

MY YOKE IS EASY

In the movie *The Mission*, which takes place in South America during the Spanish and Portuguese conquests of that continent, Robert DeNiro plays a hot-blooded slave trader, named Mendoza, who kills his brother in a sword duel for a woman. In remorse, he joins the Catholic priesthood, which leads him to travel with the priests to a remote mission, deep in the South American jungle.

The trail to the mission requires a dangerous climb alongside a waterfall to the top of a high cliff. Mendoza's journey is hampered by a bundle of a hundred pounds or more of junk, which he has been dragging behind him as a means of serving penance for his crime. Finally, as it becomes clear that the attempted ascent may well mean the death of Mendoza, one of the Jesuits draws a sword and hacks the cords binding DeNiro to his bundle of penance.

Mendoza cannot accept his release, though, and retrieves the bundle. It is only once he reaches the top and is amongst the native people he once hunted and enslaved, that one of them comes and cuts the cords which tie him to his guilt. The untethered bundle careens down the side of the cliff. It is a wonderfully symbolic scene, as the weight drops away, freeing the character of his self-imposed burden. Mendoza crumples to the ground, sobbing as he is comforted by the forgiving native who has set him free in forgiveness.

*"Come to me all who are heavy burdened and I will give you rest,
for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

I wonder how many people are carrying heavy burdens that they would cast off, if only they knew how?

I wonder how many people would embrace Jesus if they knew that he offers an invitation to come to him and trade in a "heavy" burden for a load that is "easy and light."

I wonder how many people take pride in their independence and refuse to be dependent on Jesus?

I wonder how many Christians removed their burden of sin in the grave of baptism, only to pick up the crippling weight again. Have You? Listen and accept the wonderful invitation of Jesus.

*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 ESV

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

- **Peggy Crouch** is recovering from surgery.
- **Haschal Golden** has suffered a heart attack.
- **Linda Holley** is recovering from tests done.
- **Linda Weatherford** is home recovering.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Herman Davis, Helen Denton, Danny Jackson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Tom MacMillan, Donna Meadows, Peggy McGowen, James Neal, Emily Ready, Jerry Richardson, Jack Usery, Jamie Vorhof, Linda Weatherford, Jane Winstead, Jeanette Williams.

REHAB: Cora Epperson

HOSPICE: Lula Whittle

SHUT-INS: Mary Lou Bennett, Valeria Canada, Lorene Edge, Cora Epperson, FM Hylander, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorenson, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Lynn Stalnaker, Helen Weathers.

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Pam Edwards, Mike Hasler, Zayden Huffman, Mary Jackson, Judy Lee, Sam Macmillan-deployed, Mike Massey, Jacob Maxwell-deployed, Sandra Morris, Terrance Simmons, Chris Weatherford, Ray Yearwood.

JULY BBQ

Today will be our annual 4th of July Picnic, which will follow immediately after the AM worship service in the FLC.

The menu will be BBQ, buns, sauce, cole slaw, baked beans, corn on the cob and cookies. To offset the cost of this meal we ask that **adults pay \$5**, kids **ages 4-10 pay \$3**, while children ages 3 and under are free.

There will be **no PM** service tonight.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, July 7 will be celebrating **Sallye Giles'** 80th birthday. Please come and join her celebration in the Foyer that day from **1:00PM—4:00PM**.

VBS JULY 15—18

- **Sunday, July 8**, is our VBS work day to start setting up.
- Members—please bring empty toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls. (We need about 300). We will have a bucket set up in the lobby with a sign to drop these in.

Invite a friend to Worship



Reminders . . .

TLC's First Friday Fellowship is Friday, July 6 at 6:00PM.

GOODMAN OAKS' SUMMER SCHEDULE LINE-UP

JULY 1

BBQ Picnic

JULY 13

Joyful Noise

JULY 15—18

Vacation Bible School

JULY 22

Senior Luncheon served by KFC'S

AUGUST 5

Back To School Party

THE 4TH OF JULY

Summer break is here! Children are already out of school and enjoying rest and play. The children who are still in school have joined them in spirit! The day teachers and students have counted down has finally come, although some parents are already counting the days until August.

Summer is an important time for families. It is the time most families travel and enjoy time together on vacations. Heat notwithstanding, it is a time of rejuvenation and rest.

The 4th of July falls on a Wednesday this year. This holiday is the highlight of the summer for many families. While we normally have Bible class on Wednesdays, on the 4th of July we will encourage and empower our members to spend time together with their families as they celebrate our national holiday.

Matthew

YOUTH NEWS

CANOE TRIP

Parents and teens be on the look for more information regarding our Canoe Trip that we will be taking on **Tuesday, July 10**. We will be sending out more information via remind and text messages.

REMIND

Parents and teens, please be sure to read ALL the remind messages and attachments. This is the vehicle we are using to keep you informed! If for some reason you are not receiving these please be sure to let Jared know.

VBS

Parents and teens, if you are helping with VBS you need to sign up for your t-shirt and meals. If you are helping with the skits please see Jared. If you are helping in another capacity you will need to sign up for that as well.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are honored with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God today.

- We have an attended **nursery** for **0-2 year olds** available off the foyer.
- **Children ages 3-5** will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper for Children's Church in **room # 21**. Pick up time is after the song of invitation.
- **Hearing assistance** is available at the sound booth.

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

"Celebrating Our Dependence On Jesus"

Romans 5:1—11

THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contribution:	
Sunday Offering	\$ 18,761
Weekly Budget	\$ 22,900
Attendance:	
Bible Class	324
Morning Assembly	514
Midweek Class	222



CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader - Todd Cottrell

970 "I'm Gonna View That Holy City"

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara

853 "When We All Get To Heaven"

Prayer - Lee Brady

490 "It Is Well With My Soul"

The Lord's Supper & Offering - Mike Reaves

71 "As The Deer"

2 "We Praise Thee, O God"

76 "How Great Thou Art"

Message - Dr. Derek McNamara

"Celebrating Our Dependence On Jesus"

Romans 5:1—11

Invitation Song - **903** "There Is Power In The Blood"

Shepherd's Prayer - Randy Denton

We proclaim Jesus,
warning everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom,
that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

~ **Colossians 1:28** ~

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