

<u>Building/Communion Schedule</u>	
Gomez	Mar. 27
Peyton	Apr. 3
<u>Children's Bible Time</u>	
Peyton	Month of March
Sheldon	Month of April

Preacher
Cecil Belk

Ministers (Servants)
Every Member

Times Of Assembly

Sunday
Bible Class & Nursery... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Assembly..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Assembly..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

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“ The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped... ”
Psalms 28:7

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“And having been perfected, He (Jesus Christ) became the Author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him!”
Hebrews 5:9

Address Label



Christian Life Foundations

Why Bad Things Happen

When bad things happen it is not unusual to hear someone say, “If there really is a God he would not let such terrible things happen.” Or, “God would never do such things terrible things to people, he is a God of love.” Or, “Why did God allow such a terrible thing happen to that little child,” or, “to that wonderful person.” **The Bible teaches us several reasons why bad things happen to people.**

him half dead.” **Being in a good place at the same time bad men are there can result in bad things happening.**

- #1. **Bad things happen because of the operation of the natural laws of this physical world.** An example of this is found in 2 Samuel 4:4 (NKJV): “Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel; and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth. **Accidents happen! A sever blow to a child's leg will cause injury. Bad things happen when accidents occur.**
- #2. **Bad things happen in the process of a person living their life.** In Luke 10:30 (NKJV) we read: “Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving

#3. **Bad things happen to everyone who is born (into this world).** Once sin entered the world God decreed life would have hardship and death. “Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': **"Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”** (Genesis 3:17-19,NKJV) **Everyone is born into a world marred by sin; hardship, illness, and death will occur.**

#4. **Bad things happen to a person, or people, as a result of another person's sins.** An example of this found in 2 Samuel 21:1-2 (NKJV) : “Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of the Lord. And the Lord answered, “It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty

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Thought for the week: God receives knee-mail.

Why Bad Things Happen (continued)

house, because he killed the Gibeonites." So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; the children of Israel had sworn protection to them, but Saul had sought to kill them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah." **The sin a person commits often has some negative, harmful, hurtful, or bad consequence on a person, or on many people.**

#5. **Bad things happen to a person as the result of their own sin.** "Then he (*Peter*) began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So **he went out and wept bitterly.**" (Matthew 26:74-75, NKJV)

#6. **Bad things happen because God uses calamity as a "wake up" call to those who are lost in their sins.** An example of this is how Christians suffered by the hand of the Lord because they did not treat the Lord's Supper with respect. "Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world." (1 Corinthians 11:27-32, NKJV) The "unworthy manner" occurs when a

person no longer focuses on the true meaning of what Christ did in giving His body and blood on the cross for their sins. **When a Christian gets into the sinning business, difficulty, hardship, or calamity comes by the Lord's hand as a chastisement.** Hebrews 12:5-6 (NKJV) speaks of this: "And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."

#7. **Bad things happen to Christians because they "walk in the light" and live righteously.** "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. **If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.** But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. **Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.** For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" **Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.** 1 Peter 4:12-19 (NKJV):

Cecil Belk, Evangelist



A WARM WELCOME
TO OUR VISITORS.
YOU ARE
HONORED GUESTS!

FAMILY NEWS

PRAYERS &
THANKSGIVINGS



Pray earnestly for more souls to be saved, and more Christians to be involved in the work!

Our Military: Prayers for Doug Wilson and Zac Donaldson and their families as they serve in the mid-east for several months.

Praise God, after several days Babe Lee has recovered quickly from appendicitis infection and surgery.

We pray to our God for:

Jack Mullins, undergoing treatment, prayers.

Jane Powers, awaiting biopsy of a lung.

Billy and Betty Lee, health, awaiting tests results and surgery.

Ashley Hall, that she can carry their baby full-term .

Sherri Belk, inflammation affecting her eyes.

Irene Sumter, Nichole, (Irene Sumter's daughter),

Odette Smith, Catherine Stewart, Tom & Peggy Stripp, (Joyce Lee's aunt & uncle), Walter Hulett,

Sr., Audrey Otto, Pat Mullins, Kelly Olson, Millie

Sanders, Bob Sheldon (Skip Sheldon's brother) and

Jim Sheldon (Skip Sheldon's brother), who is caring for his wife Marilyn, and Bobby Lingly,

(chemotherapy).

Franklin King, (Deloris' Peyton's father).

Estelle and Clifford Drisco: (June Curran's grandparents), & Lorraine (June's mother).

Cathy Laird, & family, Sarah Gomez, Bruce Bishopric, Vickie Bishopric, Deloris Peyton, guidance, strength, and blessings.

We pray for those in Japan and the Pacific region who have just gone through the great earthquake and Tsunami tragedy. May they receive aid, and seek Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to give their lives and allegiance to Him.

April Events Calendar

Date Change

**Our April Potluck Fellowship
has been changed to
Sunday, April 8th, 12 Noon**

Don't miss the fellowship; it's God's "soul food."

Date Change

Our women's Bible study in the Proverbs
has been changed to
Friday, April 8th, 10:00 A.M.
Bring a friend.

Congratulations to our Amaya Harris and other local Taekwondo students recently placed 3rd in Team Forms competition in Montgomery, Alabama.

Annual Church Budget

We thank Ralph Peyton for last Sunday's informative, helpful presentation on our annual budget. He identified budget items that are yet unfunded. Pick up your copy of last week's presentation. Support for the 3 children in South America was funded this week. Areas not yet funded are: 1). General Benevolence needs. 2). House to House mailings for the year. 3). Anticipated building and grounds up-keep/repair items.

March Birthdays

28th Dottie Buchala