

GOOD TO BE HOME

I am thankful for those who took care of things while we were away last week. We had a wonderful vacation. If you have never been to the Grand Canyon, I would highly recommend it. The diversity of the landscape across this nation is amazing. If you have only stayed or visited east of the Mississippi River, you have missed a lot. The Grand Canyon was amazing in itself, but there is so much to see as you travel to that location. You appreciate God's creation and the power of the flood as recorded in Genesis 6-8 when you see this place.

One of the places we stopped to see on the way out was called simply "The Cross." It was a huge cross in the middle of all the wind turbines beside the interstate. Around that cross were life size sculptures of the last few days of Christ. They had added a few things that I have not found in the scriptures, but the point of what Jesus went through those last few hours was brought out.

It was good to hear that there were two responses while we were away. Ethan Leonard and Gavin Spurlin came asking for prayers. We certainly need to encourage our young people as they face the many temptations this world throws at them. We should be thankful that we are a close family at Montrose who care about one another and the people in our community. I thought of the verse in Romans 12:15, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." —L.Cole

Simon and the Cross of Jesus

What is the hardest thing you have ever done for someone else? In ministry, several tasks can be quite difficult, but one of the more difficult is standing or sitting with a family as they watch their loved one gasp and take their final breath. No matter what challenge may come to your mind, perhaps nothing compares to what Simon of Cyrene was forced to do for Jesus.

"And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross" (Mark 15:21). Very little is said in scripture about this man other than what we read in this verse. And yet, with so little recorded, we learn some valuable lessons from this man.

1. God can use anyone to help accomplish His will. Simon was just a passerby who came in from the country, perhaps simply for the Passover celebration. And yet, on that occasion, when he least expected it, God used Simon to help accomplish His will.
2. Following Jesus will always lead to a cross. Simon was chosen to help Jesus carry his cross. Luke records Simon carried the cross behind Jesus (Luke 23:26). If

we are going to follow Jesus, we are going to have to be willing to pick up our cross and follow Him no matter the cost (Matthew 16:24).

3. When we know Jesus, our lives will be transformed. Nothing else is specially said about Simon after this encounter. However, it appears his encounter with Jesus on His way to Golgotha transformed his life. Mark mentions Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus. At first glance this may seem unimportant, but I don't think anything in the Bible is unimportant. It is commonly believed and accepted that Mark wrote to Christians in Rome. Mentioning the two sons of Simon by name may very well indicate they were well known to the Christians there. Not to mention, in Paul's letter to the church at Rome, he mentions Rufus and his mother (Rom. 16:13).

We don't know much about Simon of Cyrene from Scripture, but it is quite possible he and his family came to know and believe in Jesus. He may not be the most well-known man in all the Bible, but Simon carried a cross and followed Jesus from Jerusalem to Golgotha. Where will you follow Him?

Justin Morton, karnskourier, 07/17

SLOW ME DOWN LORD

Slow me down, Lord! Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me, amidst the confusion of my day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the music of the singing streams that live in my memory.

Help me to know the magic restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking minute vacations . . . of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines from a good book.

Remind me each day of the fable of the hare and the tortoise that I may know that the race is not always to the swift; that there is more to life than increasing its speed.

Let me look upward into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew great and strong because it grew slowly and well. Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny.

Wilfred A. Peterson—copied

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM

Oct 1, 2017

Coordinator Mitchell Brooks
Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Scripture Reading. Matt. 16:18,19 John Leonard
Song Leader Glen Reece
Opening Prayer. Steve Anderson
Lord’s Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett
 Serve: George Clay, Austin Clay,
 Kaleb Bush, Gavin Spurlin
Closing Prayer.....Brian Smith
Greeter— Ted & Vicki Russell
Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne
Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
 Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon— The Church, The Kingdom
PM Sermon— Goodness & Severity of God

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader. Glen Reece
Scripture Reading, .Rom. 11:20-22 John Leonard
Opening Prayer George Clay
Lord’s Supper Mitchell Brooks
 Dallas Eddie
Closing Prayer Justin Draper

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader Glen Reece
First Prayer. Billy Halliburton
Opening Prayer George Clay
Closing Prayer Dallas Eddie

Prepare Communion for **OCT**
Cynthia & Paige

MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD

NURSING HOME:

Opal Agee-Kindred
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,
Carolyn Clay—Knollwood Manor
Kasel Dillehay—Overton Co. Nursing Home

THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,
 Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,
 Opal Green, Rannelle Cole
 Idella Spurlin, Carolyn Lankford
 Jimmy Craighead,

Sympathy to the Martin family in the death of Jacky Martin from Defeated Community.
 Ethan Leonard and Gavin Spurlin came forward requesting prayer last week,

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

09/24/17

Wednesday.	53
Worship Sunday AM	86
Bible Study Sunday AM	71
Daily Bible Readers	33
Worship Sunday PM	48

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 27th.** Prepare Nursing Home Bag
- Oct. 1st.** Men’s Business Meeting
- Oct. 1st.** Nursing Home and Bag Delivery

READING SCHEDULE FOR OCT

01 Micah 5-7	11 Matt. 1-3	22 Mark 10-12
02 Nahum 1-3	12 Matt. 4-6	23 Mark 13-15
03 Hab 1-3	13 Matt. 7-9	24 Mark 16; Lk.1-2
04 Zeph 1-3	14 Matt. 10-14	25 Luke 3-5
05 Hag. 1-2; Zech. 1	15 Matt. 15-17	26 Luke 6-8
06 Zech. 2-4	16 Matt. 18-20	27 Luke 9-11
07 Zech. 5-9	17 Matt. 21-23	28 Luke 12-16
08 Zech. 10-12	18 Matt. 24-26	29 Luke 17-19
09 Zech. 13-14; Mal. 1	19 Matt. 27-28; Mark 1	30 Luke 20-22
10 Mal. 2-4	20 Mark 2-4	31 Luke 23-24; John 1
	21 Mark 5-9	