

**2024**  
**UNITED TOGETHER WITH CHRIST**

**A Model for Encouragement**  
Heb 10:23-25

- I. Life is full of discouragements
  - A. Matt 7:14 God doesn't promise an easy path.
  - B. God charges us with encouraging one another
    - 1. Heb 10:24-25 We are to consider how to do so
    - 2. 1 Thes 5:11 Paul's charge to the Thessalonians
  
- II. 1 Thes 2:13-3:13 Paul's example is a model for how we can encourage one another
  - A. 2:13 Recognize what others are doing right
  - B. 2:14-16 Acknowledge the difficulties others are enduring
    - 1. But also remind one another that God is there for us
  - C. 2:17-18 Be present
    - 1. Matt 25:34-40 God expects us to show up for one another
  - D. 2:19 Remind one another of our heavenly hope
  - E. 2:20 Tell others they are loved and appreciated
  - F. 3:1-5 Freely sacrifice for one another
  - G. 3:6-9 Tell others *how* they make a difference
  - H. 3:10-13 Pray for one another

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**SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday</b>	
Bible Classes for all ages	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Bible Classes for all ages	6:30 p.m.

**ELDERS AND STAFF**

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**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

Bible Hour Cheryl Bliss	
ELDER for May	Eric Bliss
LADIES COMMITTEE for May	Alora Cottam



**MAY 12**

**Order Of Worship**

- Song Leader: Russell Capshaw
- Welcome.....Eric Bliss
- 15 Praise The Lord  
929 Glorify Your Name
- Prayer.....Dave Gastellum
- 916 Come Share The Lord
- Lord's Supper.....Dale Donaghe
- 687 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus
- Offering.....Mike Darnton
- 717 Victory In Jesus
- Scripture Reading.....Shawn Johnson
- Morning Service....."A Model for Encouragement" .....  
with Mike Bryant
- 610 Take My Hand, Precious Lord  
829 Mansion Over The Hilltop
- Closing Prayer.....Jerry Hopkins
- Potluck Following Morning Worship.....

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**May 19th** Morning Class @ 9:30 AM  
Worship @ 10:30 AM  
Potluck Directly After Morning Worship

21st Cienna Gutierrez's birthday  
22nd Wednesday Evening Class @ 6:30 PM  
24th Bob Chadwick's birthday  
25th Men's Breakfast @ Tom's @ 8:30 AM

## MONTHLY POTLUCK

Our monthly potluck is today following morning services. A short devo will directly follow the potluck. If you have any questions, please see Alora Cottam.

## BRIDGE HOUSE SIGN-UPS

There are Bridge House sign-up sheets in the foyer for the meal that is to be served May 25th. Please take a minute & see how you can help.

## A BIG THANK YOU

Buzz and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for our sister Zelma. They were a source of strength and comfort to her and her family. Also, thank you for the prayers for safe travel for me. Love Buzz & Ethel



## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Follow your heart BUT take your brain with you.

## SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

*He who walks with the wise grows wise, BUT a companion of fools suffers harm. ~ Proverbs 13:20*

## PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

-**Tony Stoffel** went to ER @ Lompoc hospital last Saturday with a possible heart attack. Once he was admitted, more tests were run & it was discovered he has cancer on his kidney & lungs. He has many appts. coming up. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Please keep **Roy Senior** in your prayers as he tested positive for Covid & battles a viral infection in his lungs. Pray he is better soon.

-**Shelli Donald's** daughter **Rhiannon & Colby, Georgia & Henry** welcomed a new baby boy Monday morning. He weighed 9 lbs., 2 oz., & was 22" long. Everyone is doing well. The name has not been shared yet.

-Please keep **Brian Donaghe** in your prayers as he is vacationing at National parks this year. Prayers for safe travels.

-**Shawn B Johnson** asked for prayers for all those family members that do not walk with the Lord. Prayers that their hearts will be changed.

-Please keep **Sandy & Jerry Hopkins** in your prayers as **Sandy** finishes her last 3 Chemo treatments this month. Also, keep **Jerry** in your prayers with his upcoming hip surgery June 4th.

-**Karen Anderson** phoned in last week that she is struggling with her arthritis & other issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

-**Shannon Cottam** asked for prayers for **Alora** & her struggles she continues to have. Please keep her in your prayers.

-**Tom Gastellum** was able to go home from the hospital last weekend. Please keep he & Kay, as well as **Dave & Cheryl** as they continue to coordinate their care.

-Please keep **Danny Donaghe** in your prayers. He caught a cold & went into Lompoc hospital for a few days for precautionary measures but is home now. Please keep him in your prayers.

-**Debbie T Nelson** asked for prayers for **Jerry & Johnie Brandon**. They both have their own health challenges. **Johnie** was released from her facility only to fall & fracture her hip in the driveway. She is back in under care.

-Please continue to keep **Billie Jean Chadwick** in your prayers as she waits for test results & her next appt. with the pulmonologist. May the time pass quickly & that the doctor will have some answers for her.

## ENCOURAGING WORDS

### The Almighty Needs You!

There is a sense in which God needs nothing, for He is the source of all things. Yet the Bible shows that our Lord's eternal plan involves us. Before the world began, He devised this plan and we must never lose sight of **our place** in the scheme of redemption. As strange as it may seem—the Lord needs you.

Consider the events in Gethsemane. Jesus was facing His torturous death and came to that garden where He often went to pray. Leaving the disciples, He asked two things of them—pray that you do not enter into temptation and watch with me. He then went a short distance away from them and prayed fervently.

**The Almighty needed men to strengthen Him.** After His first prayer in the garden, He returned to the disciples, only to find them asleep. Why did He go to them? Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that while they slept an angel came to strengthen, encourage and comfort Him (**Luke 22:34**). The angel supplied what He needed, but do not miss the point—the Lord, who rules over all angels, needed His disciples. *The Almighty needs you!*

**The Almighty needs you to serve Him.** It is hard to imagine that One served by myriad of angels needs more servants, but it is true. We sing about this often. Think about the words of hymns we sing, "I'll do what He may bid me; I'll go where He may send..." His eternal plans involve your service. The service of angels is not enough. *The Almighty needs you!*

**The Almighty needs you to be His messenger.** Think again of the vast number of angels who praised the Lord at His birth. They were heaven's messengers to tell the shepherds that the Savior had come. Yet God in His plan had other messengers to let the rest of the world know of His coming. His disciples were told to go to every nation and tell them about Jesus. Those converted were to then become messengers to others, and that chain reaches all the way to us. You are His "angel" to the lost around you. *The Almighty needs you!*

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