



# BAKER HEIGHTS ON TEXAS AVE

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Today is a day the Lord has made, let us rejoice & be glad in it. Focus on the Positive

\*\*\* Love one another! \*\*\*

### It Begins With Me

Racial injustice, brutality, violent protests . . . our world has been full of this kind of news lately. These things are disturbing, and all are cause for serious reflection, but more than that, they are symptoms of a much deeper problem. They are symptoms not of "one nation under God," but of "one nation increasingly without God." They are symptoms of spiritual sickness. As God's people, people who are striving to live lives that please our creator, we must be ready to carry the torch, and to raise the banner of love, mercy and peace for everyone to see. Our world desperately needs to see the light of Jesus. Will they see that light in our lives? They desperately need the faith, hope, love and peace that come only through knowing Jesus. Will they witness those things in our lives – the peace that comes from knowing Christ, the hope of a better life, the faith in the one true God and the love that builds bridges and heals wounds?

All these things transcend race, nationality, economics, political leanings and even religion. But let's be honest, our world will seldom search for these things in the Word of God. They will have to witness these principles lived out in the daily lives of God's people. Transformation at any level, be it in our families, our cities, our nation or in our world, begins at that stage where human beings react with human beings. To put it bluntly, it begins when those who claim the name of God live in a way that truly reflects His characteristics!

"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." (1 Peter 2:12)

We can make a huge impact in what may seem a small way, if we will choose to live authentically. We can be the light that our world so desperately needs if we choose to let that light shine! How will we respond during these troubled times?

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)* 

# Larry Sullívan

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

KIDS' TIME #37 – Angry Words #118 – Count Your Blessings PRAYER #297 – I Want to Be a Worker #842 – A Common Love #197 – Have Thine Own Way, Lord COMMUNION #841 – Sing and Be Happy SCRIPTURE READING – Deuteronomy 5:17-22 SERMON – "**Ten Words That Still Matter**" (Part 5) #859 – He Paid a Debt ELDERS PRAYER

#### TIMES OF SERVICES

**9:30 a.m. – Group Bible Class** – Auditorium (No Children's Bible classes in this phase)

**10:00 a.m. – Worship Service** – Auditorium (Special seating areas reserved for those "At Risk")

(No Sunday p.m. worship in this phase)

(No Feeding the Flock meals in this phase) (No Wednesday classes or Devo in this phase) (Pantry open by appointment only – see next page)

\*\*\* PRAY, PRAY, PRAY \*\*\* CALL & ENCOURAGE A FRIEND \*\*\* PRAY, PRAY, PRAY \*\*\*

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# **Prayer** List

#### **BHCC Members:**

Leroy Mason - HMC 6629 **Darryl Wallace** – special needs

#### FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Lindsey Denison & friend (visitor) – strength & guidance Eric Hardegree (fmr member) - HMC-8901 Ben See (father of Terry McGaha) – health

#### All Missionaries:

Chipata Bible College and all the preachers in the field. All Military & First Responders All Patients and Workers in Nursing Homes & Hospitals Those infected by & loss of loved ones due to the COVID-19 Virus

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF: Gene Bland (friend of Roxanne Hello) who died 05/30

#### **THOSE BATTLING CANCER:**

Jena Madeley, Lewis Maness, Kay Procter, Larry Taylor, Jesse Thomas, Minnie Woody All our family members & friends dealing with cancer & treatments.

## **USING ALL OF YOUR STRENGTH**

A father was watching his young son struggle to lift a heavy rock. The little fellow grunted and strained, but couldn't move it. The father said, "Son, are you sure you are using all your strength?" The exhausted boy said, "Yes, I am!" The father replied, "No, you are not. You haven't asked me to help vou."

How true is this illustration! We grunt and struggle with our burdens in this earthly life, often forgetting the Father in heaven is always willing to aid us. Throughout the Bible, God tells us to rely on His strength, and not our own. Consider how David proclaimed, "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold" (Psalm 18:2). In times of old, God promised Israel that He would come to their aid in times of trouble. The prophet Isaiah recorded the words of God as He said, "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, and I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

Under the New Covenant of Jesus Christ, God also encourages us to come to Him for help. Jesus said, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). And since sin is our biggest burden (Romans 3:23; 6:23), we need to come to Jesus, who is the only one who can take away our sins (Hebrews 9:25-28; John 14:6). This happens when we are born again the Bible way: through (A) belief in Christ (John 3:16; 8:24), (B) open confession of His name (Matthew 10:32-33); (C) repentance (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30-31), and (D) baptism in water (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). Remember today that "all your strength" includes a loving Father in heaven! He's willing to aid you. Are you willing to cast your burdens upon Him, and ask for His help? Do it the Matt Clifton BulletinDigest.com Bible wav!

#### **OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:**

Brenda Amonett, Eldon Amonett, Phyllis Bonner, Janet Bruns, Mamie Crane, Norma Dotson, Jo Potter, Lerov & Marv Mason, Frances Pruett, Melinda Simmons, Dean & Nelda Stewart, Laveta Youngquist.

Be sure and look at Larry Sullivan's online videos for Sunday evening sermons and Wednesday devotional thoughts.

On FaceBook or on YouTube search for "Baker Heights Church of Christ". Scroll down until you see the picture of Larry and play the latest or past videos.

	Contribution Statistics		
	<u>Monthly</u>	( <u>per week</u> )	( <u>per week</u> )
<u>Month</u>	<u>Totals</u>	Average	<u>Goal</u>
March	\$42,399	\$8,479	\$9,600
April	\$34,787	\$8,696	\$9,600
May	\$38,174	\$7,635	\$9,600

#### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

08 – June	Norma Dotson, Ellis Miller, Jerry Smith
10 – June	Shandon Short
13 – June	Taryn Pence

#### THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

08 – June	Alex & Kylie Valencia
09 – June	Justin & Sadie Rosen
09 – June	Stuart & Tammv Tiner

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A note on the above Birthdays and Anniversaries: For security and privacy reasons, we are only printing the date and name/s of the members celebrating. For address info use the online directory.

DVD's & CD's of online sermons are now available on request by calling the church office, Monday – Friday, 9 am to 1 pm.

#### **PANTRY HOURS**

PLEASE NOTE: Until further notice the PANTRY is by appointment only on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6 p.m. IF you need to utilize the pantry, please call the office for an appointment - 325-692-6974 - (Mon - Fri, 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)



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