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FAMILY NEWS - OCTOBER 11, 2026

BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAY 9:00 AM; WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM; **WORSHIP**: SUNDAY - 10:00 AM & 11:15 AM

Ladies Class - Tuesday 10:00 AM

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WELCOME! If you are a visitor YOU are our honored guest!

THE KING WHO INVITES MEN TO COME

Throughout history there have been few kings who would invite their people to "come" unto the palace, walk the hallowed hallways, and engage in some kind of personal contact with such a dignitary. Untold millions have, for example, taken advantage of tours through the White House. Some of those may have been privileged to greet the President on one of those tours. They may have even been invited to walk with the President for a short distance and to converse with a man of such power and prestige. But if the President were to turn and invite one of the guests to "come have dinner with me," the simple "walk" would take on a whole new perspective, would it not?

In Matthew 11:28-30 we have the record of our Lord's wonderful invitation to those who are babes in spirit, and thus willing to learn. Matthew is the only one of the gospel writers to record this invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." That invitation was offered more than 2,000 years ago, and it still stands to this day. When John laid down his pen of inspiration this same invitation was extended once again: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come; he that will, let him take of the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17). Three times in one verse we find the word "come." O yes, the invitation still stands. The voice of Jesus can still be heard across the centuries: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20).

It has been said that to the man stumbling in spiritual darkness, Jesus is the light (John 8:12). To those gasping for on[e] more minute of terrestrial existence, He is "the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). To the man floundering in the sea of iniquity, Jesus is the "way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). It is in light of man's lost condition that our Lord extended, and continues to extend His invitation. For the passage in Matthew we learn some important lessons.

First, we learn some things relative to sin. For one thing, it is a universal problem: "all ye that labor." No one is exempt, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). There are no physical borders that can keep sin from invading the lives of men. Not only is sin a universal problem, it is a burden. Look at what sin does. It deceives (Titus 3:3), destroys (Heb. 6:4-6), defiles (Jer. 2:22, 2 Peter 2:20-22), and deadens (Heb. 3:13).

Second, we learn some things about the sinner. Those in sin are separated from God and Christ (Isa. 59:1-2), and must "come" to Jesus. In order to bridge the gap man must "come....take...and learn," implying that all men have the responsibility of accepting and acting on that invitation.

Third, we learn something about our Savior. It is His yoke we are to take. It is He Who give us rest. It is His burden that is light. No man can come to the Father but by Him (John 14:6).

A nurse on the pediatric ward, before listening to the little one's chests, would plug the stethoscope into their ears and let them listen to their own hearts. Their eyes would always light up with awe. But she never got a response to equal four-year old David's. Gently she tucked the stethoscope in his ears and placed the disk over his heart. "Listen", she said, "what do you suppose it is?" He drew his eyebrows together in a puzzled line and looked up as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap-tap-tapping deep in his chest. Then his face broke out in a wondrous grin. "Is that Jesus knocking?"

~Tom Wacaster, © 2018, pages 546-548, The Majesty of Jesus: A Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew

ANNOUNCEMENTS - **Max Schmollinger**
SCRIPTURE READER -**Jace Howard**
PREACHER - **Keith Cozort**

PRAYER LEADERS:
SUNDAY - 9:00 A.M. - **Terry LeBaron**
10:00 A.M. - **Brent LeBaron**
Jeremiah Hicks
11:15 A.M. - **Kevin Cozort**
Terry LeBaron
WEDNESDAY - **Brent LeBaron**
Jeremiah Hicks

SONG LEADERS:
SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M. **- David Grow**
11:15 A.M. - **Owen LeBaron**
WEDNESDAY - **Wyatt Hicks**

SERVING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:
PRESIDE - **Richard Sciba**
ASSIST - **Matt Lawrence**
ASSIST - **Jude Hicks**
ASSIST - **Wyatt Hicks**

USHERS:
SUNDAY AM1 - **Ronnie Deaton**
SUNDAY AM2 - **Brian Sherrell**
WEDNESDAY - **Kevin Cozort**

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED:
SUNDAY - **Richard Sciba -** 926-6416
WEDNESDAY -**Terry LeBaron -** 259-3261

BLESSED TO SERVE:
COMMUNION PREP **- Deborah Allen**
FLOWERS - **Sue Murphy**

EVANGELISM PREP: October 11th
GREETERS - **Rachell Howard**
PEW GREETERS - **Brent/Jessica LeBaron**
Brian/Jodee Sherrell
VISITOR BAGS - **Kenley LeBaron**

EVANGELISM PREP: October 18th
GREETERS - **Richard/Ruby Sciba**
PEW GREETERS - **Phil/Donna Driskill**
Brian/Jodee Sherrell
VISITOR BAGS - **Logan Howard**

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION
WEEK OF - October 4, 2026
SUNDAY CLASS - 44
AM1 - 58
AM2 - 44
WEDNESDAY - 30
CONTRIBUTION - $3147.00

MILITARY SERVICE -
Derek Davis family - Texas

Pray for our evangelistic efforts!

Have you been on our website lately? Check it out. See the front page!

GOD'S PLAN: HEAR - Rom. 10:17; **BELIEVE** - John 8:24; **REPENT** - Acts 17:30; **CONFESS** - Rom. 10:9-10; **BE IMMERSED** - Acts 2:38; **REMAIN FAITH even in death** - Rev. 2:10.

Worship Leaders, please use the microphone so all can worship with you! Please silence all electronics. Children, please walk!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
*Oct. 18th - Youth Speaking, Sack Lunch, Men's Meeting at 1:00
*Oct. 20th - NO Tuesday ladies' class
*Oct. 24th - Ladies' Day, Theme: **Harvesting Joy**. Speaker: Jodee Sherrell. Sign up sheet in foyer for various jobs.
*Nov. 1st - Potluck and Youth Class

LADIES' DAY DECORATIONS: Each table will be decorated by a team of ladies. We need 10 tables decorated. Please sign up for a table on the sheet in the foyer. See Jessica for more details.

PANTRY ITEMS: Soup. Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS
Buddy McCarty
Ann Lake, Doug Logan (recovering from a stroke - Ann's nephew)
Joni Culton - (Depression & finances - friend of Liz)
Brian Collins - (skiing accident - friend of Cozort's)
Retha Cullins (Shawna's mother-in-law - fell into brick wall)
Jerry (fell and broke his hip) and Sharon Endicott - (Ruby's family)
Mike Lemons (customer of Phil's)
William Hicks (cancer, spouse of S & H coworker)
Jeannine & John Vawter (Karene's family)
Kevin Robertson - home recovering from a stroke (Dorthy's son)
Shirley Hart - (Ann Newton's sister - recovering from surgery at home)
Sandy Pendergrass - (Lyme's disease - Ann Newton's family)
Roy Boykin - (Tucker's friend) cancer
Jayne Kane - (Terry's sister)
Joe Wyrick - (Linda's family)
Larry Hicks - (Jeremiah's dad)
William & Lavonne Wood - (Jodee's family)
Phyllis Coffman
Wayne Crosby
Betty Lane
Christians in Ukraine and Russia (war)

On-going health issues:
Richard & Ruby Sciba, Alberta Steinert, Tinzie Mackey, Lois Schmollinger, Bonnie Wolfe, Ann Newton, Dorthy Robertson, Sheila Deaton, Buddy & Annette McCarty, Dwain & Sue Murphy, Effie Hicks.

WORKS WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO SUPPORT
On-line Academy of Biblical Studies (OABS); Bible Institute of Missouri (BIM); Global School of Biblical Studies; Shaddy Chapel church of Christ; Brent Green; Jesse Howard; David Bass (Instructor at the Jamaica School of Preaching).