

God wants us living in continual relationship with Him, but we stray from His guidance and miss out on His best. Bottom line? We're a lot like sheep . . . but we have a faithful Shepherd. He came to find us. He gave His life for us, to save us from being eternally lost because of our sin. As Isaiah foretold centuries before that happened, "The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." And having taken our sins, Jesus is willing to lead us every day as only the Good Shepherd can.

BROTHERHOOD

Just a little bit more interest
In other folks' welfare,
Just a little greater showing
That really you do care.

Just a little more kindness
To those you meet each day,
And a little greater effort
To aid them on their way.

Just a little more determined
To do the best you can,
To help some other fellow
And prove a friend to man.

Just a little bit more sunshine
Along life's weary road,
Just a little bit more ready
To ease another's load.

Just to work a little harder
For other people's good,
And to show a bit more friendship
My friend, that's Brotherhood!



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We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you here to University church of Christ. If you are visiting you are a welcomed guest and we want you to feel right at home and would ask if you would remain after services so we might get the chance of meeting and greeting you in person. Again Welcome! Everyone plays an important role in the ministry and the work that goes on here. If you have any questions or would like to get more involved or would like to know more what you can do please feel free to contact the office or see any one of our elders.

Time is so precious isn't it? Its one of our greatest gifts and yet we find we all can waste a lot of it and it may seem we sleep through the rest and then looking back on it may leave us scratching our heads and ask where did the time go? Why didn't I make better use of my time? And knowing these facts now what then will I be doing for the rest of the time we ALL have left? I always seem to get this dose of reality when someone passes away and maybe un-expectantly like I have seen in recent weeks. God too will ask each one of us the question what did you do with your time? What did you do with the talents I gave you? So using Ephesians 5:15-16 as our theme "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil." The question I want to leave all of us with is are you and I redeeming the time? It's a important question we should all ask ourselves because if our lives are just a vapor or like the grass of the field by morning and wither away by night. We better try to become more wise and capture or redeem that means to cash in for equal or greater value. What we are doing right now and for His glory.

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:
Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:
Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH:.....Eric Sharum

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....David Byrd

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:	57
Morning Worship:	83
Evening Worship:	32
Mid-Week:	40
Ladies Class:	11
Contribution:	\$3,941.00
Weekly Budget:	\$4,084.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....Charles Kelsey
Closing Prayer:Tim Curtis

Scripture:Tommy Bowden

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Keith Parrish
Closing Prayer:J. L. Bolton

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Glen Wampler
Closing Prayer:Ed Valdez

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If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to our web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR Dolores Flanagan, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy Horn, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Bobbie Mullins, Jean Parrish & Levada Wampler. Kenneth Gregory has been moved to Willow Park for rehab.

CONGRATULATIONS to Glen & Levada Wampler on the birth of their first grandchild a girl.

SYMPATHY: We extend our sympathy to Rickie Rainbolt the grandson of Sue Peddy in the death of his Grandmother last week.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES will be starting back up this Tuesday night, February 4th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Student Learning Center. Everybody is invited to attend.

SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP after services at the SLC this Sunday night. Bring your favorite football food.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mark Abercrombie will be here on Wednesday, February 5th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Greg Ray is organizing a bus trip to a Wichita Falls Wildcats Hockey Game on Saturday February 15th. The bus will leave the Learning Center at 4:30 p.m. There will be no cost for the tickets but you will need money for a meal at Chicken Express in Burkburnett. Children under 12 years old need to be accompanied by a parent. If you plan to go to the game please let Greg know before February 12th.

THE 8TH & LEE ANNUAL LADIES' DAY will be on Saturday, February 22nd. Registration at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments. Theme: "The Story of Esther". Speaker will be Becky Blackmon.

Please **RSVP by February 18th to 355-1779** if possible, to facilitate the planning of the meal. Please be sure to bring your Bible.

35TH ANNUAL AREA WIDE SINGING - at the Elm & Hudson Church of Christ - Saturday February 1st, 2014 - 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

THE WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME grocery truck will be back on April 7th.

SHOPPING LIST

Tuna Helper	Tabasco
Picante Sauce	Velveeta
Instant Mashed Potatoes	V8 Splash
Augratin/Scallop Potatoes	Asparagus
Instant Vanilla/Chocolate Pudding	

NON-FOOD

Saran Wrap
Quart Freezer Bags
Liquid Hand Soap Refill

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Trena Burch
- 3 - Donna Caldwell
- 10 - Jerry Golson
- 12 - Taryn Higgins
- 17 - Taylor Ryans
- 18 - Pat Doughty
- 19 - Steve Morris
- 25 - Cody Barrington
- 27 - Kenneth Gregory
- 31 - Jesse Stoner

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, Joslyn Burch, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Dorothy Isom, Corine Marcum, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Bobbie Mullins, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Dwaine Zacharias, Chuck Ray, Cae Sharum's Cousin, Carol, Mary Hood the sister of Sue Peddy and Chris & Nicole Hall who are going through adoption proceedings and Shane McLaury's cousin Ross Taylor who has throat cancer.

All we like sheep have gone astray: *we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.—Isaiah 53:6*

Sometimes we forget the implications of the first verse in Psalm 23, "**The Lord is my shepherd.**" If He's our Shepherd, it means we are sheep. The prophet Isaiah certainly thought so. His description wasn't selective. Not, *some* of us are like sheep, but *all* of us "**like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way.**" Isaiah's description prompts the question, *How are we like sheep?* Frankly, the comparison is not a pretty picture. We can't say a lot of flattering things about sheep. But the Lord calls Himself our Shepherd because we really are like sheep. First, we're prone to follow. Put a flock of sheep in the middle of a lush, green pasture, turn your back on them for five minutes, and they're all poking their noses under the fence. Human beings have the same makeup it seems. We are more concerned about what our friends are wearing, doing and saying and talk like everyone around us and go where everyone is going. And we are so trusting, particularly when it comes to bad advice. Sheep are like that—going astray while following others who are wandering. Like sheep, we're also vulnerable. It doesn't take long in a barnyard to notice how most farm animals get along pretty well without human supervision. Chickens, horses, pigs, and cows can handle their surroundings on their own. Not sheep. They get a shepherd, because thousands of years of experience indicate they need one. Left alone, sheep get in trouble. Sound familiar? We, too, are unstable, weak, and require constant care and protection. Unfortunately, we have yet another sheep-like trait: we are stubborn. We want to do things our way. We can be told the same truth over and over, but often need a harsh and painful reality check to realize how far we have wandered. We're stubborn—just like sheep. And without a shepherd, we're lost; we truly have gone astray. That little phrase defines how many of us live much of our lives—not being where we should be or doing what we were designed to do.

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