

BLESSED

A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

PURE IN HEART



WORSHIP GUIDE - FEBRUARY 12, 2017

THE WEEKLY WORD

Following the First Point

by Pastor C. Chappell Temple



In earlier times it seemed pretty serious. For from 1911 to 1972, the *Boy Scout Handbook* defined the first point of the Scout Law, “trustworthy,” by saying that if a scout were to violate his honor by telling a lie, or by cheating, or by not doing exactly a given task, “when trusted on his honor,” he could be directed to hand over his Scout badge. But even since 2009, the wording while clearly less challenging has been no less intentional: “A Scout tells the truth. He is honest and he keeps his promises. People can depend on him.”

And in a time when truth seems to be a moving target for so many (we’ll talk about that tonight in our new study series), that’s worth remembering and celebrating as we recognize our scouting ministries this morning in worship. For in scouting—and in the Christian faith—we all depend upon each other every day in the journey called life.

Indeed, long before Colonel Robert Baden-Powell and Juliet Gordon Low began the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts respectively, God reminded the Hebrews in Exodus 18.21 to select capable leaders who were above all *trustworthy* to guide His people. For as the Psalmist repeatedly tells us, the works of God’s hands are faithful and just and all of His precepts are likewise *trustworthy*, that is to say, God does what He says He will do.

We are grateful for programs such as Scouting which remind our young people of that trait. But no less than our scouts, it’s a good question for people of God of all ages this morning, isn’t it: *Are we “trustworthy” in His eyes as well?*

Looking for a church home?

All are warmly welcomed at Christ Church. We invite you to stop by our “I’m New Here” table downstairs in the Gathering Hall where you can find out more about our congregation. First time guests can also pick up a special welcome gift there. If you would like to join the Christ Church family today, you may do so either by professing your faith in Jesus Christ, or by transferring your membership from another Christian congregation. Simply fill out a new member card which may be found in the Sanctuary pew racks and bring it with you as you come to the front to meet the pastors during the closing music at any of our services. If you have not yet been baptized, we will be happy to recognize your decision today as well as arrange for a convenient time to talk with you about the meaning of that sacrament before scheduling it for one of our upcoming worship services. For more information about our programs, staff and beliefs, please visit our website at www.christchurchsl.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE *All morning services are held in the Sanctuary.

FIRST LIGHT (Simple) - 8:15 - 9:05 am	STUDENT WORSHIP
CORNERSTONE (Contemporary) - 9:30 - 10:40 am	Sunday evenings from 5 - 7 pm in the FLC Gym.
FESTIVAL (Traditional) - 10:55 am - 12 pm	Dinner served at 5 pm (\$2).

Our Bride’s Room, located just to the right of the Sanctuary, is open during all services for the use of parents with young children, with worship streamed live into the room.

TODAY'S FOCUS



TONIGHT – SESSION ONE

How Do We Know God Exists?

Led by Pastor Temple



FOLLOWING THE WAY OF CHRIST CHURCH-WIDE STUDY OPEN TO ALL SUNDAY AFTERNOONS • 5-6 PM • SANCTUARY

FEBRUARY 12, 19, 26, MARCH 5, (NO CLASS MARCH 12), MARCH 19, 26

Is there any proof that God is real? How can we even begin to describe who God is? Do the names given in the scriptures tell us anything about God and His attributes? Indeed, is it even possible to answer what some have called “Job’s Dilemma” when it comes to knowing God?

Join us tonight for a discussion of these questions and more as we begin a six-week study on “Following the Way of Christ.” Subsequent weeks will look at “The Witness of the Word,” “In the Beginning” (can science and religion play nicely together?), “A Curious Choice of Choosy People” (the underlying message of the Old Testament), “A Life Like No Other,” and “The Community of the Called.”

There is no charge for the class or materials—if you have not yet registered just join us tonight and we’ll have extra study books on hand, or email Pastor Dan this afternoon at danc@christchurchsl.org to reserve your copy.



THE PRELUDE & ALTAR PRAYER TIME

Chamber Choir
Be Thou My Vision

MORNING CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
People: Who made the heavens and the earth!*
*Leader: O Lord, open our lips.
People: And we shall declare your praise!*

***OPENING SONG**

How Marvelous

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All are invited to stand and lift aloud a brief prayer concern or joy,
after which the pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy,"
and the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayers."*

COMMUNITY MOMENTS

RECOGNITION OF SCOUTING MINISTRIES

THE OFFERTORY

Chamber Choir
"Sicut Cervus" - Palestrina

Sharing of our Presence, Tithes, and Offerings

Please sign the registration book at the end of the pew and pass it to your neighbor.

***THE DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***THE SCRIPTURE LESSON (said by all)**

Matthew 5:3-10
The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name,
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.*

**SERMON SERIES: BLESSEd - A Biblical Perspective
THE MORNING MESSAGE**

"Pure in Heart"
Pastor C. Chappell Temple

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (said by all)

SHARING AND PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

*Following The United Methodist tradition, our table is open to all this day, irrespective of age
or church membership. You may stand or kneel at any place along the altar rail to receive the
bread which may then be dipped within the chalice. Gluten-free elements are available on
the left side of the altar. If you would like to receive prayer or anointing with oil for healing,
our prayer partners are available to meet with you at the station in either of the side aisles.*

INVITATION TO FOLLOW CHRIST

***CLOSING SONG**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

THE BENEDICTION



Welcome to worship this morning. After the children's lesson, our children may follow the Children's Cross down the center aisle to meet their Sunday School teachers in the Narthex and walk to their classrooms together. Parents are always welcome to walk with their children, returning for worship afterwards. Children's activity packets are available at the tree on the landing for those children who remain in worship today.

***OPENING SONG**

The Lion and the Lamb

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 51:10-12

COMMUNITY MOMENTS

RECOGNITION OF SCOUTING MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S LESSON

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

SONGS OF WORSHIP

One Thing Remains

Resurrecting

OFFERING SONG

What a Beautiful Name

During the offering, please sign the registration book at the end of the pew, passing it to your neighbor.

THE WORD FOR TODAY (said by all)

Matthew 5:3-10

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

10,000 Reasons (chorus)

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name,
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship His holy name.***

SERMON SERIES: BLESSed - A Biblical Perspective

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY

"Heart to Heart"

Pastor Michelle Hall

HOLY COMMUNION

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

If you would like to join Christ Church this morning, please complete a card in the pew and bring it forward during the closing song. Our Prayer Partners are at the altar to pray with any who desire to do so.

CLOSING SONG

How Marvelous

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL



Welcome to worship this morning! Children age 3 years - 5th grade are invited to attend our Children's Church in the Chapel during this hour. Children's activity packets are also available at the tree on the landing for those children who remain with their families in worship today.

THE PRELUDE Beth McConnell, featuring Aija Izaks

CHORAL INTROIT

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 384** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

***ACT OF PRAISE 821** Psalm 100

***FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY MOMENTS**

RECOGNITION OF SCOUTING MINISTRIES

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 51:5-12
The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God!*

ANTHEM *Pacem* Festival Choir, Aija Izaks
by Lee Dengler
Dona nobis pacem. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Grant us peace, and peace on earth to those of good will.

THE MORNING PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER (said by all)

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE (sung by all)
*Lord, listen to Your children praying, Lord, send Your Spirit in this place,
Lord, listen to Your children praying, send us love, send us power,
send us grace. (repeat)*

SHARING OF OUR PRESENCE & GIFTS

Please sign the registration book at the end of the pew and pass it to your neighbor.

OFFERTORY Beth McConnell, Aija Izaks

***THE DOXOLOGY 431** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* WORLD PEACE

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (said by all): Matthew 5:3-10
The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *Bless His Holy Name*
***Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.
He has done great things, He has done great things, He has done great things,
bless His holy name.***

SERMON SERIES: BLESSED - A Biblical Perspective
THE SERMON "Pure in Heart" Pastor C. Chappell Temple

AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

***CLOSING HYMN 160** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION
Our Prayer Partners are available at the altar to pray with anyone desiring to do so.

***THE BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Christ Beside Me* BUNESSAN
***Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me, never to part.***

Please be seated as the cross passes by you in the aisle and remain seated for the Postlude.



THE POSTLUDE

Beth McConnell, Aija Izaks

* Please stand as you are comfortable.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastors:

Dr. C. Chappell Temple, Dan Conway, Michelle Hall, Mike Whang

Director of Music Ministries

Lahonda Sharp

Director of Contemporary Worship

GT Mangum

Organist/Accompanist

Beth McConnell

Communications and Audio/Visual

Helen Lavie, Oliver Carlock, BJ Figat

Children & Family Ministries

Kate Flint, Kim Ripley

Student Ministries

Todd Harris, Sabrina Salisbury

L.I.F.E. (Senior Adult) Ministries

Jan Randolph

Missions Director

Renee Teel

Director of Church Operations

Roland Huysman

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Debbie Meier, Benita Sebesta, Sandy White, Cheryl Johnson, Norma Pharr

Facilities Staff

Ray Singleton, Michael Swayzer, Carl Dotson

Christ Church School

Beth Carter, Becky Neese

Our Seminarians

Kate Flint, Karen Sherlock

Today's Acolytes:

Mateo Guzman

Barrett Funderburk

Lay Readers:

9:30 Andrew Glore

10:55 Daniel Parnell

All one dollar bills given in the offering will be used to help others in our community and beyond.

THE WORD MADE FRESH

SERMON SERIES BLESSED A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

FEB 12

VALENTINE'S SUNDAY & SCOUT SUNDAY

PURE IN HEART | MATTHEW 5:8-9

Pastor C. Chappell Temple preaching at 8:15 and 10:55 am services. Pastor Michelle Hall preaching at 9:30 am service.

FEB 19

RJM SUNDAY

FACING OPPOSITION | MATTHEW 5:10

LAY TESTIMONIES BY PRISON VOLUNTEERS SPECIAL MUSIC BY "FREE INDEED"

Pastor Michelle Hall preaching at 8:15 am service. Pastor C. Chappell Temple preaching at 9:30 and 10:55 am services.

FEB 26

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

MARK 9:2-9

Pastor Dan Conway preaching at 8:15 and 10:55 am services. Pastor Michelle Hall preaching at 9:30 am service.

MAR 01

ASH WEDNESDAY

SERVICES WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

7-7:20 AM & 7-8 PM

Pastor C. Chappell Temple preaching "The Gift of Lent".

COMING MARCH 5-APRIL 9

NEW LENTEN SERMON SERIES: "MARK THESE WORDS"

OUT OF TOWN? You can live stream any of our regular services by visiting christchurchsl.org/livestream. Services are also available to watch afterwards on our website at christchurchsl.org/sermons.

CHILDREN & FAMILY WWW.CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/CHILDREN

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • 5-7:30 PM • FLC GYM

REGISTER ONLINE AT CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/CHILDREN

\$28 PER FATHER/FATHER-FIGURE AND \$10 PER DAUGHTER/GIRL

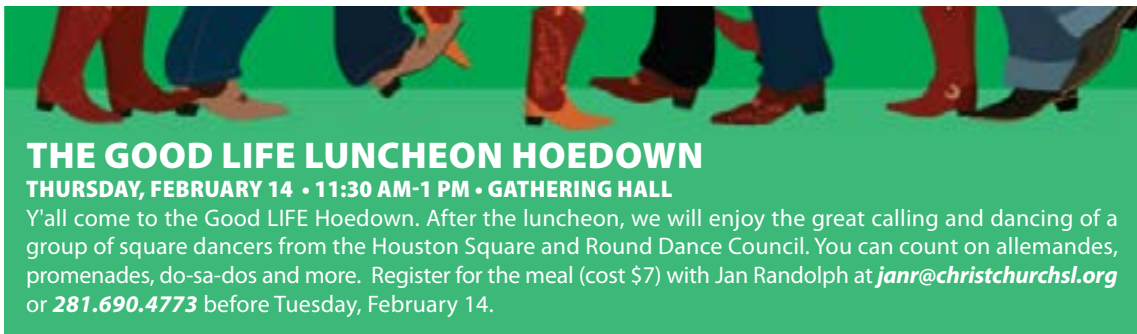
All fathers (and father-figures) are invited along with their little girls (age 4-5th grade) to Christ Church's 6th annual Father-Daughter Dance. This is a great event for you to invite your friends to our church. Price includes dinner, corsage, photograph, and dancing. Space is limited and reservations are requested by February 13, please no walk-ins. Contact: Kim Ripley 281.690.4765 or kimr@christchurchsl.org.



CHRIST KIDS CREATE SUNDAYS • 5-6:30 PM

Children will learn to use their talents to glorify God as they dance, paint, sculpt, sing, and more! Each week will include an art project, music, movement, and a short Bible lesson that ties it all together. Check in at the Children's Office and groups will split from there by age.

ADULTS WWW.CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/ADULTS



THE GOOD LIFE LUNCHEON HOEDOWN

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14 • 11:30 AM-1 PM • GATHERING HALL

Y'all come to the Good LIFE Hoedown. After the luncheon, we will enjoy the great calling and dancing of a group of square dancers from the Houston Square and Round Dance Council. You can count on allemandes, promenades, do-sa-dos and more. Register for the meal (cost \$7) with Jan Randolph at janr@christchurchsl.org or 281.690.4773 before Tuesday, February 14.

COME SING WITH US! - JUBILATE DEO

WEDNESDAYS • 7 PM AND/OR SUNDAYS • 9 AM

We have begun working on our spring concert music, "Jubilate Deo" by Dan Forrest. Join us as we learn this beautiful work. The concert will be held on March 26. Contact: Lahonda at LahondaS@christchurchsl.org.

TOUR KENDLETON FARMS

FEBRUARY 19 • 1:15 PM • RSVP: PSBLUESTEIN@HOTMAIL.COM

Continue the Restorative Justice Sunday event by attending the Tour of Kendleton Farms. We are meeting at the church after the Restorative Justice Luncheon (1:15 pm) and will caravan out to Kendleton. We will meet with representatives who will tell us all about the progress being made to help as many survivors of trafficking as possible and how WE can help. We'll see up close the progress, and hopefully, be inspired to roll up our sleeves and get busy being the Hands and Feet of Christ! Let us know you're coming!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENTS WWW.CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/STUDENTS



SHROVE TUESDAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 • 6-7:30 PM • GATHERING HALL

Get ready for the season of Lent with a Methodist Mardi Gras Feast—join us on the day before Ash Wednesday for an all-you-can-eat pancake dinner hosted by our youth. Proceeds will help support Student missions.

STUDENTS, 6TH-12TH GRADE, JOIN US TONIGHT from 5-7 in the FLC Gym for Bubble Soccer. A waiver is required by all.

SERVE WWW.CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/SERVE

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 • 9:30 & 10:55 AM SERVICES

Don't miss one of our most inspiring worship services of the year! Restorative Justice Ministries (RJM) will be providing music and testimonies at the 9:30 and 10:55 am worship services, and then, a free luncheon in the gym at 12:15 pm. There ain't no party like a Holy Ghost party and this Holy Ghost party don't stop! For more information, contact Betty Waedemon at 832.755.7761.



DREAM LEAGUE SEASON BEGINS!

OPENING DAY – FEBRUARY 25 • GAMES AT 9 & 10:30 AM • VISIT THE DREAM LEAGUE MINISTRY TABLE TODAY!
PASTOR TEMPLE OFFERS CEREMONIAL PRAYER AT NOON

Right next door at the First Colony Little League fields are approximately 120 physically and/or intellectually challenged players known as The Dream League. The League needs help with games on Saturday mornings. Anyone ages 12 years + can become an "Angel in the Outfield" volunteer to help and encourage all the players. Visit www.christchurchsl.org/dreamleague for more info, or contact Donna at dmdanto@aol.com or Renee at reneet@christchurchsl.org.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 • 6-8 PM

REGISTER ONLINE, \$50 PER COUPLE • FREE CHILDCARE BY RESERVATION.

Date Night! Pastor and Author Dr. Jeff Rees will present a talk sharing tips for healthy marriages while couples enjoy a catered meal.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 • 5-7 PM: Marriage Seminar- follow-up with a workshop led by Dr. Rees that goes deeper with practical guidance all couples can use.

FAMILIES FOR CHRIST MARRIAGE STUDY

FEBRUARY 19 -APRIL 19 • 11-12 PM • LIBRARY

(NOT HELD ON MARCH 12 AND 19 DUE TO SPRING BREAK)

Join the Families for Christ Sunday School Class for "The Meaning of Marriage: A Vision for Married and Single People". Open to couples and and singles who want to explore the biblical perspective of how marriage is designed to work. This 6 week DVD study is based on the Tim Keller book by same name.



EAST FORT BEND HUMAN NEEDS

GREATEST NEEDS IN FEBRUARY



Canned Soup, Cereal, Fruit Cups, Breakfast Bars

Grab a bag...be a blessing! Fill up the NEW red East Fort Bend bag and bring it back - make it part of your weekly grocery trip!

WELCOME
TO
CHRIST
CHURCH



Sandy Gardner

CHURCH MATTERS

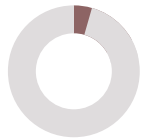
A LOOK AT OUR LOYALTY WEEK OF FEBRUARY 05

927
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
(includes children, nursery, stream,
& evening worship)

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED WEEKLY **\$62,698**

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE **\$356,869**

ANNUAL BUDGET **\$3,140,000**



11% FULFILLED

THE HEARTBEAT

MEMBER CARE

Contact us anytime, 24 hours a day, to let the church office know of hospitalizations, births, deaths, illnesses, or other concerns. Call 281.980.6888.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

Lisa Brollier's friend; Ron Bailey's father; Ann Caraway.

JOYS:

Carole Mills' great-nephew; Eddie Kaye Jecmenek; Sarah Guffey's uncle; Cindy Peterson; Mark Larson.

CHRIST CHURCH EXTENDS IT'S SYMPATHIES TO...

Candee Chandler on the death of her brother; Greg and Valerie Mekras on the death of her mother; Greg and Nancy Crow on the death of her friend.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Wyatt Francis Guard, parents Melissa and Blake Guard, grandparents are Mimi and Marc Markel and Lisa and Rex Guard.



Altar Flowers for 2017 now available in the Faith Corner on a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. *In memory or In honor of a loved one...* The donation is \$50 per request. Contact Debbie Meier for more information at debbiem@christchurchsl.org or 281.690.4740.

**JOB POSITION OPEN AT CHRIST CHURCH
COFFEE BAR MANAGER (PART-TIME)**

For more information, visit christchurchsl.org/jobs or
contact Dan Conway at dan@christchurchsl.org or 281.980.6888.



JACOB'S WELL
COFFEE + CONVERSATION

FOR TICKETS & MORE INFORMATION, VISIT CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/CONCERTS



**AMY
GRANT**

WITH
**ELLIE HOLCOMBE
SALLY LOYD JONES**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20
7 PM | SANCTUARY**



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CHURCH'S EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES OR SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEEKLY EMAIL -
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