



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 03/22**      **LTC Bible Reading after Bible Quiz**
- 03/29**      **LTC Art Due**
- 04/03-04**    **LTC in Dallas (leaving at noon on Friday)**
- Sundays:**    **3:30**    **LTC Drama**
- 4:30**    **LTC Bible Bowl/Quiz**
- Wednesdays:** **5:00**    **LTC Sign Language**
- 6:10**    **LTC Small Chorus**
- 7:15**    **LTC Large Chorus**

**Choosing the Better thing**

**Point 1:** Life offers us many choices...often times the choices are all \_\_\_\_\_. In those times we must hold on to \_\_\_\_\_ and God \_\_\_\_\_ as our hope as we looked at last week.

**Point 2:** Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ offers us choices between things that are \_\_\_\_\_. These choices can often be as difficult (or more so) than others.

**Point 3:** There are times that we simply get so busy doing what \_\_\_\_\_ to be done, the immediate, the urgent; that we lose sight of what \_\_\_\_\_ be done...the more important, the best.

**Point 4:** We must not lose sight of eternity while we live our life of \_\_\_\_\_. We cannot exchange the eternity of Heaven for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the moment. We must get it right and this means constantly checking our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Notes and Scriptures:**

**Attendance**

Bible Class (9:30) .....	49
Worship A.M (10:30).....	102
Worship P.M (5:00) .....	39
Small Groups P.M. (6:00).....	N/A
Wednesday (6:30).....	89

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**Welcome**  
**March 22, 2015**

**Announcements**

- #350** *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak (1,3,5)*
- #381** *Years I Spent in Vanity (all 4, then chorus)*
- #885** *How Beautiful Heaven Must Be (all)*

**Opening Prayer**

**#364** *Come, Share the Lord (all)*

**Communion Focus**

**Communion**

**#414** *Anywhere with Jesus (1,2)*

**Offering**

**#390** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (all)*

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 10:38-42**

**Sermon**

**#904** *Have You Been to Jesus? (1,4)*

**#790** *Lord, Take Control*

**Closing Prayer**

## Chandler's Back Porch



### The Sower and the Soils

How does the soil of your heart receive the seed?

By Aaron Veyon

In the parable of the "Sower and the Soils" (Mt. 13:1-9; Mk. 4:1-9; Lk. 8:4-8), Jesus spoke of a man who sowed seed upon four different kinds of soil (wayside soil, stony places, thorns, and good soil). The wayside soil was evidently hard-packed earth (such as one might find on a well-trodden path). Because this soil was so hard the seed simply lay there, being trampled down, and became easy prey for hungry birds. The stony places were evidently places where the soil was shallow due to layers of rock. A plant could initially grow there, but because there was no depth of earth, and because of lack of moisture, there was no chance for a root system to develop. As a result, such a plant would wither and die under the scorching sun. The thorny ground was evidently that which had weed-seeds in it at the time of the sowing of the good seed. Both would grow together, however, the strong thorny weeds easily choked the delicate "good" plant rendering it useless. The good soil, however, was fertile and loose. The good seed easily penetrated this soil, laid down strong roots, and grew unhindered into a strong and productive plant.

The spiritual weight of this parable is immediately clear as Jesus begins it by saying, "Listen!" (Mk. 4:3) and ends it by saying, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (v. 9; Lk. 8:8). Obviously, this is not just a story about gardening; it has a spiritual message that we need to understand even today. Jesus said, "the seed is the word of God" (Lk. 8:11; Mk. 4:14). The soils represent four different conditions of the human heart (Mt. 13:19-23; Mk. 4:15-20; Lk. 8:12-15).

When the gospel is preached people react in different ways. Some are like the wayside soil. They hear the message, but their hardened hearts keep them from understanding it. These ones fall easy prey to Satan because they will not believe and be saved. Some people are like the rocky soil. They initially receive the gospel with joy; but because they are never rooted in it they easily fall away in time of temptation or tribulation or persecution. Some people are like the thorny ground. They hear the word, but any desire to keep it and to do it is quickly choked out because of their cares and desires for the things of this world. However, there are those like the good soil. These ones have a noble and good heart (which is necessary for understanding). They not only hear the word, they accept it, keep it, and bear fruit with patience. Friends, of these four examples, which one best represents the soil of your heart?



Jennie Waggoner is now home!

Courtney Garza, Sophie Perry's daughter, had a biopsy on a spot on her nose and is waiting for the results.

Val Walkup was very sick this week, but is feeling better and thanks you all for your prayers.

Kate Talley, the elementary PE teachers baby, had surgery Thursday to help with her seizures.

**Continue to Remember:** *Kate Talley, Jonnie Barnhill, Jonnie Althof, Nils Dannell, Melissa James, Ken Rabon, Mary Taylor, Kirby Whitley, Jennie Waggoner, Brownie Pickens, Wan & Sue Callaway, Khristie Beaird, Nikki Freeze, Alyene Williams, Alastair & Linda Ferrie, Coach Darren Mayes, Karla Brinkley, April Taylor, Chris Davis & Trent Yurcho*

**Our Shut-Ins at Grace Care Center:** *Frances Coker, Lavoise Dannell, Jerry Greene, Lillian Wines, & Bill Wood.*

During a time like this, we learn how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be treasured. The plant was beautiful, but more than that, we appreciate all your concerns and prayers during this difficult time. Thank you. Gene Allmand, Gary & Deb, Kirby & Donna, David & Debbie, Dianne and Mike & Kay.



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

The Tuesday Night Bible Study Group will have their next prayer meeting on Wednesday Night, April 1st following services. We want to invite the entire congregation to stay and pray with us during this time. If you have any questions, please see Robert Davis.



The Childress Church of Christ is having their 1st Annual Area-Wide Christian Men's Conference with Chris McCurley from Abilene, TX as their speaker, on Sunday, April 12th from 4:30-6:30. This is for all men and boys and the

theme is "Real Men of God." If you are interested in attending, please let the office know before April 1st. There is a detailed flyer on the bulletin board.



### Upcoming Events

03/25 Elders & Deacons Meeting

03/25 LTC Parent Meeting

03/30 SonShine House (6:00-7:30)

Saturday Mornings @ 9 Ladies' Breakfast @ Stewart's Sweet Stop

Tuesday Mornings @ 10 Ladies' Bible Class

Thursday Mornings @ 10 Men's Bible Class

### Birthdays

21 Mahalah Womack

23 Jonnie Barnhill

23 Grace Holman

23 Clay Cotton

24 Trent Yurcho

28 Ariel Webb

30 Kay Anderson



03/25 Chili Dogs & Chips by the Youth Group

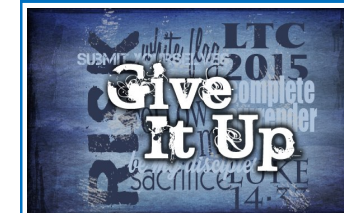
04/01 Spaghetti, Broccoli & Garlic Bread

04/08 Tacos & Refried Beans Dessert

The cost is \$3 a person, or \$12 family

The New Mexico Christian Children's Home

in Portales will be here on April 6th to pick up donated items. Although they will accept anything that is donated, they have specifically requested Kleenex and Napkins this quarter.



Leadership Training for Christ is right around the corner on April 3rd & 4th. Most of our kids have been working hard to learn everything they can about the book of Luke. This is a great

ministry for our youth, but it is not free. With registration, room and food, each kid cost is \$80 for two days. We are in need of a few more sponsors to help defray some of the costs for the church. If you can help in any amount, please let Chandler or Brad know.