

Where You Are Family



News Update

JULY 22, 2018

Welcome!

Gloom, Despair and Misery Over Me

He never got any respect! He was considered unpatriotic at best, but among the leadership of his day he was looked upon as a traitor. We might say that he was set up or "framed." In his own words, he was like "a gentle lamb led to the slaughter." He admits that he was looked upon "as a man of strife and a man of contention to all the land." He was hated for his message, often muted by the words of those surrounding him who assured the nation that nothing like what he predicted would ever happen. Their denunciations and empty promises left him brokenhearted. After one such prediction he was beaten and placed in stocks over night. On another occasion he was arrested and tried for a capital offense. Everyone wanted the court to have him executed. Still later, he was imprisoned and charged with going over to the enemy simply because he left the capitol to go see about a newly acquired property. From prison he was secretly consulted by his king. He took advantage of the occasion to inquire for justice, but he was not set free. It didn't get better any time soon! He was cast down into an abandoned cistern and left to die. When he was eventually rescued it was not to set him free. He remained imprisoned until the enemies of his people succeeded in capturing the palace.

It would be hard to imagine a lifetime of trouble and sorrows more difficult than those assigned to Jeremiah (Jer. 11:19; 15:10; 23:9; 14:13; 20:1-3; 26, 37, 38). Yet nothing Jeremiah predicted failed to come to pass as prophesied. Still, the hearts of an idolatrous people were inclined towards the comforting words of false prophets with their oft repeated assurances that God was for them. To such people, and because of their devotion to their false prophets, God gave the following promise: Your false prophets will be fed wormwood and poisoned water (29:15).

These were needlessly dark days filled with unnecessary uncertainty. God was not in hiding nor was His knowledge of the future hidden from them. They simply preferred a message that was different from the reality of their times. The more frightful their times became, the more desperate they were for the soothing lies of their prophets and priests. The more incessant the promises of brighter days around the corner the more tragically discouraged and utterly hopeless the people became. They constantly lived in fear of the Assyrians and heavily relied on rescue from the Egyptians. Yet their clear and present danger came from a completely different source. They were besieged by the Babylonians.

Neither the brightest minds at court nor the most artful diplomats of the court could give them an advantage. When, at last, it seemed that a savior was on the way by the name of Neco, the warrior pharaoh of Egypt, God once again has His imprisoned prophet issue a reality check.

The headline was simple and direct: NO RELIEF FROM REGIONAL ALLIANCES! Egypt is going to be defeated by the Babylonians (Jer. 46). Philistia is going to be defeated by the Egyptians (Jer. 47). Moab is going into exile (Jer. 48) and so are Ammon and Edom (Jer. 49). Kedar, Elam, Syria and Hazor will all be overtaken by the Babylonians. Every nation, kingdom, and fortified city to the southwest, south, southeast, east, northeast, and north will be overrun and destroyed. No one will be there for Judah! And Nebuchadnezzar is coming for Judah.

Yet in these dark days, out of the blackest hole in all of the beleaguered city comes another prison prophecy of Jeremiah. "Thus says the Lord who made the earth, and the Lord who formed it to establish it, the Lord is His name, 'Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know'" (Jer. 33:4).

Sin makes our days dark and fearful. Faith in the Light of the world gives us the light to guide our steps. Our plea to live righteously may be hated and scorned. We may bear the same rejection Jeremiah endured. But God still reigns, and He has told us many great and mighty things! In the end, WE WIN! - DC

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome:	David Singletary
Song Leader:	Fred Walker
Prayer:	Scott Carpenter
Communion Prayers:	Lance Leonard
Offering Prayer:	Bobby Simmons
Scripture Reading:	Lee Coleman
Message:	DC Brown
Benediction:	John Butts

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements/Prayer:	David Singletary
Song Leader:	Richard Dean
Communion Prayers:	Gerry Luther & Bubba Burnett
Evening Lesson:	DC Brown
Closing Prayer :	Jeff Mattics

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday Bible Class:	9:30 AM
Sunday Worship:	10:30 AM
Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study:	7:00 PM

SUNDAY ADULT & TEEN BIBLE CLASSES

Auditorium:	Minor Prophets	Lonnie Ritchie
Annex Classroom:	<u>Respectable Sins</u>	David Singletary
Annex Meeting Rm:	Young Adults	Scott Carpenter
Fellowship:	Hebrews	DC Brown
Library:	New Christians	Morris Fridie
Annex Teen Room:	<u>This Is Church</u>	Nick Schroeder

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Bubba Burnett - Finances
Lee Coleman - Grounds & Technology
Steve Hasley - Helping Hands
Tony Langley - Mission
Gerry Luther - 1st Impressions & Bridges
Nathan Matthews - Worship

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Richard Dean - Benevolence
Keith Ferguson - Buildings
Nick Schroeder - Fellowship

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Bob & Kitty Mobley
- ◆ Nancy Morrow
- ◆ Cliff & Barbara Purvis
- ◆ Jack & Katheryn Bullock
- ◆ Jimmy & Charlene Ware
- ◆ Evelyn Stalcup
- ◆ Reina Butts
- ◆ Rick, Sherry & Macy Damazio
- ◆ Charlotte Smith
- ◆ Paul Miller
- ◆ Frances Poehl
- ◆ Jerry & Janice Walker
- ◆ Rosemary Lunt
- ◆ Wilma Davenport
- ◆ Louise Hairgrove
- ◆ Barbara Loving
- ◆ Connie Matics
- ◆ Langley Family
- ◆ Yvonne Jackson

Our Active Military :Cody Damazio, Ricky Damazio, Matt Gilley, & John Neidrich

Prayers for the friends and loved ones of our church family:

- ◆ Tommie Sue Wacbod, Ethel Mitchell's friend (cancer)
- ◆ Ada Etheridge, Barbara Loving's sister (health & life struggles)
- ◆ Hadley Daniel, Jean Lowery's great granddaughter (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia)
- ◆ Lee & Melissa Roberds, Charlene Ware's son & daughter-in-law (Melissa-procedures/MD Anderson)
- ◆ Eion, Terry Woodson's relative (life threatening seizures)
- ◆ Roger Brass, Maggie Polk's brother (cancer treatments)
- ◆ Mason Walton, Ann Skelly's infant great grand nephew (serious health issues)
- ◆ Tori Reece, Nia Matthews friend (life struggles)
- ◆ Michelle McGinnis, Charlene Ware's daughter's friend (spiritual struggles)



*Sympathy is extended
to the family of
Billy Dickerson,
Linda Ritchie's brother*



EVENTS & UPDATES

ELDER IN CHARGE FOR JULY - DAVID SINGLETARY (281.802.8613)

- ◆ Communication Session: TONIGHT, July 22nd. Elders welcome questions, requests for updates, and suggested topics of discussion, before or during Session.
- ◆ MNFTM: Monday, July 23rd at 6:30 p.m. I the fellowship room.
- ◆ Guest Speaker: Thomas Reed on Wednesday, July 25
- ◆ Speaker: Lonnie Ritchie during AM assembly on July 29.
- ◆ 5th Sunday Potluck: Sunday, July 29 (No PM Assembly)



DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY 23 - Isaiah 36-39, Psalm 76; TUESDAY 24 - Isaiah 40-43; WEDNESDAY 25 - Isaiah 44-48;
THURSDAY 26 - 2 Kings 18:9-19, Psalms 46, 80, 135; FRIDAY 27 - Isaiah 49-54; SATURDAY 28 - Isaiah 55-60



YOUTH UPDATE



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ EWES Camp for Girls - July 29-August 3
- ◆ Back2School Bash - August 11
- ◆ VBS - August 12-15

**Family VBS will be Sunday, August 12
- Wednesday, August 15, 7PM**



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Summer Series

July 25 - Thomas Reed

August Speakers

August 1 - David Duncan	August 8 - Kirk Castleman
August 15 - Scott Wolfe	August 22 - Wes Smith
August 29 - Bill Rasco	

POTLUCK

Sunday, July 29th following AM Assembly. There will be no PM Assembly.



Magnolia church of Christ – Building Bridges shirts are now available for purchase by all church members. Sign-up sheet & shirt examples are located in the foyer.



When placing your order, we will need your size (x-small to 4 X), material (dry-wick or 50/50 blend), men's (crew collar only), women's (V-neck or crew collar).

If ordering the dry-wick (not as heavy as 50/50 blend, lighter in weight, and cooler), you may want to select a size larger than normal. 50/50 blend \$12 and Dry-wick \$15. Submit payment (check or cash) to either Melanie or Gerry Luther. If check, make payable to Magnolia church of Christ (For: Building Bridges shirt). Last day to submit order is August 5th.



Ladies (and gentlemen), we are asking for donations of homemade goodies (non perishable foods, jams jellies, any crafts, etc.) for the 2018 Ladies Day. If you have questions, please contact Megan Schroeder.



RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

JULY 15, 2018

Sunday Bible Class:	96	Contribution:	\$7,538
Morning Worship:	148	Budget:	\$8,020
Evening Worship:	43	Over/(Under) Budget:	\$6,450
Wednesday Bible Study:	53		