

God is love and love lives here!



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The Blessed Meek: A Reflection on Matthew 5:5

In the heart of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus imparts a profound truth in Matthew 5:5: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." This verse is a powerful reminder of the values that define the Kingdom of Heaven, contrasting sharply with the often aggressive and competitive nature of the world around us.

Understanding Meekness

Meekness is frequently misunderstood as weakness. However, in biblical terms, it embodies strength under control, humility, and a gentle spirit. The Greek word used in this passage, "praus," suggests a quality of being teachable and submissive to God's will. The meek are those who do not seek to dominate or retaliate but instead embrace humility and patience, trusting in God's justice and timing.

The Promise of Inheritance

The promise that the meek "shall inherit the earth" speaks to a future reality where God's kingdom is fully realized. This inheritance is not merely a physical land but a spiritual and eternal promise. The meek, who often experience marginalization or oppression in this world, are assured that they will be elevated in God's kingdom. This promise provides hope and encouragement to those who may feel overlooked or undervalued, reminding them that their humility is recognized by God.

Living Out Meekness Today

In a society that often celebrates assertiveness and self-promotion, living out meekness can be challenging. Yet, embracing this virtue can transform our relationships and communities. Here are a few practical ways to cultivate meekness in our daily lives:

- 1. Practice Humility: Acknowledge our limitations and be open to learning from others. Recognize that we are all on a journey of growth and development.
- 2. Respond with Grace: In moments of conflict or disagreement, choose to respond with kindness and understanding rather than anger or defensiveness.
- 3. Trust in God: Place our confidence in God's plan and timing, rather than trying to control situations or outcomes.
- 4. Serve Others: Look for opportunities to serve and uplift those around us, demonstrating the love of Christ through our actions.

Matthew 5:5 invites us to embrace meekness as a pathway to true blessedness. As we cultivate this quality in our lives, we not only align ourselves with the teachings of Jesus but also reflect the character of God to the world around us. In doing so, we find the promise of inheriting the earth—not just in the future, but in experiencing the richness of life in God's kingdom here and now. Let us strive to be among the meek, trusting that our inheritance is secure in Him.

Keep the Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Remember to set your clocks forward Saturday night!

Scripture and Sermon:
Matthew 5:6
"Beatitudes:"



- New Concerns**
Family of Mac McCullough
Bill Cox
Michael Walston
Elizabeth Reidl
Marilyn Outz
Susan Mobley
John Bell
Don Tomberlin
Continue Prayers for:
Cyndi Sears
Cassandra Yazinski
Stevie Bowen
Terry & Kitty Barfield
Josh Goodman
Bill Reedy

Lamar Outz
Paul Smith
Phil & Betty Bailey
Dianne Harrington
Mac McCullough
Kathy Blanchard
Michael & Jennie Walston
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy
Our Country, Leaders, Military and First Responders

Finance Report for	
03-02-25	
Operating Budget.....	\$14,597.00
Food Pantry.....	250.00
Total.....	\$14,847.00
Worship Attendance	
124	
Sunday School	
50	
Ash Wednesday- 71	



Michael’s Address

Some of you have asked for Michael Walston’s address at the VA Hospital and it is: Michael Walston, 1826 Veteran’s Blvd, #8A West, Dublin, GA 31021. I’m sure he would appreciate any cards and letters.

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- ◇ In memory of Jim Blanton by Amber Gamble, Johnny & Barbara Gurr, Patricia Blanton
- ◇ In memory of Brook Cross by Amber Gamble
- ◇ In honor of Sara Colbert’s birthday by Debbie Gray

Foster Parent Training

Hey Church! On March 11, 2025 we will be hosting a community Foster Parenting group that helps foster parents meet their continuing education requirements here at the church. This groups is solely supported by the foster parents and churches who help provide their facility, child care, and a meal if possible. We are excited to partner with their ministry and help support local community efforts like these that truly make a difference in the lives of kids in Houston as well as other surrounding counties. We will be providing child care and a meal for this event, if anyone can help please reach out to Dawn or Katie to register as a volunteer. Their itinerary is listed below.

- Foster Parent Training classes itinerary
- Childcare drop off start at 5:45pm
 - Training meeting starts at 6pm
 - Dinner served at 6:15pm
 - Speaker begins at 6:45pm
 - Meeting ends at 8pm and children picked up promptly over

Thank you!!
Pastor Tommy

5th Sunday Lunches and Church Meal Contact Info

Hey Church! Guess what? We eat a lot at the church! Yes, we do! It is a joy to gather in community and share stories around the table as we eat together. Sometimes it's a 5th Sunday Lunch and sometimes it's to share in memories of someone we cared for as they enter into eternity. The purpose in either is the same; to commune with one another as the people of God. However, this is not possible without our volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure we have enough food and to organize events in the fellowship hall. To help, we want to make sure everyone knows who to contact for church meals in the future when we have the opportunity to gather. Vicky Moore is the head coordinator for 5th Sunday Meals and other special meals in 2025. Cheri Cox is the coordinator for all bereavement meals along with Nancy Hudson and Kimberly Cochran while Cheri is recovering from surgery. If anyone has any questions or would like to volunteer to cook, serve, or clean please reach out to Vicky. Thank you to Vicky and Cheri both for all their work to make these events happen. If anyone has any questions, please contact the church office.

Thank You,
Pastor Tommy



- ✓ 03-10-25 Finance Committee Meeting 6p
- ✓ 03-10-25 Administrative Council Meeting 630p
- ✓ 03-30-25 5th Sunday Lunch 1130p

Community Missions

- The next Food Pantry will be March 12, 10a-1p. Please see Cheri to help with this ministry. You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- The next Clothes Closet is March 12 (9a-1p) and second and fourth Tuesdays for processing (9a-1p) anyone that would like to volunteer, see Brenda. Donations can be dropped off in the small white trailer. The door may need a hard tug to open; it is unlocked.
- March 12- 8:45-11:00... Vicky Moore, Susan Glidewell, Barbara Bruschke
- March 12- 11:00-1:14... Annette Cipra, Cynthia Boutwell, Barbara Hilliard

Family Promise

If you are interested in helping out with Family Promise on our next rotation, April 6 & 7, contact J.O. or Lynn, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>


Potential Volunteers!

Yes! That's you! So many great opportunities are available to you for Christian fellowship and ministry here at The Well at Centerville! Some are listed in the newsletter each week. There are so many **more** possibilities waiting for you! Ask and ye shall find a great fit! Help in sharing with our congregation in facilities or at their home - read a devotion, leave a book, puzzle, coloring book, puzzle game book, an Upper Room. Help with various meals from set-up, serving, to clean-up. Help process our library donations! Join in whatever interests you to see what ministry fits best!

Christian Fellowship

The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World

In this six-week study, pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores six of the most important themes in Jesus's teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. The book will explore Jesus's preaching on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the "I am" sayings in John, and more. Jesus's message is not only life-changing, but world-changing. Join Adam Hamilton in studying The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World.



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Gloria Nelson
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Sara Colbert
Emily Gurr
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Linda Chesser
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Sherrie Shell

Bible Reading Plan	
Week of March 9 th :	
Sunday.....	Job 38
Monday.....	Job 39
Tuesday.....	Job 40
Wednesday.....	Job 41
Thursday.....	Job 42
Friday.....	Proverbs 1
Saturday.....	Proverbs

Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- March 9
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Lynn Mayfield
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell, Roy Carter
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship

Greeters
10:30a Sherrie Shell, TBD

Communion Servers
Betty Byrd, Denice Mc/clarnon
Sherrill Pinckney, Carolyn Nettles

Prayer Teams
Linda Blanton, Paula Williams
Thomas & Joy Fleming

Finance Stewards
Mel Smeltz, J.O. Miller, Gary Rutke

Assisting with Children
Sunday- March 9
Nursery- Lauren, Rosalyn, Sarah
Children- Sherry Armour, Linda Blanton
Sunday- March 16
Nursery- Rosalyn, Lauren, Sarah
Children- Amber Gamble, Sherrie Shell

Monday- March 10
6:00p Finance Meeting
6:30p Administrative Council
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- March 11
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga
6:00p Life Group III "LG3"

Wednesday- March 12
8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
8:45a-1:15p Clothes Closet
10a-1p Food Pantry
6:00p Youth
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- March 13
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
6:30p Men at the Well
7-9p Amateur Radio Club
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- March 14
12p-3p Young at Heart
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- March 15
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday School at 9:15a

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class
Seekers
Issues & Answers
New Beginnings
Christian Fellowship

Studies
Women of Easter
Luke
Hospitality Training
Message of Jesus

Teacher
LaWanna Porter
Joy Fleming
Tommy Odum
Don Schall/Luis Morales



Men at the Well
Easter Hams
\$40



Pick up is **Saturday,**
April 19th, 8a-1p
See any "Man" or call
the office
to get yours...
They freeze well, too!