

# Vancleave Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter

*Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and local Christian ministry*

May 29, 2022

*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:20-24*

## Do This in Remembrance of Me by Duane Patton

**O**ur Lord, Jesus Christ, on the same night He was betrayed, established among His followers the observance of what Scriptures call, the Lord's Supper (see **1 Corinthians 11:20**). On that night, during the traditional Passover Feast of the Jews, Jesus instituted something both new and unique for those whose hearts were already and would soon be even closer knit together by faith in Him. Note the following passage.

"...as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.'" (**Matthew 26:26-28**, NKJV)

Soon after this, Jesus would be tortured and slain, offering His own blood as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world (**1 John 2:1-3**; cf. **Romans 5:1-5**). One might imagine that such a horrible death as Jesus experienced could not be easily forgotten, especially within the lifetime of those members of the early church! Yet, so important was this holy observance that the apostle, Paul, encouraged the church at Corinth to recall the words of Jesus regarding the supper. In fact, we might not have even known the Lord said the following words except the apostle wrote them in this first letter to the Corinthians. Consider the words of Christ's humble ambassador:

"For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is My body, which is for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**' In the same way He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood; **do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.**' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" (**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**, NAS, emph. added, DP).

Over the centuries, men and women have voluntarily offered their lives to secure many human freedoms given by God – freedoms to be enjoyed by all. We ought to be forever grateful for their sacrifices and never take the freedoms we enjoy for granted; not one of them has been easily secured. Moreover, we ought to be even more thankful for the eternal freedom Jesus secured for our souls when He offered up Himself as a payment for our sins (**Hebrews 7:27; 9:12; Ephesians 5:1, 2; Romans 6:23**). Today, and always, let's never forget the love God demonstrated toward us in the sending of His unique Son to be come like us, to destroy sin for us, and to rise from the grave offering hope to all who put their trust in Him! Do this in remembrance of Him!

## Seeking First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness

### Services:

#### Sunday:

9 AM Bible Class

10AM Worship

6 PM Worship

#### Wednesday:

6 PM Prayer

& Bible Class

### 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

(Every Sunday at 6:30 AM, Fox 25)

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## Recent Prayer Requests & Announcements



**Lew and Bette Dick:** Have traveled to Indiana. Let us pray for their safe return.

**Cindy Stevens:** Suffers from severe allergies and Gastrointestinal issues. Prayers are welcomed.

**Wayne Girod:** Suffering from bruised ribs but is recovering well.

**Mary Alice Kenney:** To remain in Butterfield Trails assisted living facility for 2-3 weeks, then home.

**The Families of lost loved ones** in Uvalde, Tx need our prayers. May God empower our brethren there to assist where they can.

**Wade and Joanna Phillips** will soon return from their work in Guam. The elders have asked brother Wade to report on the Guam mission and to preach, also. This is scheduled for next Sunday, 5 June.

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

*Please refer to previous Newsletter for those who need continued prayers*

Darlene Guston	Gayle Williams	Norma Jean Hart	Elsie Ashcraft
Linda Kenney	Earl Kenney	Keiundra Huddleston	Cindy Stevens
Kimi Atkins	Charlie Tanner	Judy Hinton	Liz Logan
Heath Smith	Ron Webb		

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## **Rightly Dividing the Word**

*A weekly synopsis of every book of the Bible with a memory verse designed to increase our faith*

**Esther:** The events recorded in Esther occurred in Persia during the reign of Ahasuerus (Xerxes) from 483-473 B.C. Insert these events between Ezra, Chapter's 6 and 7. There is no mention of the name of God in the book. The book of Esther tells of a Jewish orphan who became Queen of Persia and saved the entire Jewish nation from extinction by the wicked plans of a Persian noble named, Haman. If the Hebrew nation had been wiped out of existence at this time (some 500 years prior to Christ coming into the world) this would have changed the eternal destiny of all humans. The bravery of a Hebrew maiden, encouraged by her uncle, Mordecai, helped to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and Savior of mankind!

*This week's memory verse:*

*"...who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*

(Esther 4:14b, NKJV)



Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth. ~ 2 Timothy 2:15