

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. First Prayer	Justin Preaus
A.M. Closing Prayer	Mike Kerrigan
P.M. Prayer	Brian Braxton
P.M. Closing Prayer	John Earl Albritton
Lord's Table	* J. Rhodes, S. Richardson C. Cook, D. Dvorshock
Song Leader	Tracey Brantley
Greeters	J.E. & E. J. Albritton
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Nora Nunnery
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Joe Preaus (5-19-21)

Those to Serve Next Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Joe Preaus
A.M. Closing Prayer	Billy Anderson
P.M. Prayer	Ben Walker
P.M. Closing Prayer	Charlie Reeves
Lord's Table	* J. Preaus, D. Williams K. Everett, M. Kerrigan
Song Leader	Jim Rhodes
Greeters	Brian Braxton, Chris Cook
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Jean Futch
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Eddie Albritton (5-26-21)

Schedule of Events	
May 16th thru May 22nd	
May 16th 9:45 A.M.	Bible Class
10:45 A.M.	Worship
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
May 19th 12:30 P.M. Men's Prayer Group	
7:00 P.M.	Bible Classes
Benevolence: Ron Hudoba – 368-4886 Tracey Brantley – 368-9106	
VBS – Third week in June every year	

The Record Speaks	
Date	May 9, 2021
Bible Class	59
A.M. Worship	107
P.M. Worship	45
Contribution	--
Date	May 12, 2021
Wed. Attendance	58

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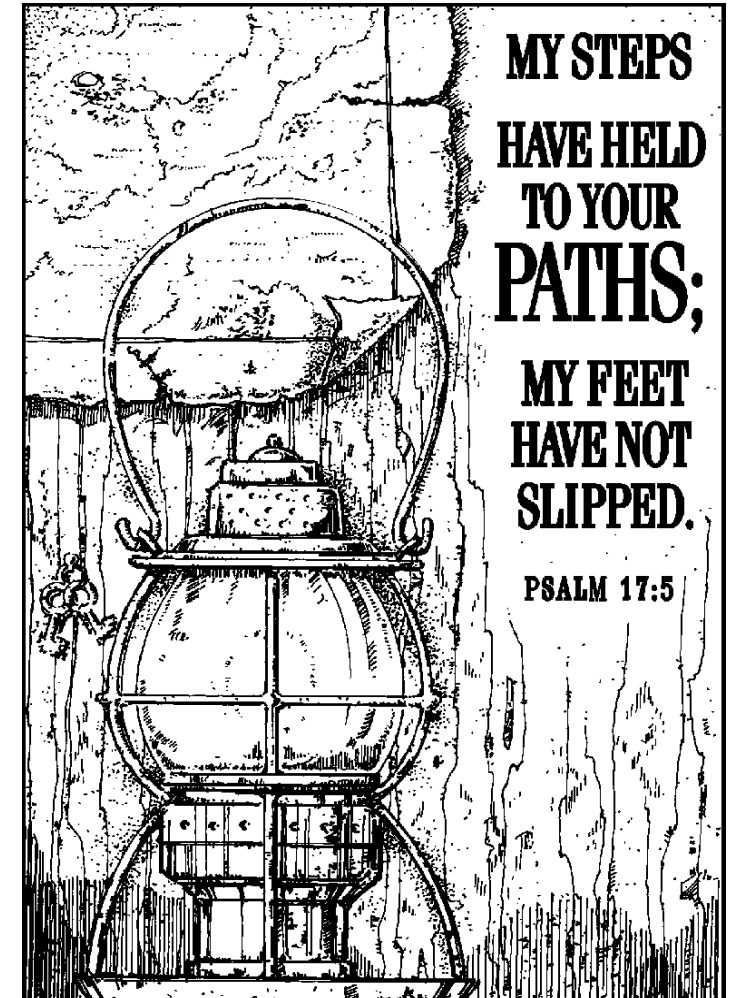
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The Speck

*“Why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye.”
Luke 6:41*

It was just a speck, a tiny foreign object flying through the air on a windy day while I was cutting the grass. Somehow that speck made its way into my left eye.

For the next few hours that little speck caused quite a bit of irritation. I tried washing it out. My wife, Sue, a nurse, tried everything she could think of. Finally, we went to a Med Center, where the medical personnel on duty couldn’t get it out either. Only after applying some ointment and waiting several more annoying hours did I get relief from the speck.

This tiny, nagging irritant made me think anew about Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 7 about criticizing others. My first thought was to be impressed with the practicality of Jesus’ illustration. Using the effective literary tool of hyperbole, or exaggeration, He explained for His listeners how foolish it is for a person to criticize someone without seeing that he or she is also guilty of error.

If you can find someone else’s little speck while ignoring the hunk of wood in your own eye, something’s wrong. It should be unthinkable to ignore our own faults while pointing out someone else’s. An attitude of self-righteousness has no place in the Christian life. That should be plain to see.
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Briers and Buttercups

The buttercups in our backyard were unusually bright and beautiful due to the generous amount of spring rain God sent our way. I wanted to take some pictures of them before they faded, but I had trouble getting close enough because they were growing in a very soggy wetland. One sunny afternoon, I pulled on a pair of boots and trudged through briers and brambles toward the buttercup bog. Before I got any pictures, I got muddy feet, multiple scratches, and numerous bug bites. But seeing the buttercups made my temporary discomfort worthwhile.

Much of life is about “getting through” trials and troubles that are inevitable in our sinful world. One of these trials is persecution. The disciples certainly found this to be true. They knew the good things that Jesus has ready for those who follow Him, but they met harsh resistance when they tried to tell others (Acts 14:5).

Those of us who have chosen God’s way, and know from experience that it’s “a more excellent way” (1 Cor. 12:31), will persevere even when we have to go through danger and difficulty. By doing so, we shows others a beautiful picture of God’s peace, mercy, and forgiveness. The joy that awaits will make our temporary discomfort worthwhile.
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You Need to Know

Birthdays this week:

Saturday, May 22 – Aubrey Wiens

Anniversary this week:

Thursday, May 20 – Jerry & Tammy Keene

We do not have enough teachers and therefore there are some Bible classes with a wide range of ages in them. Some subject matters and teachings may not always be appropriate for such a wide range of students. We ask that if there is anyone who is willing to teach that they would speak to Brian Braxton to find out more details. Teaching is usually thought of as being a work of the ladies, but that does not have to be the case...men can be teachers, too. Anyone who can, please consider helping out.

Bible class material for next quarter is in the library.

Congratulations to Alyssa Brantley. She will represent the 2021 graduating class of Union Parish High School as Valedictorian!

Please keep Tracey Brantley in your prayers. He will have prostate surgery on May 25th.

You are invited to honor Alayna Fuller and Fisher Powell on their upcoming wedding with a gift card to help them purchase housewares, hardware and essential items for their new home. You can give the cards to Betty Rhodes or Marilyn Preaus. They will be given to Alayna on Wednesday, June 2.

Those in Need of Special Prayer

Yyvern Taylor	Doris Roller
Mattie Gray Bird	Joe Albritton
“Bee” Stewart	“Hoss” Brantley
Letsy Everett	Pam Denton
Steve Brantley	Sherry Taylor
Morgan Preaus	Cooter Anderson
Pam Holloway	Bobby Fletcher
Elaine Brantley	Donald Reeves
Caden Wilson	Ben Nivens
Krew Martino	Roxanna Gill
Betty Perot	Asa Duty
Cathy Nall	Lorraine McDaniel
Misti Walker	Tracey Brantley
Fred Futch	Meade Phelps
William Wilson	Randy Stinson
Francis Jane Preaus	Tori Boyette
Ron Hudoba	

Rita Huffstutter- diagnosed with lymphoma. she is the mother of Jordan Anderson, Richard’s wife.

I’ve Learned...

I’ve learned that having a child falling asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I’ve learned that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I’ve learned that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I’ve learned that everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all happiness and growth occurs while you’re climbing it.

I’ve learned that I can always pray for someone when I don’t have the strength to help him in some other way.

I’ve learned that some people, no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty—they merely move it from their faces into their hearts.

I’ve learned that when you get to the end of your rope, you will find the hem of His garment.

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