

DEFEATING THE ENEMY

Revelation chapter 12 contains three powerful images describing the defeat of the devil. In Revelation 12:1—6 we have a description of Jesus' birth and the devil's attack on him. This image moves very quickly and before we know it, we see Jesus ruling in Heaven. The overall effect of this image is the devil's complete failure to defeat Jesus.

The second image is found in Revelation 12:7—13. There is a change in location and now we see a great battle in heaven. The battle is between Michael and his angels and the devil (dragon) and his angels. The devil is defeated and cast out of heaven. With this defeat the devil lost the power to bring any accusation against us. That is something to rejoice about; that is something to praise God for.

The third image is found in Revelation 12:13—17. The devil has been defeated, but he has lost his ability to bring accusation against us in heaven. Thus, with all the fury of a severely wounded rattlesnake he turns his attack on the Church here on earth. He turns his attack against us, you and me. How do we stand against this wicked attack?

Consider these two verses,
*And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they loved not their lives even unto death.*

Revelation 12:11

*Then the dragon became furious with the woman
and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring,
on those who keep the commandments of God
and hold to the testimony of Jesus.*

Revelation 12:17

Let's remind one another that our enemy could not defeat Jesus and he has lost his ability to bring any accusation against us. Our enemy is defeated by the blood of Jesus. And our enemy is defeated by our obedience to God's commandments and when we share the Gospel of Jesus.

Remember these three images.

- Satan could not defeat Jesus.
- Satan has lost his ability to bring accusations against us.
- Satan is defeated when we obey God and share the gospel.

So, go ahead, overcome the devil, invite a friend to Worship.

Grace & Peace
Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244
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Family News & Notes

- **Janie Hayes** has shingles.
- **Danny Jackson** is making slow improvements.
- **Eddie & Margaret Whalen** are moving to Dallas tomorrow.
- Many of our members have been sick with colds, flu.

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, 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,

FAREWELL RECEPTION

There will be a farewell reception for Eddie & Margaret Whalen **Sunday, March 4, from 2:00PM—3:30PM** in the small dining area of DeSoto Healthcare.

Invite a friend to worship

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.



Reminders . . .

☞ **SHARE** will meet **Sunday, March 18** at 3:45PM.

☞ Easter Egg Hunt **Saturday, March 31**, from 9:00AM until 11:00PM.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

"There is nothing new under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9). The core problems we face in the 21st century have been around for millennia. However, these old problems frequently get new shoes. Sometimes the challenges of life require special skills and instruction for us to face them.

Goodman Oaks is committed to equipping our members to face the unique challenges of living in the 21st century. We keep important, life skill classes in a rotation in our Wednesday night class curriculum. We have had and will have classes to equip parents in bringing up their little ones, classes to help spouses better show their love for each other, classes on how to handle your finances wisely, and classes that equip members who face the struggles of living with addiction. Starting this Wednesday we are offering a new class to this set of life skills classes: Honor Your Ageing Mother and Father. We know this class, like the other life skill classes, will be a blessing to many of our members.

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. 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	Derek McNamara
March 14 - Goodman Oaks' Bible Class Care Groups	Jimmy Eddlemon
March 21 - Goodman Oaks' Ministries	Matthew Crowe
March 28 - Goodman Oaks' Facilities and Events	David Butler

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES SPRING QUARTER

Room 24: Sonshiners (65+)	<i>Acts of the Apostles III</i>
Room 22: Joyseekers (55+)	<i>Acts of the Apostles III</i>
Room 27: Truthseekers (55-65)	<i>Acts of the Apostles III</i>
Room 1: Lightkeepers (50-60)	<i>Acts of the Apostles III</i>
Room 20: Lifeguards (40-50)	<i>Acts of the Apostles III</i>
Room 25: Pathfinders (30-40)	<i>Acts of the Apostles III</i>
Room 17: Faithbuilders (20-30)	<i>Acts of the Apostles III</i>
Room 26: Celebrate Recovery	

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES SPRING QUARTER

Room 17: Matthew Crowe	<i>JOB "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"</i>
Room 24: Marty Brownfield	<i>JOB "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"</i>
Room 20: Mike Reaves	<i>HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER</i>
Room 27: March 7—28	<i>GOODMAN OAKS 101</i>

