TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Bobby Rader /Opening Prayer by: Don Taylor

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Andre Jones

#587 Sing and Be Happy
#316 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Scripture Reading by: Parker Balch
#382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?
Lord's Supper and Contribution

O I Want to See Him
Sermon: "We Never Saw Anything Like This!"
Mark 2:1-5

#909 There's a Fountain Free
#915 Trust and Obey

Closing Prayer by: Daniel Balch

Welcome by Bobby Rader

Evening Assembly Song Leader:

#
#

Scripture Reading: Brooks McKelroy
Opening Prayer: Ken Coleman
#
#

Sermon: "His Life*: *Jesus and Leviticus"
Hebrews 9:11-14

#
#

Closing Prayer: Wayne Noonkester

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

Mar. 1, 2020

"Stand Firm in…Liberty"

Galatians 5:1

The Goose Hangs High

I've heard my dad say that his grandfather used the expression, "the goose hangs high." That's not one I've ever encountered in the wild; perhaps you have heard it, or you have even used it yourself. I searched this week to try to find the origin of the idiom, and no one seems quite certain where it came from: some sources say that it alludes to geese flying high in fair weather, and it's actually a corruption of "the goose honks high"; others claim that it references that a goose is hanging in the larder, so that you'll have plenty to eat at Christmas (this was a British source, not surprisingly, since I've never known of a Christmas goose outside of a Dickens story).

Both of those point out the significance of the saying, however: it means, "all is well." And when you get right down to it, that expression applies to the life of a Christian. One of our greatest blessings in being followers of Jesus is knowing that for us, "the goose hangs high." The condition of the world has no effect on us. Paul put it this way in **Romans 8:38-39:** *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.* If we cannot be separated from the love of Christ, then no matter what else may be going on around us, all is well.

Do you remember when the disciples were caught in the middle of a storm? The Sea of Galilee was restless that night. The little ship the disciples were in was rocking in the storm and they were afraid. Jesus was asleep. They woke Him and he rebuked the winds. All was well. The presence of the Lord guaranteed it.

Then there was another night when the Sea of Galilee was unable to find rest. The disciples were in the ship alone and were *sore afraid* as the KJV puts it (that's 17th century English for scared to death!) But in the middle of the night the Lord came walking on the water, and all was well.

There always was and always is a great calm when Jesus appears. All was well with the crowds when Jesus was there to satisfy their hunger. Through the heat of the day, and till the shadows lengthened and were gradually wrapping their blanket around the earth for the night, this great throng of people had followed the Lord. They were tired and they were hungry. The disciples

Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Sick

Derrick Loften is recovering from burns.

Kaitlyn McMichael Hanks is having health problems.

Cheryl Mast is at home and recovering from surgery.

Continued Prayers
(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, Gary Nielsen, Harold & Geri Cryer, Steve Ward, Jackie David, Frank & Tina Garcia, Dayla Hale, Joe Edd Stifflemire, Barry Johnson, Kelly McCain

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 and **egg cartons**. A barrel is in the foyer.

Upcoming Activities

Deacons meet today at 4:45 p.m.

Elders, Deacons, Minister meet Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

We will have a Houston Food Bank truck on Tuesday, March 3rd at 8:00 a.m.

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 7th before you go to bed.

Primetimers

The Primetimers will be having a pizza party night March 10. We will be ordering pizza and the cost will be $5.00 per person. We will eat at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship room. Please bring, dessert, drinks or salad.

100th Birthday Party

Everyone is invited to a birthday party for Bessie Warren, David Warren's mother. She will be 100 years old on March 9th. A birthday party is being held on Sunday, March 8th at the Hull Baptist church annex from 2-4 p.m.

"Stand Firm in…Liberty"

is the weekly bulletin of the Liberty Church of Christ 3201 North Main, Liberty Texas 77575
Office Phone Number (936) 336-2213; Fax (936) 334-8280;
Minister's (Bryant Perkins) Cell Phone Number (903)407-5737
Website: libertycofc.org Facebook page: Liberty Church of Christ

Privilege to Serve
Sunday, Mar. 1st

Communion Preparation: Vanessa Simmons
Nursery Attendants: Tania Balch, Pat Hobbs

Communion Preparation for Sunday, Mar. 8th: Sara Smathers
Nursery Attendants for Sunday, Mar 8th: Jane Tinkle, Rita Upton

continued from front page

wanted to send them away, but Jesus knew that they needed to be refreshed. They only had a few loaves and fishes. Jesus had them sit down on the ground. Taking the bread, he gave thanks to God. They fed the multitude, five thousand men plus women and children, and the crowd went away satisfied. All was well, because Jesus was there.

This theme is repeated countless times in different ways throughout the Gospel accounts. His life is summed up in the statement Peter makes to Cornelius: *He went about doing good.* Where he went, people were blessed—but all that time he was making possible something greater for them and for generations to come. When he died it was that all things might be well. Humanity had no power to save itself. No law had been given that could take away our sins. No sacrifice had been made that was sufficient to atone for sins. But Jesus became that sacrifice. In doing this, he answered every question that had been throbbing in the human mind since the beginning. He opened the way from earth to heaven and made all things well.

If we view this from the standpoint of a faithful congregation of the Lord's people, the answer is the same. All is well. When people are willing to draw near to Christ and serve him, he will see that all is well. No power on earth can keep the Lord's people from moving on to greater things for Him, if they will remain close to Him, for he has the power to see us through. We read of his power over every thing and every one that would hinder His cause.

In our own lives, we have witnessed this power. When life has been most bitter, we have always found the outstretched hands of Him who was able to put restless Galilee to sleep and feed the crowd with a few loaves and fishes. We lean upon His promise that we are in a kingdom that cannot be shaken. So while the world seems unable to find a resting place, and the enemies of Christ are trying to destroy the happiness of his people, we lean securely upon Him and realize that all is well. The goose hangs high.

Bryant Perkins