



**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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**Elders:**

Bryan Bumpas, John L. Bundy,  
 Bill Hawkins, Joel Hood

**Deacons:**

Tommy Best, Garland Easter, Ronald Fitzgerald,  
 Bruce Hesteande, David Hobby, Will Johnson,  
 Dickie Smith, Mark Stretcher

**Preacher:** Aaron Lewis

**Services:**

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:00 AM  
 Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM  
 Sunday Evening : 5:00 PM  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00 PM

May 2, 2021

## Forgive Them

“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” (Lk 23:42)

Is there a more striking prayer in all of scripture? Jesus was hanging from a cross of torture and shame when He uttered those words. His ordeal was reserved for the worst of society, but He was innocent.

If ever anybody had the right to be scornful, bitter, and unforgiving over an act of injustice, Jesus was the one. He did not deserve crucifixion. In reality, we all had a hand in the matter. Our sins put Him on that cross.

And yet, as He hung dying on that tree, He prayed to God. Not for vengeance on those who put Him there. Not even for a quick end to His suffering. No, He prayed for forgiveness, for the pardon of those who hated Him. Amazing grace does not seem to adequately describe the gesture.

It is easy to strike out and battle someone who has treated us unfairly. It is easy to want vengeance. It is easy to hate the one who has hated. Yet, what is the example of our Lord? As He hung on that cross, with His false accusers standing around shouting their insults, their curses, and spewing out their hatred, Jesus prayed these words.

Can we join in this prayer? In the face of false accusations, in the face of persecution, can we share Jesus’ prayer?

Aaron

# News & Notes

## In Our Prayers:

- ◆ Tina Montgomery had surgery April 29, Continued prayers for recovery.
- ◆ Roxsan Trudgen will have surgery May 5. Prayers for a quick recovery.

! Wayne Johnson, Craig Meador, Whitney Mass, Aime Little, Lynna & Henry Hall, Keith Cranfill, Carolyn Calhoun, Betty Ogle, Sheila Fuller.

## Shut-Ins:

- ◆ Johnny McCord, Waneta Gilbert
- ◆ Military. Remember our men and women serving in the military. Continue to pray for: Austin Williamson, Reagan Garner, Tristan Peterson

## FYI :

- ◆ There are signup sheets in the foyer for teachers for the Sunday night children’s class, Ladies Luncheon and Bunko.
- ◆ There is a signup sheet for those wanting to help with Baccalaureate dinner, we will start cooking and decorating at 1:30 May 23.

Contribution 4-25	\$3546
Attendance 4-25	101
Bible Class 4-25	72
Sunday 5:00 4-25	46
Wed. 4-28	44

## Five’s for Honduras.

Remember all five dollar bills in the collection plate will go to the Honduras mission fund

Please save your empty toilet paper rolls and square boxes for VBS.

Sara Beth Bratcher will have the food list for May.

Roxsan Trudgen will have the food list for June.

VBS is coming June 27-30 First Sunday of the Month, the 5:00 service will be a work night.

## Happy Birthday

Laronda Hawkins 5-3  
 Diana Dodson 5-5

5/2/2021

## Worship Order-AM

Song Leader –John L Bundy  
 63 I Will Call Upon The Lord  
 Prayer Garland Easter  
 Great Are You Lord  
 788 Lord Take Control Medley

Lord’s Supper - Will Johnson

Lesson Aaron Lewis  
 I John 3:11-24  
 957 This World Is Not My Home

Announcements- Bill Hawkins  
 Elder of the Month  
 Prayer — Bill Hawkins

## PM

Song Leader John L Bundy  
 Prayer John L Bundy  
 Lord’s Supper- James West