

# Vancleave Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter

*Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and local Christian ministry*

October 31, 2021

*Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:3*

## **I Don't Know** by Duane Patton

I recall the teaching of the late Thomas B. Warren who, during an illustration of evidence for the existence of God and the acceptance of the Gospel of Christ, asked a member of the audience to step forward and place a mark on the board beside a statement that best described his own belief. On the board were three statements regarding knowledge, and beside each entry was a box in which the guest would mark his/her choice. The first statement was "I know everything," the second was "I know nothing," and the third selection read, "I know something." Surely, you can correctly guess which statement was selected. If you guessed the third one, you are absolutely right, and so was the audience member. In fact, all who were in that meeting could have and would have been bound by conscience to have marked the exact same statement. Why?

The answer is at first obvious. No one on earth has ever had or will ever have the natural ability to know everything – this is a fact far too evidential to argue, regardless of the intellectual prowess of some. An entry on the second selection would simply be self – contradictory as one could not possibly respond in any way at all if he / she knew nothing. This leaves only the third statement as a possibility. But, it is the third selection that forces every accountable person to wrestle not merely with knowledge of a general nature about things mundane and temporal. Indeed, it is the case that the ability to know at least something leads our hearts to learn and to know the truth about God, mankind, sin, death and eternal life made possible by the loving purpose of God and Jesus' commitment to the cross! If we can know one thing, maybe we can know far more.

While it is altogether true that I don't know everything, and I most certainly cannot say that I know nothing, God has given me the ability to know at least *something*. God wants us to know that He loves us and that by faith in His Son, we can also come to know His love for us and so that we can share in the glory of eternal life!

"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

(John 17:3, NAS)

## Seeking first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness...

### Services:

#### Sunday

9:00 AM Bible Class  
10:00 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

#### Wednesday:

6:00 PM  
Prayer & Bible Study

### Local Works of Faith:

Sunnybrook Children's Home  
Gulf Coast Bible Camp  
Local Food Pantry  
Annual Youth Events  
Back-Pack Buddies  
The Gospel of Christ TV (Fox 25)  
(Every Sunday at 6:30 AM)

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## Prayer Requests and Announcements

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry. ~ Psalms 34:15

### Recent Prayer Requests:

**Harvey Goldensup:** Hospitalized with multiple, serious medical issues. His family has asked for our prayers.

**Pat Ramsey:** Surgery went well, 6 to 8 weeks of rehabilitation to come. Continue in prayer for Pat.

**Lisa Ladner:** Recently lost her daughter. Let's remember her as she and the family grieve.

**Mark Damron:** Regional Director at Clinic where brother Quave works, has lung and stomach cancer.

**Natalie May:** Sick with pneumonia and other complications. She is from Starkville, MS.

**Julie Kvale:** (Scott Khiekafer's sister): Passed way last week. Please pray for God's comfort and strength.

**Joan Martin:** Recently diagnosed with cancer; is having some trouble with treatment. Prayers needed.

**Weldon McAdams:** Fell off a ladder and broke his hip. He is recovering well, but needs our prayers.

Others: \_\_\_\_\_

Earl and Linda Kenney	Jerry and Virginia Mobley	Wayne and Lanette Girod		
Tonya Organ	Lou Dick	Mike Kenney	Cathleen Nicholson	Roy Corbin
Mary Culbreth	Gayle Sexson	Rick Bedwell	Mary McDaniel	Cindy Stevens

*Have requests or other announcements? Send email to [vcocministry@vancleavemchurch.org](mailto:vcocministry@vancleavemchurch.org)*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Photos:** Please see Wade Phillips if you need to have your picture taken for our photo board. Thank you!

**Annual Fall Hayride: THIS EVENING, Sunday 31 October!** Finger foods to follow!

**WEEKLY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT: The Lord will never leave nor forsake His people.**

"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning;

Great is Your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'Therefore I hope in Him!'"

(Lamentations 3:22-24; NKJV)

### Daily Bible Reading Plan for 2021 Week 42

**MONDAY**     **Matthew 9-10**

What, to you, might be some of the most difficult aspects of following Jesus?

**TUESDAY**     **Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17**

Think about how you would have felt if you had witnessed Jesus' transfiguration.

**WEDNESDAY**     **John 6**

Do you think it was difficult at that time for people to believe in Jesus?

**THURSDAY**     **Matthew 15; Mark 7**

Have you had such a need as the Canaanite woman, wanting even the smallest of blessings?

**FRIDAY**     **Matthew 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27**

What made Peter's attitude or words so wrong in this passage?

**SATURDAY**     **Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62**

Can we today become like children in the way Jesus intended? If so, how?

**SUNDAY**     **Matthew 18**

Have you ever been an unmerciful servant, or seen one in action? What happened?

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalms 119:105*