton, Robert Benjamin, and Cecil Belk (volunteers) who packed and unloaded a large household pick up last Saturday, the 15th. Also, a special thanks to everyone who took their donations to the store!

Recognition

An Air Force Induction Ceremony was held on July 22nd for Eddie Harris and other airmen being promoted to M/Sgt. **Congratulations Eddie!**

Our Military: Prayers for Doug Wilson and Zac Donaldson and their families as they serve in the mid-east for several months.

We pray to our God for:

Billy Lee, who is under going tests to determine why he has lost weight and energy so rapidly these past weeks. Prayers Jack Mullins, is in the Destin Health and Rehabilitation Center (on Mattie Kelly Blvd) for daily care and physical therapy. prayers.

Deloris Peyton recently had tests at the Birmingham Medical Center; a follow up to her prior surgery there. Prayers.

Ben Cisneros Sharon Loy, Jane Powers, Jerry Paulson, Cecil Jones, Audrey Otto, Sherry Belk, Catherine Stewart, Bruce & Vickie Bishopric, health, guidance, strength, and blessings. Rebecka Baker, carrying twin girls, prayers.

Tom & Peggy Stripp, (Joyce Lee's aunt & uncle), Bob Sheldon and Jim Sheldon & wife Marilyn, Franklin King, (Deloris' Peyton's father), Estelle Drisco: (June Curran's grandmother), and Lorraine Blackstone (June's mother), prayers. Dan Curran, Sr., & the Fanella Family, Larry Davis, health, prayers.

Chevon (Leukemia), Bobby Lingly, chemotherapy) Debbie Cisneros' father, prayers.