

# Vancleave Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter

*Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and local Christian ministry*

September 5, 2021

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 18:21

## Never a Man Spake *by Duane Patton*

Lately, it seems, the words of men have taken on a quality of confusion and have sown much doubt in the hearts of many. From health matters to politics and matters of economics and the environment, it has been quite a roller coaster ride of sorts. Not knowing who to believe or trust takes a toll on human emotions, leaving many to feel helpless – similar to the effects of a ship with no rudder or sail. Having no direction or motivation was certainly not characteristic of our Lord. In fact, on one occasion, the local authorities reported to the religious leaders of Jerusalem concerning the distinctive and somewhat disturbingly clear teachings of Jesus, saying “Never man spake like this man” (John 7:6, KJV). What Jesus taught was so hard-hitting, true and spiritually moving that the text earlier indicated the following:

“Many of the people [said], ‘Of a truth this is the Prophet.’ Others said, ‘This is the Christ.’ But some said, ‘Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?’ So there was a division among the people because of Him. And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on Him.” (John 7:40-44, KJV)

The words of Jesus moved people to action. Some were moved to obedience because their consciences were convicted about their sins – these were humble enough to recognize their need for salvation. Others, whose hearts were hardened by sin, refused to yield to the Lord, not recognizing their ultimate, eternal loss from forfeiting God’s grace. Today, Jesus’ words are as distinctive, clear and true as they were long ago. Let us all recognize the value of heartfelt obedience and be saved!

“The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” (John 6:63b)

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

### Schedule of Services:

#### **Sunday**

9:00 AM Bible Class  
10:00 AM Worship  
6:00 PM Worship

#### **Wednesday:**

6:00 PM  
Prayer, Bible Study, Devotional

### 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

### Foreign Missions:

Guyana, South America  
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# Prayer Requests and Announcements

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

## Recent Requests:

**Richard Wood** recently passed away. Let's remember the Wood family in our prayers. Also, **Peggy Wilson**, wife of a cousin of Ellen Wages, passed away from Covid-19 Friday. Jerry and Ellen are traveling for funerals. Prayers are needed at this time.

**Adam Majors** passed away recently. Please remember Lacey Majors and Carla Clayton and family.

**Mary McDaniel:** Susanne Samples mother, has blood pressure issues. Prayers are welcomed.

**Christy Brown:** Recently fell and severely hurt her head. She would appreciate our continued prayers.

**Wade and Joanna Phillips:** Traveling over the next several days. Let's remember them as they communicate their recent work with their overseeing / home church at Ekmont, Ga.

*Let's remember the victims of the recent storm, and let's be sure earnestly pray for God's providence over the many difficulties our nation and the world at large is now facing.*

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

## Continue to remember these:

<b>Scott Brown</b>	<b>Amy Stevens</b>	<b>Rick Bedwell</b>	<b>Grant Lavoto</b>
<b>Mike Kenney</b>	<b>Frank Sentelle</b>	<b>Nic Wages</b>	<b>Taylor Manning</b>
<b>Dino Vechio</b>	<b>Jerry and Virginia Mobley</b>	<b>Earl and Linda Kenney</b>	

If you have any updates / corrections on any prayer requests or other announcements, please share them by sending an email to [vco\\_christ@att.net](mailto:vco_christ@att.net) or simply text or leave a voice message at 601-436-0868.

**WEEKLY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT: All things change in this life...except the promises of God.**

"For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen..."

(2 Corinthians 1:20, NKJV)

## Daily Bible Reading Plan for 2021

Week 35

MONDAY	Ezekiel 5-8	What will our modern world look like if God brings His temporary judgment on it?
TUESDAY	Ezekiel 9-12	How does God treat people who repent though they are in a nation being judged?
WEDNESDAY	Ezekiel 13-15	What do the Scriptures say that the hearts of these idol worshippers like?
THURSDAY	Ezekiel 16-17	What do you make of the last image found in the readings?
FRIDAY	Ezekiel 18-19	Reviewing chapter 18, how would you describe personal accountability before God?
SATURDAY	Ezekiel 20-21	In view of 20:32, how might our nation be similarly pressured?
SUNDAY	Ezekiel 22-23	How can we be sure not to upset God to this degree today?

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