

God said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him". In Hebrews 1:1-2, we read "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds". Christ is God's spokesman today. What He says in His Word is true, good, and right. When seeking spiritual direction and guidance in life, we must look for it in the right place and from the right One. It is only by looking to the Lord and His Word that we can find the help we need in this life to prepare for the way to Heaven.

As sinners (Romans 3:23; 6:23) we need salvation. Jesus has said in His Word how we can have it. Only by believing in Him (John 8:24), repenting of sins (Luke 13:3), confessing Him (Matthew 10:32-33), and being baptized can salvation be ours (Mark 16:15-16). After becoming a child of God, we must live a faithful and dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 16:13). Is this the one and only way to Heaven? Yes, because Jesus said it, in His Word.-- Jerry Joseph

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY BIBLE

CLASS 10:00 AM

"Study of Mark"

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM

**"What Is Necessary to Genuine
Repentance"**

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM

"Congregational Obligations—1"

Wednesday 7:00 PM

**"Why Bad Things Happen
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“EXHORT ONE ANOTHER” *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Hebrews 3:13 reads, “*but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*” The Word “exhort” is used fourteen times in the English New Testament. The Greek word is *parakaleo* (par-ak-al-eh'-o) and, has several uses in the New Testament. Thayer says, “it combines the ideas of exhorting and comforting and encouraging.” (Romans 12:8).

The Hebrew writer indicates in Hebrews 3:13 that exhortation is something Christians are to do for one another. This exhortation is necessary in avoiding the hardening power and deceitful nature of sin.

The inspired Paul often used the word exhort when addressing the church. To the church in Corinth Paul wrote, “*Therefore I thought it necessary to **exhort** the brethren....*” (2 Cor. 9:5). To the church in Thessalonica Paul wrote, “*Finally then, brethren, we urge and **exhort** in the Lord Jesus....*” (1 Thess 4:1a). Paul wrote to Timothy to “*...teach and **exhort** these things*” (1 Timothy 6:2) and to “*Convince, rebuke, **exhort**, with all longsuffering and teaching*” (2 Timothy 4:2). One of the qualifications for elders found in Titus 1:9 is they must be “*holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to **exhort** and*

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Hayes Grady, Marie and Roy Wyatt, Dave and Ann Thompson, Joan Lathrop, and Wanda Barrett.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Tonya Morris, Teri Mercer, Patrice Wyatt, Jackie Hern-don, Janice Canter, and Peyton Mays (Cancer).

PANTRY ITEMS July 2025: 6-Toliet Tissue; 13-Bath Soap; 20-Shmpoo; 27-Toothpaste.

July 2025 ANNIVERSERIES: None **BIRTHDAYS:** 7-Chad Canter; 18-Hayes Grady.

AREA EVENTS: Gospel Meeting Dexter church of Christ, July 27-30 with Luke Puckett. Sunday 9:30 & 10:30 am and 7:30 pm. Mon-Wed 7:00 pm.

THOSE TO SERVE JULY 2025

Announcements: James

Preside at Lord’s Table AM: Mike & Russell

Preside at Lord’s Table PM: 6-Chad; 13-Russell; 20-Chad; 27-Rissell

Opening Prayer AM: 6-Bobby; 13-Jonnie; 20-Jimmy; 27-Perry.

Closing Prayer AM: 6– Roy; 13-Dave; 20-Jesse; 27-Junior.

Lead Singing: AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: Mike and Russell

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convict.” In reference to not forsak-ing the assembly the Hebrew writer says to be “*exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching*” (Hebrews 10:25).

Hebrews 3:13 speaks to the frequency of exhortation in the words “*exhort one another daily.*” This testifies to the need and im-portance of exhortation. Christians are faced daily with making proper decisions that are pleasing to God. Exhortation from good brethren can help us to make right choices and avoid the sorrow of wrong choices. We must depend upon one another for encouragement and comfort as

we face the struggles and trials of this life.

As the recipients of exhorta-tion provided by faithful brothers and sisters in Christ, we should re-joice knowing that their exhortation is motivated by love and deep con-cern for our spiritual welfare. When Paul ended his second letter to the church in Corinth he **exhorted**, “*Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.*” Let us receive this wonderful exhor-tation and apply it by exhorting one another to continued faithfulness.

SOME ASK...“IS THERE MORE THAN ONE WAY TO HEAVEN?”

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Jesus is not one of many different ways to Heaven. It is not a matter of picking and choosing the way you like best. He is the one and only way, truth, and life. He has the right to de-

clare that He is "...the way, the truth, and the life..." because of his authority (power), "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). At the transfiguration of the Lord, as recorded in Matthew 17:1-8,

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