

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Josh Berryhill

Opening Prayer: David Key

On the Table: Head - Billy Box  
Servers - Ralph Burleson  
Greg Lowery  
Eddy Dickinson

Closing Prayer: Charles Berryhill

Preparing the Lord's Supper Katie Berryhill

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Elders: Deacons: Al Corkren / Josh Berryhill

Leonard Key / David Key  
Billy Box / Eddy Dickinson

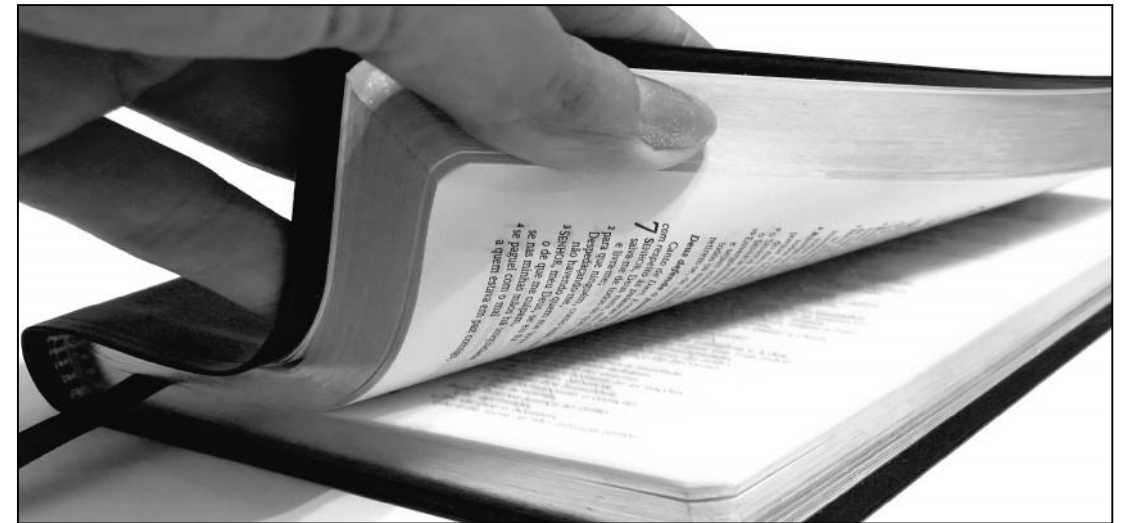
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# The Price We Pay



## The Brilliant Beacon



**Tell Me What I Can Do**

By Barry Newton

It is unfortunate that for some people their view of God and worship is a long list of what they cannot do. Scripture provides us a long list of how God’s people are empowered to act. Consider these representative ideas. How many biblical texts can you attach to each item?

Let us praise God and extol his name for his bountiful mercy.

Let us generously bless others in need with the resources God has freely given us.

Let us live worthy of the calling God has given to us to be his people.

Let us enjoy and marvel at God’s creation.

Let us tell the truth in love.

Let us devote ourselves to prayer.

Let us listen carefully to what others have to say, before we speak.

Let us focus our thoughts upon what is good, worthy and noble.

Let us teach others how God has demonstrated his love for us through Christ.

Let us forgive others.

Let us learn from Christ and how our Lord would have us conform to his image.

Let us enjoy what God has provided.

Let us remember that God cares about us and strengthens us.

Let us encourage one another.

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Jack Waldon: {Linda’s Brother-In-Law} is under hospice care, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Billy Lee: {Carolyn’s Brother} diagnosed with renal failure, please keep him in your prayers

Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Sister}: is in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray that her health continues to improve

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer can be defeated

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Billy Wayne Burleson: recovering from recent surgery, please continue to keep him in your prayers

Don Lawrence: dealing with some health issues, please continue to keep him your prayers

Winfred York: home continuing to rehab from hip surgery, please keep him and Vertie Mae in your prayers

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

**Upcoming Events**

Today	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meal	
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Bowl { Whitehouse }	2:00 pm

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Angie Ganey Gardner: has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be treatable

Amy Weeks {Donna’s Niece}: has asked for prayers to help overcome addictions, please pray that she will turn to God for help and strength

Wyatt Spann: is currently fighting a brain tumor, please pray that with medical help he can win this fight

Connie Autrey: has a brain aneurysm and is also taking treatments for cancer, please be praying that doctors can help her with these serious problems

Bobby Sanderson: keep him in your prayers that his health continues to improve

Al Corkren: broken tibia from recent fall at work, please pray that this break will help completely with no further problems

Jeff Self: recovering from recent surgery for cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Leonard Key: spent some time in the hospital this past week with fluid buildup around his heart, please pray that he has no further problems

Let us gather together to remember our Lord’s death for us as we partake of the Lord’s Supper.

Let us pursue holy living.

Let us comfort others with the comfort God has provided us.

Let us promote God’s name among non-believers by our work ethic and how we handle relationships.

Let us meditate upon God’s word.

Let us find ways to seek the well-being of those around us.

Let us pursue growing in spiritual characteristics.

Let us remember and be thankful for how God has blessed us.

And these items are just the start. To live as a Christian involves loving God and loving others in the same way we care about ourselves.

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**Follow Me**

By Roby Ellis

*And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. (Matthew 4:18–22)*

When Jesus selected the twelve it was an unusual cast to say the least. He selected two sets of brothers who worked in a partnership in the Galilean fishing industry (Luke 5:10). He chose a tax collector named Matthew (Matthew 9:9) and a zealot named Simon (Luke 6:15), which must have made for some interesting conversation given the fact that zealots passionately hated tax collectors. He even chose a man that He knew would betray Him in the end (John 6:64). Many of the disciples are known to us only by name, and only about half of them have any speaking role at all in the gospel narratives. Each of these men seems to have come after Jesus in response to this simple invitation: “Follow Me.”

There were many who followed Jesus in addition to the twelve. Just after Jesus called the first handful of apostles, Matthew records that “great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan” (Matthew 4:25). Even after the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus set forth a radically different concept of righteousness that many still find puzzling and offensive to this day, “great multitudes followed Him” (Matthew 8:1). His followers even included some from the ranks of those who would become His most ardent opponents. Matthew tells that a certain scribe came and said to Jesus, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go” (v 19).

Far from fanning the flames of His early popularity, Jesus made sure that His would-be disciples understood up front what it would take to follow Him. “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head” (Matthew 8:20). When one man told Him that he would follow Him after his father’s funeral, Jesus’ reply seems callous: “Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead” (v 21). How fitting that Jesus’ maiden voyage across the Galilee with His disciples be a stormy one (vv 23–27)! The twelve needed to know that their lives would not be “smooth sailing,” but that they would always be safe as long as the Master was with them.

When we choose to follow Jesus, He will lead us—like the good shepherd (John 10)—“beside the still waters” (Psalms 23:2) and “in the paths of righteousness” (v 3). He will also lead us, however, “through the valley of the shadow of death” (v 4), but even in the dark valleys we needn’t fear any kind of evil as long as we have the assurance that the Lord is with us and as long as we realize that it is through the valleys that we must go if we ever hope to reach the table lands that the Shepherd has prepared for us (v 5).

Will you follow Jesus on stormy days as well as the sunny ones? Will you follow Him when it is unpopular, or will you take your cue from the multitudes that come and go? Will you follow Him “at a distance” the way Peter did when the end was uncertain (Matthew 26:58). When the storm came up on that first voyage, abandoning the Master was not an option (there was nowhere else to go), but opportunities for flight would be abundant in the future. Jesus lets us know up front to expect storms in life, but He also gives us the assurance that we are always safe as long as we will hear His gentle voice and follow where He leads.

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