

2018 GOAL #1, MATURE IN JESUS

Step Two

We are committed to helping every member grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

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

Colossians 1:28

The label on the bottle said: "Blueberry Pomegranate, 100 percent juice, all natural." There was also a picture of a ripe pomegranate spilling its exotic, glistening seeds onto mounds of fat, perfect blueberries. And then I read the ingredients list: "Filtered water, pear juice concentrate, apple juice concentrate, grape juice concentrate." Where were the blueberries? Where was the pomegranate? Finally, I found them, fifth and seventh on a list of nine ingredients, after the mysteriously unspecified "natural flavors."

By law, food ingredients are listed in descending order of weight. That means a product contains the greatest proportion of the first ingredient on the list and successively less of those farther down. So according to this list, the jug in my hand held mostly water and other juices, with just enough blueberry and pomegranate for flavor and color. In the bottom corner of the front label, in small, easy-to-miss type, were the tell-tale words: "Flavored juice blend with other natural ingredients." The enticing pictures and clever labeling were decoys to sell a diluted, blueberry-pomegranate *flavored* product, convincingly disguised to look like something it wasn't. I put the juice back on the shelf.

I left the store empty-handed wondering, "What if I had an ingredients list printed on me?" Would Jesus be the main ingredient? If not, how far down the list would he be? Would my "label" accurately represent my contents? Or would I falsely project a misleading outward appearance that cleverly masked diluted ingredients?

As we begin 2018, let's make it a goal to be more than Jesus flavored, let's make it our goal to be Jesus filled.

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
Colossians 1:9-10

**Grace & 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

- **Haschal Golden** is in Baptist East room 2388.
- **Carolyn Albritton** is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- **Margaret Whalen** is in Baptist DeSoto recovering from hip surgery.
- **Alice Denton** has been suffering with kidney stones.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Cindy Caldwell, Herman Davis, Jim Hertter, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Donna Meadows, Peggy McGowen, James Neal, Jerry Richardson, Jamie Vorhof, Betty Walker, Linda Weatherford, Eddie & Margaret Whalen, Lula Whittle, Jeanette Williams, Jane Winstead

HOSPICE CARE: Katie Culley, Robert Coleman

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, Louise Schmittou, Helen Weathers

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Mike Hasler, Zayden Huffman, Melanie Keffer, Judy Lee, Terrance Simmons, Ray Yearwood

DEACON INSTALLATION

I am exciting about 2018. I want to encourage you to be with us for a special day next Sunday, January 7th. Next Sunday we will celebrate the installation of our new deacons and we will also affirm our existing deacons. I want to thank each of these men for their faith in Jesus Christ love of Goodman Oaks. I have been deeply encouraged by your positive response to the announcement of these new deacons. Let me encourage you to reach out to all these men with words of thanks and support and with and prayers of blessing.

NEW DEACONS

- Brad Branning
- Chris Bunker
- Alan Davis
- Michael Davis
- Rob Denton
- Ivan Gomez
- Adam Haney
- Tristan Johnson
- Andrew Laney
- Caleb McMillen
- Phil Thomas

PRESENT DEACONS

- Mike Allgeier
- Calvin Dean
- Nick Eddlemon
- David Herring
- Sonny Howell
- Mark Kimbell
- Charlie Moore

The fellowship meal to follow will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and rolls and we are asking the membership to provide the salads and desserts.

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP

Reminders . . .

 **TLC'S First Friday Fellowship is Friday, January 5, 2018 at 6:00PM.**

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 31—5th Sunday Contribution
No Evening Service

Monday, January 1—Happy New Year Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2—Office opens at 9AM
Encouragement Class resumes at 10AM

Sunday, January 7—Deacon Installation
with Fellowship Dinner, No Evening Service

FIFTH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

Today, December 31 is our **5th Sunday**. As you know we also set aside the contribution from our 5th Sunday to meet needs that are not in our annual budget. Goodman Oaks is blessed to have our facility paid off. This allows us to use a large portion of our contribution to do works of mercy and missions around the world, and around the country.

The proceeds of this 5th Sunday's collection will go to our many missions that we support and also to finish the beautification process around the building. May the Lord continue to bless you for your spirit of service and support.

BLESSED TO READ YOUR BIBLE IN 2018

We are doubly blessed. First, we are a highly literate church. The vast majority of us can read and write (though some of us struggle to spell). It is estimated that only 5% of people could read in the First Century, and only 2% of people could write.

Second, we all have access to our own printed Bibles and we access the Bible in numerous electronic formats. In the First Century God's Word was reproduced by hand. This was a very expensive process. The vast majority of copies of the Old Testament scrolls were owned not by an individual but by a community, they were owned by a synagogue. The cost was so large that a synagogue would often use their Old Testament scrolls for generations.

We are indeed doubly blessed. Blessed to own multiple copies of God's Word, blessed that we can read. But to be doubly blessed you have to read your Bible.

Go ahead, bless yourself, bless your family, bless the congregation as you read the Bible in 2018.



WELCOME, GUESTS!

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

- We have 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 # 19.
- 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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MINISTERS

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SHEPHERDS

Phil Anderson	Marty Brownfield	David Butler
Randy Denton	Jimmy Eddlemon	Richard Fraley
Dean Hasler	Tim Mobley	
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Today's Sermon by Dr. Derek McNamara

"KNOWING JESUS IN 2018"

PHILIPPIANS 3:1—9

THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contributions:	
Sunday Offering	\$ 21,411
Weekly Budget	\$ 22,900
Attendance:	
Bible Class	275
Morning Assembly	505
Midweek Class	NA

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ORDER OF WORSHIP December 31, 2017

Singing - Todd Cottrell

535, 895, 853 1 verse of each

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara

63 "I Will Call Upon The Lord"

Prayer - Kevin Suh

18 "Faithful Love"

The Lord's Supper and Offering
Milton Kuykendall

991 "This Is My Father's World"

96 "I Stand In Awe"

Words From The Elders

484 "You Are My All In All"

Message - Dr. Derek McNamara

"KNOWING JESUS IN 2018"

PHILIPPIANS 3:1—9

Invitation Song:

429 "Oh, To Be Like Thee"

Shepherd's Prayer - Tim Mobley

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~Colossians 1:28~

