

A LONG OBEDIENCE IN THE SAME DIRECTION

"Our attention spans have been conditioned by thirty-second commercials. Our sense of reality has been flattened by thirty-page abridgements."

It is not difficult in such a world to get a person interested in the message of the Gospel; it is terrifically difficult to sustain the interest. Millions of people in our culture make decisions for Christ, but there is a dreadful attrition rate...In our kind of culture anything, even news about God, can be sold if it is packaged freshly; but when it loses its novelty, it goes on the garbage heap.

There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little inclination to sign up for a long apprenticeship in what earlier generations of Christians called 'holiness.' It seems that so many people start the journey with a great bolt of lightning which fades as quickly as the headlines in the morning newspaper.

Eugene Patterson, A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

How are you doing in your walk with Jesus? Are you tempted to treat Jesus as another consumer novelty, to be used and then cast aside? Or are you on *A Long Walk of Obedience in the Same Direction*?

Let us also be vigilant of trying to "consumerize" the Gospel in an attempt to reach our materialistic world, for that is like giving a sick child a sugar pill to cure polio. He will accept the sugar pill because it is sugar, but it will not help him, in fact it will probably only make him skeptical of medicine. Indeed, that is exactly what it appears so many people want from Jesus, a sweet sugar pill that will magically put everything right.

Jesus will put everything right, but not necessarily in this life and definitely not on any human's schedule. God is doing a mighty work in us, transforming his children into the image of his unique Son. God is the master-craftsman who is forming and fashioning us according to his creative genius. This "make-over" is a life-long process and will not be completed until Jesus returns to take us home.

Let's keep supporting, challenging, and comforting each other as we travel with Jesus on our journey of faith which is a journey of a long obedience in the same direction.

Grace & Peace
Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-877-380-7755 followed by 4651356

YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE

Family News & Notes

- **Ann Estes** is on home hospice care.
- **Raynee Randolph** has an appointment at Campbell Clinic on Tuesday.
- **Gwyn Ray** will have back surgery on Tuesday.
- **Helen Stewart** is going to have home health care.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Cindy Caldwell, Tim Edge, Jerry Frederick, Sonia Henry, Beverly Hutcheson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Peggy McGowen, Bill Newport, Banks Ready, Jerry Richardson, Chris Rogers, Louise Schmittou, Tonya Smith, Jamie Vorhof, Helen Weathers, Lula Whittle, Jane Winstead.

REHAB: Joe Rodgers

HOSPICE CARE: Ann Estes

SHUT-INS: Ann Estes, Valeria Canada, Robert Coleman, Maxine Drewery, Lorene Edge, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Patsy Wilborn, Ann Woodson, .

SHARE

Share will meet at the nursing home at **3:45PM** today.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

"A friend loves at all times" (Proverbs 17:17). This is the purpose of our **Men's Fellowship Breakfast**. The reason we have fellowship activities is for us to take a little time to build relationships with each other. We want to foster deep friendships and our **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** is a step in that direction.

Sunday, April 2 at 8:00AM we will have our quarterly Men's Fellowship Breakfast. We start with a prayer and then eat a meal that would be Chuck Norris and Bear Grylls approved. We spend the rest of the time simply talking and getting to know one another better. Set your alarm clock a little earlier next Sunday morning and come join us.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION MINISTRY

Basic Training will worship away **Sunday, April 9, 6:00PM** at the Crockett Church of Christ, and **Sunday, April 23, 6:00PM** at the Tunica church of Christ. We welcome all of our **KFC** children and families to join us on those nights!

NURSERY WORKERS

March 19

10:00 (0-24 mos) Brittany Solomon, Banks Ready, Emily Jansen
(2 years) Amanda Massey, Karen Bunker
5:00PM: Tammy Behl, Laura Reed

March 26

10:00 (0-24 mos) Stephanie Akin, Susan Cottrell, Melissa Tabor
(2 years) Yvonne Scott
5:00PM: Darla Walker, Joni Lancaster

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

If you plan to go to Sardis Lake Christian Camp this year, please sign up as quickly as possible. That helps us in planning for camp. The dates are **May 28 through June 3**. Scholarships are available. If you need one please see **Jared or Alan**. Go to www.sardislakechristiancamp.org to sign up.

GOODMAN OAKS 101

Goodman Oaks 101 is the basic introduction to our church. Its purpose is to explain clearly who we are and what we do. *Or are you curious to know what specific ministries we have at Goodman Oaks?* If you have questions like these, Goodman Oaks 101 is the class for you.

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.

Each class meets at **9:00 AM in the FLC**. Here is the schedule:

March 26 - Goodman Oaks' Facilities and Events—Randy Denton

DINNER ON THE GO

Don't feel like cooking? Need a date night? Want to have a night out on the town without the kids? Great, please join us for Dinner on the GO **Friday, March 31**. The El Salvador Mission team will be serving dinner, \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids from **6-8PM**, and then you are free to leave and enjoy a night on the town. Child Care will be available for parents with the cost of a donation. All ages are accepted. For any questions or to sign up please see **Nick or Daphne Eddlemon**.



YOUTH NEWS

GUYS AND GIRLS GROUPS

We will meet **TODAY** at the McCormick's house. We will start at **5PM** and end at **7:30PM**.

AREA WIDE

Our next area wide is **April 2** at the Como Church of Christ. Make plans to attend.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are honored with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God today. An attended nursery for 0-24 months is available in the foyer and 2 year olds meet in room 5. Children ages 3-5 will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper for Children's Church. Hearing assistance is available at the sound booth.

If you are a member of the Church of Christ and are looking for a place to worship and serve, please consider placing yourself under the oversight of our shepherds and becoming part of our family in serving the Lord.

If you are not a member of a church and would like to learn more about the Church of Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions you may have. Please fill out an ivory visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate. If you would be interested in a home Bible study please call Derek McNamara at 662-349-3600.

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Class	9:00AM
Morning Assembly	10:00AM
Evening Assembly	5:00PM

Wednesday:

Bible Class	7:00PM
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Today's Sermon by Dr. Derek McNamara

OPPORTUNITIES FROM JESUS REVELATION 3:7-13

THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contributions:	
Sunday Offering	\$ 17,100
Weekly Budget	\$ 22,900
Attendance:	
Bible Class	277
Morning Assembly	439
Midweek Class	172

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 19, 2017

Singing - Isaac Walker

810 "Listen to Our Hearts"

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara

480 "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer - Steve Charnes

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

The Lord's Supper and Offering
Scotty Smith

860 "There Is a Habitation"
"There's a Stirring"

Message - Derek McNamara

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Invitation Song:

539 "Higher Ground"

Shepherd's Prayer - Phil Anderson

Him we proclaim,
warning everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom, that we may present
everyone mature in Christ.
~Colossians 1:28



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