

GREETINGS: The Housbys send their greetings along with their new address and phone number, which are 1201 SW 11th St., Andrews, TX 79714 and 515-988-4220. “Dear Cape Congregation: Marla and I feel most blessed to have met you. As time goes by, be assured that you are in our hearts. Best wishes, Bob and Marla” You can see their card posted on the bulletin board.

REGISTER NOW!: The North Carolina School of Biblical Studies continues to offer free online Zoom classes. Sign up today!

“Developing Leadership Practices That Work”. Thursdays, online at 7 p.m. CST, beginning January 7. In this 10 week course, different methods of leadership that will support open communication and encourage member participation will be explored. Any leader, aspiring leader, or encourager of leaders can benefit from this class. Register now at NCSBS.NET or call 336.766.6078.

“Journey Through the Word, Part 2”. This is a class for women only and will help you understand how the characters and events of the Bible fit together for God’s purposes. Class begins Thursday, January 7, at 6 p.m. CST and will continue for 10 weeks. Register now at NCSBS.NET or call 336.766.6078.

SEE THE FLYERS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The Arnold church of Christ is hosting a Creation Seminar, January 15-17. See the full schedule at <https://arnoldcoc.org/event/creation/> or check the flyer posted on the bulletin board. Attend in person or watch on Arnold’s Facebook page.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL : Also check out the flyers from WBS regarding the Bibles for Millions campaign and the new social network for Christians called Mathetis. This also provides availability to a 13-week Bible curriculum to equip Christians to reach the lost.

The Cape

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SPIRITUAL FOOD SOURCES

TV Programs

“In Search of the Lord’s Way” with Phil Sanders at 7:00 a.m. Sundays on Channel 9 (Fox 23)
“Good News Today” at 7:30 a.m. Sundays
“A Bible Answer” at 8:00 a.m. Sundays

Internet

Capechurchofchrist.org (<https://www.facebook.com/CapeChurchofChrist/>)
Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

From Harding University: Collegechurchofchrist.org
(<https://www.facebook.com/CollegeChurchofChrist/>) Sundays at 8 a.m.

The Shepherds' Story

Sometimes I think how blessed the shepherds were when an angel told them of the birth of Jesus, followed by seeing and hearing a host of angels praising God because of Jesus' birth (**Luke 2.9-14**). Can you imagine their shock and awe!? And then I think how blessed they were to hurry off to Bethlehem and actually see the baby Jesus lying in a manger (**Luke 2.16**). I think of how excited they were to experience such blessings, so excited that they, like the host of angels, couldn't keep it to themselves. They spread the word about what they had heard and seen, and all who heard it were amazed (**Luke 2.17-18**).

Nothing more is said of the shepherds after that, but don't you know that night had to be a life-changing experience for them? They had seen angels, lots of angels. Other than Mary and Joseph, they were the first to have seen Jesus, and first to tell others about him.

Did you ever wonder why God chose these shepherds to be the first witnesses of Jesus? Shepherds were not at the top of the social order, and these particular shepherds were living in the fields with their sheep ... at night (**Luke 2.8 NIV, NKJV**). We don't know what their names were or even how many there were. But to God, none of that mattered. We don't have to be wealthy, influential, high-class people for God to use us. Often, just the opposite. For this story, names and numbers are irrelevant. What matters is not who we are but how the good news of Jesus affects us.

After the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds felt compelled to check out what they had been told. Sure, they believed the angels, but they needed to find out for themselves what this was all about. Their fields were near Bethlehem, so they hurried off right away and found what they were seeking that very night. One thing important about God's word; it's not something to postpone. When we find out what God wants us to do, we should act on it right away, that same day or hour if possible (**Acts 2.37-42; 8.39; 16.32-33**).

We don't know how long the shepherds stayed at the manger, but we do know that when they left, they had a lot to share. They had been told by the angel that the Savior had been born, and that he was Christ the Lord (**Luke 2.11**). Never had such good news reached anyone in the middle of the night. After they saw Jesus in the manger, they had a story to tell. The shepherds' story amazed all who heard it. It still does.

After thinking about the story of the shepherds I realized that by faith I can also be blessed by these same things. By faith I can see and hear the angels tell of Jesus birth. By faith I can see the baby lying in the manger. By faith I can know that Jesus is the Savior and King. And because of this faith, I, like the shepherds, can spread the good news about this child so that others, too, can be amazed at the wondrous things God has done for us.

*Joe Chesser
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SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to remember, with cards and prayers, those in nursing homes and those who cannot get out because of their health. These include Helen Coburn (who is now home from rehab), Joan England, David Mattingly, Carson Pitman III, Pat Smart, Betty Tanner and the Volkerdings. There are several members who chose to stay in because of the pandemic, so also remember them in our prayers. And, of course, continue to keep Mark McAllister in your prayers as he undergoes chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

<u>OUR MEMBERS</u>	<u>FAMILY & FRIENDS</u>	<u>WEEKLY REPORT</u>
Helen Coburn (LifeCare Ctr) Joan England (Life Care Ctr) David Mattingly (rm 308 Life Care Ctr) Mark McAllister (glioblastoma) Carson Pitman III Pat Smart (stroke/fall) Betty Tanner (shut-in) Jane Volkerding (shut-in)	Betty Allen (hospice) Donna Barnes (cancer) Tom & Mary Bollman Michele Campbell (back) Liam Clark Angie Northern Fabing Scott Hartline Karen Hubbs (brain cancer) Chris Hutson Suzanne Meert (cancer) Kevin Plemons (brain tumor) Barry Tate (stroke) Scott Taylor (cancer) Donna Thieman (cancer) Tony Wells	Sunday a.m. Worship: 34 Contributions: \$2,555.00 Budget: \$3,059.12 Please remember to leave your contribution in the tray on the table at the back of the auditorium.

CHILDREN'S HOME PICKUP IS 3 WEEKS AWAY:

Supplies requested for the January 18, 2021 pickup are Dishwashing detergent (Dawn, e.g.), Non-aerosol deodorant, HE Laundry Detergent, Instant Rice, Muffin Mixes and Pickles.

THANK YOU: Erika Cavasos wishes to thank everyone who donated money, food, supplies, and gifts for her family. She is very appreciative. Continue to pray that she and her children will be willing to come to services and to learn God's word.

<u>Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries</u>	
Dec. 27 – Wayne Barker	