

BRANDED!

As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 34:12 & 15

A shepherd owns the sheep and marks them. Although some sheep are branded, that's really not a popular thing because the branding can damage the wool. Even if the brand is placed through the wool and into the hide of the lamb, the wool can grow and cover the brand. Today their ears are pierced with identification tags, but that's a fairly modern invention.

For thousands of years, shepherds around the world marked their sheep by notching their ears with a sharp knife. Each shepherd had his own distinctive notch for the ear of his sheep. If sheep from different flocks gather in a common cluster, the shepherd can see which ones are his.

I think all of this is a lot like being a Christian. For Christians are also those who admit to being owned and marked by Jesus Christ--sometimes marked painfully through suffering and difficulty. It must be painful for Jesus Christ to allow those marks to be burned, pierced, and notched into our lives.

Yet, the marks of suffering are our marks of identity and purpose. For the purpose of life is not the pursuit of pleasure, the avoidance of adversity or the accumulation of wealth. The purpose of life is to connect with and be conformed to the image of Jesus. The purpose of the Christian's life is the maturing and the shaping of our faith. And to be honest, suffering shapes faith more than pleasure.

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith-- more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6-7



Grace & Peace
Derek

Family News & Notes

- **Richard Fraley** is recovering from knee replacement.
- **Joe Rodgers** is in Methodist University.
- **Carl Rounsaville** is recovering from a heart cath and the flu.
- **Louise Schmittou** is at home.

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, Eddie & Margaret Whalen, Lula Whittle, Jane Winstead.

REHAB:

HOSPICE CARE: Katie Culley, 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, Ann Woodson, .

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Lynn Bishop, Bubba Davis, Allyson Kelly, Sandra Morris, Jane Mullins, Willie Pyrdam, Steve Robbins, Terrance Simmons, Mike Wolbright.

TLC's

The TLC's will have their first Friday fellowship on **Friday, April 7**, beginning at **6:00PM**.

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.

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

April 2

10:00 (0-24 mos) Terri Pounders, Kimberly Williams, Kim Burrell
(2 years) Paula Miller, Catherine Davis
5:00PM: Kristi and Caroline Byrd

April 9

10:00 (0-24 mos) Dinah Glover, Courtney McCrory, Jordan McMillen
(2 years) Ginger Smith, Lillian Williams
5:00PM: Helen and Lindsey Brady

CONFERENCE CALL

Goodman Oaks is using a new sermon conference call phone number and access code. Callers will still be able to listen to our Sunday morning sermons with one major difference: listen-only mode.

Going forward, callers will dial **1-800-914-8405** and enter **4896244** to access the sermon conference call. Please share this new information with family and friends who aren't able to attend our Sunday morning service. Also, remember to use this conference call service if you are traveling, at home sick, or unable to attend our morning service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Ron Massey**.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 9**, for our GO Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will begin immediately after our AM worship, for all fourth grade and younger children. Remember to invite your family and friends to Sunday School and Worship Services. For more information please contact **Alan Underwood**.

World: Blessed are the self-confident because they rule the world.

Jesus: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

World: Blessed are the positive thinkers because they don't need anybody's comfort.

Jesus: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

World: Blessed are the cocky and assertive because they get what they want.

Jesus: Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

YOUTH NEWS

AREA WIDE

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

PIZZA NIGHT/PARENTEEN MEETING

Our next parents and teen meeting will be **Wednesday, April 5**, which is also our pizza night. Please make plans to be there. We will be discussing the summer calendar.

CAMP

If you haven't registered for camp yet please do so. Our camp week is **May 28-June 3**.

Sunday Conference call:

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

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

**RISE UP O MAN OF GOD
II TIMOTHY 1:3-8**

THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contributions:	
Sunday Offering	\$ 19,595
Weekly Budget	\$ 22,900
Attendance:	
Bible Class	378
Morning Assembly	528
Midweek Class	232

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 2, 2017

Singing - Todd Cottrell

“There's a Stirring”

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

Prayer - Jared McCormick

“You Are My All In All”

The Lord's Supper and Offering
Matthew Crowe

“Blessed Assurance”

“Wonderful Merciful Savior”

“The Battle Belongs to the Lord”

Message - Dr. Derek McNamara

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Invitation Song:

“Kneel At the Cross”

Shepherd's Prayer - Randy Denton

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

