



DEERFOOT NOTES



Notes From the Harp

What place does martyrdom have in the church? Naturally, we would all hope it had no place and that we could die in our sleep and live eternally with Christ. Do we have a guarantee that martyrdom will not take place to cut short our lives on this earth? This concept has been on my heart for some time. What would the early church have done when faced with martyrdom? What did the early church do when faced with an assailant who came among their number with the hopes of murdering them? We may think, "Well, this is only a new development in the church, right? The church never faced murder within their assemblies, did they?"

"But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison" (Acts 8:3).

Paul later said that prison was only part of this ravaging process. "I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women, as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness" (Acts 22:4,5a). So we see that the early church [the Way] in its infancy faced martyrdom. What was their response? Did they take it lying down? Did they fight back? You better believe they did. "Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). That word "preaching" in verse 4 literally means they "proclaimed the Good News." How is watching your loved ones, your Christian family, be ravaged and torn apart by one man, a time for "good news"?

Recently, I have only heard "bad news" from every media outlet. I have heard Christians discuss actions needed to ensure martyrdom does not happen. I have heard thanksgiving for being able to worship our God freely as we see fit. Would we still be thankful as we worship God and someone uses their freedom to disrupt our own?

Are we prepared to defend the truth to the point of death like Stephen did? What place does martyrdom have in the church? "And they (the church) have conquered him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short" (Revelation 12:11-12)! Satan is the enemy, and the arsenal of preparation he fears most is a soul prepared for Heaven. Are you prepared?

- Richard

November 12, 2017

WELCOME TO THE DEERFOOT CONGREGATION

We want to extend a warm welcome to any guests that have come our way today. We hope that you enjoy our worship. If you have any thoughts or questions about any part of our services, feel free to contact the elders at:

elders@deerfootcoc.com

CHURCH INFORMATION

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SERVICE TIMES

Sundays:
Worship 8:00 AM
Worship 10:00 AM
Bible Class 5:00 PM

Wednesdays:
7:00 PM

SHEPHERDS

John Gallagher
Rick Glass
Sol Godwin
Skip McCurry
Doug Scruggs
Darnell Self
Jim Timmerman

MINISTERS

Richard Harp
Tim Shoemaker
Johnathan Johnson
Ray Powell

The Next two weeks we will seek to answer two questions:

- What does money purchase _____ the fellowship?
- What does money purchase _____ the fellowship?

1. S _____ purchased the c _____ of J _____
 - Matthew 27: _____; 1 Timothy 6:9- _____
2. S _____ purchased the b _____ of J _____
 - Matthew 27: _____ (Deuteronomy 23:18 for the evening discussion)
3. S _____ purchased a f _____ for s _____
 - Matthew 27: _____
4. S _____ purchased p _____
 - Matthew 27: _____; Ephesians 1: _____

8:00 AM Service

Welcome

Opening Prayer
Ancel Norris

Lord Supper/Offering
Chad Key

Scripture Reading
Derrill Pepper

Sermon

Elder of the Week
8 AM Darnell Self
10 AM Skip McCurry
5 Pm Rick Glass

Baptismal Garments for
November

Susan Harper

10:00 AM Service

Welcome

290 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
288 I Need Thee Every Hour

Opening Prayer
Brandon Cacioppo

444 Nailed to the Cross

Lord's Supper/Offering
Michael Dykes

299 I Stand Amazed
291 I Know Not Why God's Wondrous
Grace

Scripture Reading
Robert Taylor-Whitman

Sermon
380 Just as I Am

5:00 PM Service
Casey Mann

DOM for November
Cobb, Cosby, Dykes

Bus Drivers

November 12 Don Young 441-6321
November 19 Steve Maynard 332-0981

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Greeters November 12, 2017

IMPACT GROUP 2

Tim Shoemaker

DISCERNING THE SIGNS

In Matthew 16:2, 3 Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for their ability to discern the signs to determine the weather but they could not discern the sign of the times. **"He answered and said to them, 'When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; 3 'and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times."** The "signs" is from the Greek word semeion. It is a word used of miraculous acts that serve as tokens of Divine authority and power. Such signs were used to prove that Jesus was the Son of God, that what He said was the truth. But the word was also used of the non-miraculous to distinguish one person or thing from another. For example when the angels announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds, they said, **"And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger"** (Luke 2:12).

Jesus' condemnation of those Pharisees was because they were able to discern the signs of nature but they were not able to discern the spiritual signs of that time. The clear implication that Jesus made to those Pharisees was that if they spent as much time in discerning the signs of the time as they did in discerning the signs of the weather they could have known who Jesus really was.

For example there was the sign of Elijah. Malachi had prophesied that before the coming of the messiah, God would send Elijah to prepare the way. John the baptizer was the one who came in the spirit of Elijah. Jesus taught this truth telling, **"For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. 14 'And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come'"** (Mt. 11:13, 14).

Then in Luke's account Jesus concludes with this message, **"Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right? 58 'When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. 59 'I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite."**

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PANTRY ITEMS:

Canned Hams and Chicken
We are in need of extra food with the holidays coming. Please pick up extras when you are shopping

Wednesday Night Meal

Please sign up in foyer before Wed. so Kitty will know how much food to prepare. Dinner is served at 6 pm. The cost is \$5.00 each

November 8, 2017

Chicken Parmesan, Salad, Garlic Bread, Drinks & Dessert



Upcoming Events for the Youth
Sign up for exposure in the foyer

Hospital / Rehab List

Ron Fields—surgery Nov. 17
Marion George—recovering at home
Kim Green surgery on hip—recovering at home
Jaelyn Neal—surgery on Nov.14
Rachel Sellers Fell and Broke her arm, surgery Nov. 15

Our Honored Guests 11 -05- 2017

In Town: Eddie & Sherry Cooper, Jetta Dojka, Stacy & Natanya Marable, Josh Reid, Jamie Ruff, Lane McAlpin, Johnny & Jessica Parrish

Out of Town: Roy Bozeman, Ruby Bozeman Long, Terry & Berth Dyer, Dusty, Jake, Jace Parker, Kaci Rudd

ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER 29, 2017
AM 464 PM 278

Weekly Purpose:

\$18,019.00

Contribution

\$22,526.00

Contribution YTD:

\$840,172.00

Purpose YTD:

\$792,836.00

Average Weekly YTD:

\$19,095.00

Mission Sunday:

\$91,719.00

Week 44



Sympathy

To the family of Alan Van Horn (Janice), Jerry Van Horn, Phillip Van Horn (Charlotte) , Caitlyn & Christian at the passing of Jerry Van Horn Sr. His funeral was Thursday in Trussville.



COOKIES FOR THE MILITARY

TODAY

Package 6 of the same cookies per bag
Please leave in the fellowship hall

Thank You

Deerfoot Church of Christ, Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, calls and beautiful cards. Your kindness and concern was very much appreciated. In Christian Love,

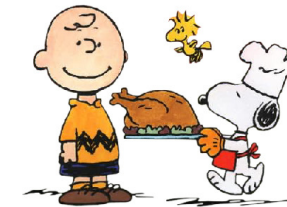


Belize Campaign

If you signed up for the Belize Campaign, March 23-30, 2018. Please give your \$100 deposit to Gary Cosby. Deposit due by December 3, 2017. Total cost \$753.00

CIA THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Tuesday, November 14
Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish, dessert and drinks for our CIA luncheon. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to class.



EDUCATION MEETING

TODAY @ 4 PM
IN THE DEAF CLASSROOM



Rainbow Omega Christmas Poinsettia

Order forms are in the foyer
Payment is due with orders

Deadline—TODAY

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you all for the love and support you have shown me concerning the death of my sister. I sincerely appreciate all of the texts, calls, thought, prayers and cards that I have received. The people that make up this Church are truly amazing and are wonderful examples of God's love. I am very blessed to be loved by so many caring people.

God bless each of you!

With Love,
Robin Groom

Hygiene Items for Prison

I want to thank the church leadership for allowing me to announce for donations to contribute hygiene items for the inmates at Holman. This has truly been a blessing to these inmates and it is my hope that you will allow me to do this again soon, and hopefully every six months. This has been a tremendous tool for reaching some of these guys, and helping curtail the violence. Thanks again for allowing these donations to be collected at Deerfoot. Please continue to pray for the inmates and our staff.

In Christian Love,
Terry Raybon Correctional Warden 11
Holman Correctional

Regular Size Lotion
Powder Deodorant (like Degree or Sure, etc.)
Tooth Paste
Soap/Body wash
Shampoo

We are collecting for both men and women for the holidays. Please leave in the baskets marked for men and women.

Prayers

Faye Bradford
Steve & Nancy Brown
Nancy Clements
Ed & June Cooper
Dot Davison
Jean Dickerson
Donna Dickerson
Graydena Dillbeck
Libby Edgeworth
Marion George
Beth Goodwin
Susan Goodwin
Willie Jenkins
Randy Johnson
Lucille Large
Frances Love
Glenn May
June Moore
Bobbie Naish
Ruby Norris
Helen Richards
Brown Rogers
Anne Powell
George Shoemaker
Lana Spencer
Buddy Summers
Gloria Summers
Nell Thomas
Robert Thorne
Barbara Whisenhunt
Billy White

Friends & Family

Sherry Malone (Billy Sims' Daughter)
Laurel Webb (daughter of Phillip & Rebekah Gray)
Julia Kenndy (Vistor who needs a kidney transplant)
Sharon Windham (Carolyn Windham daughter in Law)
Diedra Fields Sanderson (daughter of Ron & Barbara Fields)
Wayne Peoples (Father -in-law of Kevin Wilson our police officer)
Kathy Roy (daughter of Sol & Ellen)
Kelly Campbell (Niece of Nancy Brown)
Margaret Johnson (Friend of Bev Key)
Peggy Chaney (Sis-in-law of Charlie Chaney)
Taylor Fricke (deployed to Mosul, Iraq)
Betty Trull (sister of Sandra Singer & Sue Rawls)
Annie Wichman (grandmother of Josh Gregg's friend)
Christiane Carter (Cousin of Robin Spitzley)
Bob Plunk (Donna & Tim Shoemaker Bro -in-law)
Becky Tuggle (Daughter of Charles Tuggle)
Natasha & Khloe Champion (Daughter & Granddaughter of Don Champion)
Rachelle Taylor (Grand dau-in-law of Mona Jenkins)
Catherine Southhall & Charlotte Powell (Sisters of Linda Norwood)
Joe Norwood (Brother of Linda Norwood)
Charles Murrell (Cousin of Ellen Godwin)
Paulette Thomas (sister of Van Powell)
Lucas Adkinson (Grandson of Billie & Mark Adkinson)
Al Joynes (Father of Kathy Crawford)
Jason Smith (Former Member)
Leroy & Jean Owens (Parents of Jill Williams)
Tony Crumbley (former member)
Bobby Fuller (Mike McGill & Judy Mixon's uncle).
Faye Powell (Ray's mother)

***Our prayer list is updated monthly.