TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Don Taylor /Opening Prayer by: Daniel Balch

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Michael Simmons

#76 How Great Thou Art

#676 Living for Jesus

Scripture Reading by: Matthew Girard

#382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Lord's Supper and Contribution

#837 I Need Thee Every Hour

Sermon: "Go, Stand, and Speak"
Acts 5:17-21

#719 Love One Another
#875 Home of the Soul

Closing Prayer by: Jerry Mallernee

Welcome by: Don Taylor

Evening Assembly Song Leader: Michael Simmons

#122 The Love Of God
#332 Lead Me to Calvary

Scripture Reading: Tristan Strickhausen
Opening Prayer: Phillip Strickhausen
#622 Ring Out the Message

Sermon: "One Word: Suffering"
Job 42:1-6

#939 O, Why Not Tonight?
#712 Jesus Is Coming Soon

Closing Prayer: James Scott

Other Opportunities For Spiritual Growth

Sunday: 9:00am — Bible Study Classes, 10:00am — Worship, 6:00pm — Worship
Wednesday: 10:00am — Ladies Bible Class, 7:00pm — Bible Study Classes

Oct. 13, 2019

"Stand Firm in…Liberty"

Galatians 5:1

Why a Door Knocking Campaign?

I want to express my personal thanks one more time to everyone who participated in the First Annual Door Knocking Day last Saturday. We had a total of 19 go out. We knocked on at least 225 doors where we left a copy of House to House/Heart to Heart. And we had conversations, extended personal invitations, and/or prayed with residents of about 55 of those houses. Whether any immediate fruit is produced from those efforts or not, it was a great day for all of us who participated.

But we don't want this to be the end. We are starting a program to go and visit as many of the new movers in our area every month as possible. We will take them little gift baskets to welcome them to the community and invite them to services. But we need YOU to for this to succeed! Whether donating for the contents of the baskets, assembling them, or going out to greet these people, it is critical that as many of us get involved as possible. If you have been on the fence about the effectiveness of going door to door, I submit this article from Rob Whitacre at House to House for your consideration. And I encourage you to help. BP

"I don't believe in door knocking." "Door knocking is not effective." "Door knocking does not work anymore." "Door knocking is a waste of time." Have you ever heard these statements before? I have heard elders and preachers of the Gospel make these statements. I will concede that door knocking does not always produce the greatest numbers. I will also concede that it is one of the more difficult evangelistic methodologies available to the local congregation, but it always works. Brethren, every time we "go" and preach the Gospel, it works! Moreover, there is nothing wrong with honest questions for honest listeners. So then, why do we door knock?

Door knocking is designed to reach the "unchurched."
We don't know them! We don't know where they live, and we don't know their friends and/or family. They are the "unchurched" and they exist on every continent, reside in every country, and live in every community. Perhaps they have migrated into the area looking for a job, are running from a problem, or looking for a new beginning. They have no religious affiliations and perhaps no religious backgrounds. They are lost souls who are in desperate need of someone who cares to bring them the Good News of the Gospel.

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Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Sick

Bob Parker is in Methodist Hospital.

Bill Lunceford is in Liberty Dayton Hospital.

Continued Prayers
(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, Gary Nielsen, Harold & Geri Cryer, Steve Ward, Jackie David, Frank & Tina Garcia, Eric Davis, Dayla Hale, Minny Owen, Doris Trahan, Joe Edd Stifflemire, J. P. Williams

Shut Ins
(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Winona Angelle, Myrtle Sheffield, Dr. Ronald Davis, Larry Hicks, Mark Wilcox, Bill Lunceford

Our Missionaries

Aaron & Marisa Bailey in Mwanza, Africa, Rod Kyle in the South Pacific

Plastic Bags

The Food Bank is in need of plastic grocery bags. A barrel is in the foyer.

Upcoming Activities

No Elders, Minister meeting this week.

Singing at Magnolia Place Health Care today at 4:00pm.

We will have a Houston Food Bank truck on Thursday, Oct. 17th at 9:00am.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is Saturday, Oct. 19th at 8:00am in the family life center.

Early Bird Singing Sunday, Oct. 20th at 5:00pm.

Homecoming is Sunday, Oct. 27th. The meal will be catered and we will need to provide drinks, desserts and bread.

Elders	Deacons	Minister
Ken Coleman	Daniel Balch	Bryant Perkins
Bob Parker	Danny Balch	
Bobby Rader	Shannon Smith	
Don Taylor	Phillip Strickhausen	
Robert Ward		

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Privilege to Serve
Sunday, Oct. 13th

Communion Preparation: Debra Faneros
Nursery Attendants: Debra Faneros, Melony Hicks

Communion Preparation for Sunday, Oct. 20th: Jeraldine Frazier
Nursery Attendants for Sunday, Oct. 20th: Marsha Rader, Lynette Ward

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Door knocking is designed to reach the "unmovable."
"They will never change." God moved Saul from persecutor to preacher with the power of the Gospel. Everyone can change, but perhaps it is not those outside the building who need to be moved first. "WE" have sat in the pews for years but never moved beyond the doors with the saving message of the Savior. Perhaps the greatest need for movement is with "ME." Door knocking moves a church to do the work God intended: to make known to the world the "*manifold wisdom of God"* **(Ephesians 3:10).** The great commission is about going, not coming—if we don't go, they will never come!

Yes, door knocking is not going to convert the masses, but neither is any other strategy. Did not God tell Phillip to go and preach the Gospel to one man **(Acts 8:26)?** Perhaps some of you were introduced to the Gospel by a knock on the door. Organizing churches of Christ to reach out to their community by a simple tried and true method like door knocking is one step towards church growth.