

## ARE YOU TEACHABLE?

I love the quote from Coach John Wooden: *What really counts in life is what you learn after you know it all.*

After the initial laugh, that joke may come too close for many of us. The older we get, the more set in our ways we are likely to be. The older we get, the harder it is to master new skills and adapt to new principles of living. The older we get, the more likely we are to tune out ideas that would require re-thinking a point of view.

How does a physician stay current with new medications, diagnostic tools, and therapies? How does an attorney stay abreast of changes in the law? How does a professor stay current in her area of scholarly research?

A key to success in every profession or business is *teachability*. You can get left behind pretty quickly these days! A really good educational experience bears little resemblance to indoctrination - the memorization of fixed right answers. It is instead the mastering of good tools that allow one to do credible research and the fostering of a mindset that is willing to test everything.

In one's personal spiritual life, **pride** is among the deadliest of sins. Pride prohibits learning. The idea is not that we should waver as doubting, uncertain people. Conviction is admirable. But informed convictions should always be eager to sit at the feet of Jesus and remain open to his guiding and correcting voice.

The day we put Jesus on in baptism is the day Jesus became our Lord and our Savior. That is also the day Jesus became our Rabbi, our lifelong teacher. We will never outgrow our need to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn from him. One of the most beautiful passages in Matthew's gospel is when Jesus teaches what kind of a teacher he is.

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

**Matthew 11:28-30**

Is Jesus your Rabbi?

Are you teachable?  
Grace and Peace  
Derek

### Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,  
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244  
**YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE**

## Family News & Notes

- **Clyde Calvert and Norma Payne** are recovering from surgery.
- **Danny Jackson** had a new pacemaker put in.
- **Mary Talley** fell, but has no broken bones.
- **Mark Beckworth** had stents put in.
- Many of our members have been sick with colds, flu and an intestinal virus.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**HEALTH ISSUES:** Joe Albritton, Herman Davis, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Donna Meadows, Peggy McGowen, James Neal, Jerry Richardson, Jamie Vorhof, Lula Whittle

**REHAB:** Peggy McGowen, Eddie & Margaret Whalen, Dot Richardson

**SHUT-INS:** Valeria Canada, Lorene Edge, Cora Epperson, FM Hylander, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Helen Weathers

**FAMILY:** Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Sallye Giles, Mike Hasler, Zayden Huffman, Judy Lee, Sam Macmillan-deployed, Jacob Maxwell-deployed, Sandra Morris, Terrance Simmons, Ray Yearwood,

### EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP

- GO will be going **June 8-15, 2018**.
- If you're interested please see **Nick or Daphne Eddlemon**.
- Deadline to sign up is **TODAY**.
- \$100 non-refundable deposit is due no later than **March 1** to reserve your airline ticket.

### GOODMAN OAKS 101

**This class is for anyone who is thinking about joining our church, has recently joined our church, or just wants to know more about who we are as a family.** Even if you have been a member here for many years, there are likely aspects of our church life that are still unfamiliar to you. We invite you to come and familiarize yourself with what happens at Goodman Oaks. Class will be in room 27 at **7:00PM every Wednesday** in March.

**March 7** - Goodman Oaks' Vision and Values

**March 14** - Goodman Oaks' Bible Class Care Groups

**March 21** - Goodman Oaks' Ministries

**March 28** - Goodman Oaks' Facilities and Events



### Reminders . . .

- ☞ Thursday School begins **Thursday, March 1**. Register online.
- ☞ The First Friday Fellowship, **Friday, March 2** at 6:00PM.
- ☞ Easter Egg Hunt **Saturday, March 31**, from 11:00AM until 1:00PM.

## THE ANSWER TO SUFFERING

*"God had one son on earth without sin,  
but never one without suffering" (Augustine)*

"Why did this happen to me?" "What did I do to deserve this?"  
"Why is God letting this happen to me?"

The book of Job gives us an answer to our questions about suffering, only it is probably not the answer we want. We commonly ask, "Why do we suffer?" The book of Job does not answer that question clearly, aside from instructing us that what God is doing in the world is too big for our small minds to understand. Why was Job suffering? He and his friends discuss several possible answers but none of them are adequate.

Finally God speaks from the storm at the end of the book. He asks Job questions that he cannot possibly answer. The answer Job gets in the end: **trust God through your suffering.**

The book of Job does not answer our questions about why we suffer. It instead instructs us how we should respond to suffering. John Walton says it well: "We don't have to understand Job's suffering; we do have to understand his righteousness. His suffering does not give us direction about our suffering, but his reasons for righteousness should make us think about our reasons for righteousness. Will Job's righteousness be sustained even when God's policies are incomprehensible and nothing seems to make sense? Will ours?" Join us Wednesday nights in March as we sit in the dirt with Job, feel his pain in our own pain, and listen for a word from the Lord.

### DESOTO COUNTY CONGREGATIONAL AREA WIDE

- **THEME:** You Will Be My Witnesses In DeSoto County
- **LOCATION:** Goodman Oaks Church of Christ
- **WHEN:** Sunday, March 11, 2018
- **TIME:** 5:00PM

Please join us as we come together as a county for a time of worship and fellowship. We will have Bro. Terry Wallace of the West Oak Grove Church of Christ, as well as Goodman Oaks' very own Dr. Derek McNamara speaking. Services will begin at **5:00PM** and there will be chorus singing with light refreshments to follow. Please contact the office (662-349-3600) for any additional information.

*Invite a friend to worship*

### YOUTH NEWS

#### TEEN GROUPS

Tonight, our teens will be heading to the home of Trisha Roller. We will start at **5PM** and end at **7PM**. If you have questions or need to know what to bring please see Jared.

#### AREA WIDE

Our next area wide will be at the Gilmore Street Church of Christ on **Sunday, March 4**. Make plans now to go.

