

## **Cookies, Judgment, and Mercy**

The story is told of a lady who was waiting at the airport terminal for her plane to begin boarding. In an effort to kill some time, she bought a newspaper and some cookies from the airport snack shop. After sitting down and reading her paper, she caught out of the corner of her eye, a man next to her, eating some cookies. Taking a closer look, she saw that her package of cookies had been opened and the man was eating her cookies! The lady just couldn't believe that the man would have such nerve as to eat her cookies.

So that she wouldn't lose all of her cookies to the man, she slowly reached over, took a cookie and ate one herself. To her amazement, the man continued to eat more cookies. Getting more and more irritated, the woman removed all but one cookie from the package and ate them.

At that point, the man reached down and took the last cookie. Before eating it though, he broke it in half and offered half of it to the lady. Well, this infuriated the lady, so she grabbed her purse and stomped off to sit elsewhere while waiting for her flight.

Finally, she boarded the plane and reached into her purse to get a small mirror when, to her surprise, she found that in her purse was her unopened package of cookies—her cookies were in her purse. She had been eating his cookies!

Sometimes, when we judge or condemn others, we end up judging or condemning ourselves. Have you ever been too quick to pass judgment on another? When we do that, we put ourselves in a precarious and often embarrassing position. Check out all the facts, ask questions, listen carefully and give people the benefit of the doubt. And most of all, be ever thankful that there is one who loves mercy more than judgment, and let's do our very best to be more like him in this regard.

—Steve Higginbotham

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## **Together on Earth, Together in Eternity**

The writer of Hebrews admonished the saints in the early church, “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25). It is very important for brethren to assemble together to worship God and to fellowship with each another. When we regularly gather together, we partake of a spiritual food that is essential to our spiritual growth. When we fail to feed on the Word, to worship and to fellowship with one another, we become weak and in danger of dying spiritually.

Christians are the family of God, and, like our earthly families, we need each other. We are a special people, and as such, we should enjoy being together. “Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another” (Romans 12:10). It is only natural that we should grow to love and to cherish our spiritual family while living on earth, for we are destined to be together for eternity in Heaven.

We may occasionally hear someone declare, “I don’t need anyone.” This is the wrong attitude to have about life, and the person who makes such a statement may be hiding his loneliness behind the appearance of independence. Just as others are affected by our lives, we are affected by others. We need people in our lives—people to love, especially within our spiritual family. We need to know the joy of brotherly love and friendship. The best way to achieve such a relationship is by faithfully growing together with our church family in love, friendship and in the knowledge of the Word of God.

Life is so short—far too short—to live a life separated from our spiritual family and the special blessings that relationship offers. May we all endeavor to live closer to the Lord and cleave to Him, walking as far from the world as we can. Let us remain faithful unto death (Revelations 2:10), always striving for that crown of life the Lord has promised.

—Dale Grissom, [gospelgazette.com](http://gospelgazette.com), 09/18

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## **Standard Equipment**

In our lives, no matter what “baggage” we carry around, no matter what “equipment” we use and no matter what “things” are necessary, the Bible should always be considered standard equipment to us! It is the only book that meets the needs of man under all conditions.

Make the Bible a part of your life. Carry it, read it, study it and live it! Don’t let the Bible become an unused, unknown, undesired thing in your life as it has become in many people’s lives today!

—David Conley, [gospelgazette.com](http://gospelgazette.com), 09/18

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## **Items for Happy Haven**

- Tomato juice
- Cereals: Golden Grahams, Toasted Oats, Rice Crispies, Strawberry Mini-Wheats, Honey Bunches of Oats
- Peanut Butter
- Nutella

- Crackers
- Individual snacks
- Bottled water
- Paper plates (plain, undivided)
- Paper towels
- Bathroom tissues
- Aluminum foil

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

**August 26, 2018**

Co-Coordinator.....George Clay  
 Announcements.....Dallas Eddie  
 Scriptures Reading.....Austin Clay  
 Song Leader.....Jeff Crockett  
 Opening Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

Lord's Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett  
 Serve: Mitchell Brooks, Ethan Leonard  
       Justin Draper, Roger Draper,  
 Closing Prayer.....Glen Reece

Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne  
 Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece

**Greeters: Please be here to greet 20 minutes before services.**

Count Offering.....Dallas Eddie  
 .....Kaleb Bush  
 AM Sermon—TBA  
 PM Sermon— Fourth Sunday Singing

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

Announcements.....Dallas Eddie  
 Song Leader.....Jeff Crockett  
 Scripture Reading..Psa. 147:1.....Austin Clay  
 Opening Prayer.....Mitchell Brooks  
 Lord's Supper.....Jacky Carver, Sr.  
       .....Gavin Spurlin  
 Closing Prayer.....Roger Draper

**BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM**

Announcement.....Dallas Eddie  
 Song Leader.....Brian Smith  
 First Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.  
 Opening Prayer.....Roger Draper  
 Invitation(08/29).....Glen Reece  
 Closing Prayer.....Kaleb Bush

**Prepare Communion for AUGUST  
Lesa Leonard & Patsy Taylor**

**MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD**

**NURSING HOME:**

Opal Agee-Kindred  
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,

**THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;**

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,  
Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,  
Ramelle Cole, Idella Spurlin

**OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**

08/19/18

Wednesday.....	44
Worship Sunday AM.....	102
Bible Study Sunday AM.....	87
Daily Bible Readers.....	40
Worship Sunday PM(08/12).....	58

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Aug. 26th-** Fellowship meal  
**Sept. 1st-** Ladies Breakfast at The Barn  
**Sept. 2nd-** Elders and Deacons meeting

**Reminder:** Collecting supplies for Happy Haven (list of items located on the last page)

**READING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST**

01 Isa. 18-20	11 Isa. 50-52	21 Jer. 18-20
02 Isa. 21-23	12 Isa. 53-57	22 Jer. 21-23
03 Isa. 24-26	13 Isa. 58-60	23 Jer. 24-26
04 Isa. 27-29	14 Isa. 61-63	24 Jer. 27-29
05 Isa. 30-34	15 Isa. 64-66	25 Jer. 30-32
06 Isa. 35-37	16 Jer 1-3	26 Jer. 33-37
07 Isa. 38-40	17 Jer. 4-6	27 Jer. 38-40
08 Isa. 41-43	18 Jer. 7-9	28 Jer. 41-43
09 Isa. 44-46	19 Jer. 10-14	29 Jer. 44-46
10 Isa. 47-49	20 Jer. 15-17	30 Jer. 47-49
		31 Jer. 50-52