

Highway 36 Church of Christ

January 14,
2024

Theme Scripture for 2024

"Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus."
Philippians 3:14



Remember These in Your Prayers

Brady Broyles family
Steve Carroll
Sylvie, James, Carolynn Conner
Judy Smoot Gibbs
E. B. Gray
Johnny Hayhurst
Leslie Heatley
Lee Knox family
Glenn Smith
Tommy Smith
LaJuanda Smoot
Rusty Smoot
Randy Yeaman

Our young people and the elders
as the elders search for a new
youth minister.

Jan Windham's aunt and cousin
Eddie & Beth Moudy's son-in-
law, Tommy Allison and great
nephew Timothy Moudy
Daphna's aunt, Wendy Densman
Billie McElreath's sister, Virginia
Cindy Brown's sister,
Christy Ford
Tanner Vogler
Larry Yeaman
Drew & Jen Blessings friend,
Jacob Moore in ICU
Neighbor of Melton's,
Robert Grant
Fran Sooter
Olan Beard
Terri Childers
Cisco church of Christ
Ann Gee's brother, Lloyd Dale
Roberta Neely's cousin,
Samuel Lyons
Melinda Miller's daughter,
Regina Cooper
Daughter of Glenn and Janie
Smith, Sara Montes
Daphna Chrane's dad,
Frank Owens
Brian King's uncle,
Jimmy Mullins
Wars in Israel & Ukraine

Welcome Visitors

We want to take a moment to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who's visiting us this morning. Whether you're just passing through town, or are searching out for a place to worship and serve God and fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters, we're delighted you're here. May you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship. We hope you feel welcomed by God's family at Hwy. 36! We invite you to come back anytime.



Our brother in Christ,
Harold Neely, fell asleep in the
Lord this past Thursday after a
struggle with his heart and lungs.

He was a good and faithful servant to his family and church family. He loved sharing the gospel with those who didn't know Jesus. Harold will be greatly missed.

Visitation with the family will be here at the church building today at 2:00 with a celebration of life service at 3:00. Burial will follow at Dudley Cemetery.

Please pray for Roberta and all the family as they adjust to this earthly life without him. Praise God that we can trust in seeing Harold again in heaven!

From the shepherd's pen:

Do you know people who love you even when you are not lovable? Do you recognize it when you are not being lovable? How about someone loving you when you are mad at the world and everything in it? Maybe they love you when you are hurt or sick and you just want to be left alone so you can be grumpy? Maybe they love you even though you are being ugly to them? Could it be they love you enough to try to console you? And just maybe they love you enough to tell you when your clothing is on backwards. Or could it be they love you enough to tell you you have something green in your teeth? Could be they love you enough step back and let you learn how much you miss them because of your behavior. Maybe they love you enough to discipline you? Do you take advantage of those who love you? Are there people in your life that fit the description above?

Our God did much more than that above, although he has concern and answers for our worldly cares and forgives our ugliness, His ultimate goal is to love us to eternity through the sacrifice of His Son. So just like those in your life that love you, it is up to you to accept it and be lovable. And even though we are undeserving God demonstrated His love. So do you choose Jesus?

Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Our sacrifice of love is pretty small compared to what Jesus did. **Don't give up!**

Hwy. 36 Meeting Times

This Week
Sunday A.M.
Bible Class at 10:00
Worship at 11:00

Wednesday P.M.
Bible Class at 7:00

Adult Bible Classes Sunday Morning

Auditorium
Terry Chrane
New Testament Lessons

Classroom #6
Greg Melton/Steve Ellis
For College and Young
Professionals

Wednesday Night
Auditorium
Various Men
Digging Deeper into NT

Greeters for January Royce & Donna Lee Lawrence

Men Serving This Morning

Song Leader: Gary Vannoy

Lord's Supper
Communion Thoughts &
Prayer: Billy Berny
Ken Perry, Zane Gardner,
Zack Gardner, Scott Chandler,
Lawton & Casey Heatley

Usher: Doug Hayhurst
Usher: Brian King
Reading/Prayer: Logan Wrinkle
Sermon: Greg Melton
Giving Baskets: Gabe Blessing,
Zack Gardner, Reid Thompson,
Barret Wilson
Closing Prayer: Garry Smoot

Serving This Wednesday
Announce/Prayer: Trent Gee

We will not gather for
worship and Bible study this
evening because of the frigid
temperatures and chance of
freezing precipitation.
Lord willing, we will see
you Wednesday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 16—Ladies Bible Class
Jan. 21—Meeting with the parents of youth after morning worship.
Jan. 28—Area Wide Singing at Hillcrest church of Christ in Abilene at 2:00 p.m.
Jan. 31—Youth led devotionals: men in auditorium; women in fellowship hall. No regular classes for kinder & up.
Feb. 11—Sweetheart Banquet to honor our 14 widows and 6 widowers. A list of honorees will be in next newsletter.

Ladies Bible Class
Tuesday, January 16th at 10:00 A.M.
Armor of God, Pages 86-90

Bring a potluck dish for lunch after class and enjoy fellowship with your Christian sisters!



Jan. 17—Gary Vannoy
Jan. 18—Veronica Snow

One more week to bring infant clothes and blankets for babies in Zambia. Please put them in the basket in the foyer by next Sunday night. See Janice Conway for more info. Thanks!

Happy Anniversary !

Brian and Tammie King will celebrate their 38th Anniversary on January 18th.

We thank you for showing the world your love for Christ, each other, your family and community!

A corrected page to put in your member directory for Greg and Carla Biehl is on the table in the foyer.

Let's all reach out to them and get to know them better!

If you can help cut out sheep faces for sack puppets for the children's ministry in Zambia, please see Janice this morning and she can send some home with you. They need to be back by next Sunday night so they can be loaded on the container for Zambia.

Christian Homes Collections

They are asking for us to donate towel sets for use by the young women they are ministering to. A towel set consists of a large towel, hand towel and wash cloth. There will be a donation basket in the foyer through the end of February.
Thanks!

Area Wide Singing and Fellowship at Hillcrest church of Christ, Abilene, Texas.

Sunday, Jan. 28, 2:00 p.m.

We hope to fill our auditorium with Praise and Worship that day! Join Us!!

Do you need to access your Bible on your wireless device? The Hwy. 36 wifi password is Acts2:38 (no spaces and case sensitive)

Dear brothers and sisters, collaborators in the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ: From the country of Guatemala, receive the loving greetings from Martha, our collaborators and myself, Roberto Alvarez.

The apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians chapter 6 that our fight is not against flesh and blood. That the fight is against "principalities, powers, spiritual hosts" and then he exhorts us all to use the "armor of God" to face this war. Paul clearly teaches us at least 3 things:

1. That there is a war in cosmic places.
2. Unfortunately the enemy has a well-organized army.
3. But our weapons are powerful in God to confront this spiritual terrorist war, and win it in the name of Jesus!

This biblical example teaches us that the entire church of Christ also has the figure of a powerful spiritual army. We as Christians are a spiritual army battling against the enemy of God and humanity.

Therefore, in this report I want to encourage you to continue in this battle alongside us: - training excellent self-sufficient evangelists, to send them to the battlefield to win the war for the eternity of man's soul. Helping the poorest children in the community by giving them education so they can get a decent job, break the cycle of poverty, and have a promising future as Christians. Planting churches in places where they have never heard the gospel of Jesus. This is our war plan against the enemy.

The reward? (this is what excites me even more) since the times of King David, when they went to battles -as the people of God-; David observed that in his army he needed soldiers who were part of the battle line, "those who took care of the baggage" (1 Samuel 30). That is, soldiers who took care of weapons, luggage, supplied supplies, etc. David established a law that to this day is a law of the armed forces: "He who goes into combat has the same right as he who remains in charge of the baggage. Everyone deserves to receive the same." And from that day to this day, this was established as a law and ordinance in Israel." (1 Samuel 30.1-4).

Modern armies have an entire line of battle: from the soldiers at the front, to the generals who plan the strategy, cybernetic engineers, doctors, information technicians, cooks, etc. Everyone, absolutely everyone on the line of battle at the end of their military career is considered "war veterans" with all the honors and preeminence.

My final point is -that you and we- are all part of a glorious spiritual army and that at the end of our race, we will all receive the same reward: Colossians 3.24 "Know that the Lord will give you an eternal inheritance as a reward and that you are servants of Christ, the Lord."

Thank you very much for your prayers, for your advices, for your financial efforts, for your interest in the great commission with us. In reality we are all part of the battle line! We couldn't be in this battle without all of you. Thank you! Thank you so much!