

What's in your cup?

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Consider this analogy: You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? "Well because someone bumped into me, of course!"

Wrong answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.

You see, *Whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out.*

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen and it's like a massive earthquake here in 2020), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.

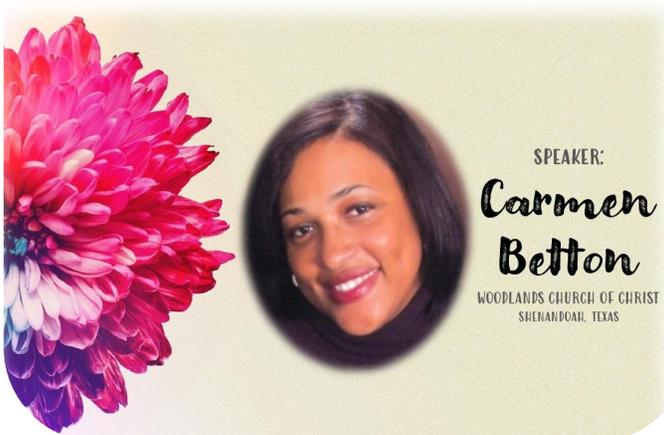
*So we have to ask ourselves... "what's in my cup?"

When life gets tough, what spills over? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions? You choose! Everytime.

Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation; and kindness, gentleness and love for others – just as Jesus has called us to live.

Woman's Day Bible Study

OCTOBER 10, 10:00 a.m.—noon



Fill the Building

by Don Hooton

For years, many have said that we still need to “fill the building” at meetings and singings. Years ago when television, jobs, recreation and sports did not occupy people’s lives like today, many expected large turnouts because people liked having things to do and to hear Bible preaching. In past decades, competing societal interests have distracted Christians from attendance and especially today, many are fearful of attending because of COVID and conversely, some do not like the recommendations to safe gathering that churches (like us) retain.

Yet, there have always been obstacles to filled buildings in every generation. And truthfully, whether the building is “filled” is irrelevant to what God really wants. What he wants is to ask us the question: Are WE “filled with the Spirit” (c.f. Ephesians 5:18) and “walking by the Spirit” (Galatians 5:16)? It’s not the pews that need to be filled—it’s the people in them. So, are we filling ourselves—at every opportunity we can—with the life giving Spirit and following that Life by not “gratifying the desires of the flesh?”

Jesus says, “Seek first His kingdom” (Matthew 6:33). Those who want the King in their lives are striving to follow the changes He demands. Worries melt away. Anxieties calm. And the daily provision we *need* suddenly becomes the welcomed *want*—instead of the many other distractions.

So the building is really filled by *filled* hearts. Hearts that find themselves *ful-filled* because attendance is about worship and a worship is about that God we worship. It’s not about the interesting speaker or exhilarating song leader. It’s not about the ambiance and mood created by artificialities. All those things may or may not happen but that’s not what worship is about. It’s about God. “I was glad when they said to me, let us go up to the *house of the Lord,*” David said (Psalm 122:1).

Understandably, there are always “providential” reasons we can not fill the building—and these times have made those even more real. So, please do not burden your worries with more by thinking that I am saying that if you have missed—you have lost eternal life. I’m not.

But we should learn to feel what that *filling* really is. **It’s about being with God.** When we are not filling the building, do we not feel like we have missed God? God fills the hearts of the people there. **It’s about growing with God.** When we are not filling the building, are we not losing the ingredients God made to grow together “*in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ*” (2Peter 3:18) through the “*word of His grace which is able to build you up*” (Acts 20:32). **It’s about encouragement.** Let’s “meet together, as is the habit of some, [and] encourage one another” if we took the words to be positive (Hebrews 10:25).

The Bible says that Christians gathered *for worship* (Acts 2:42), encouraged to do so weekly (1Corinthians 16:1-2) and habitually (c.f. Hebrews 10:25). So as we resume our “back to normal,” let’s start filling the building *as we fill ourselves—and each other*—with the encouragement that only the Spirit brings.

NEWS & NOTES

UPDATED PRAYER LIST

- Keith Arrants will have a followup, 10/8.
- Brian Clark will see his cardiologist this week for to follow up with tests on difficulties he's recently had.
- Congratulations to Kati and Jeremy Crump in the birth of Theodore (Theo) Lewis, born on 9/23, 9lb,8oz, 22.5".
- Rita Ray will have an outpatient biopsy on Monday after inconclusive results from her mammogram.
- Brenda Swann is in Encompass Health Rehab, #207, on Vision Park. Visits are welcome but limited to one per day. Call ahead.
- Lori Alexander's great-nephew Luke has Encephalitis and struggling.
- Jackie Betancourt's father, Gustavo Pacheco, in Venezuela, has symptoms of COVID but there are not enough test kits in Venezuela to confirm it. They are also waiting got pending results for pneumonia testing as well. Prayers for his recovery.
- Judy Gilespie's husband Ronnie biopsy and gets results today.
- Morgan Potter's mother, Jackie, will have a single dose of immunotherapy treatment to shrink the tumor before surgery within the month followed later by radiation. The tumor is at stage 4 but doctors are confident in the treatment plan.
- Dehbrenda Preuss' dad, Bill Harrison, passed away early Friday morning just after his 80th birthday.
- Many of our senior citizens, the Doug and Mary-Lou Hall, Bill Hooton, Carl & Annette Yaws, (as well as Maureen Chegin's mother) due to the restrictions on senior living facilities that still remain in force after the recent changes announced by the governor, are still prevented from leaving the facilities for non-medical reasons (like attending church). I'm sure they could use your prayers and notes

and calls of encouragement. There are others who are reticent to get out because of doctor's orders, like Linda Peterson, Alan Swor, Helen West and Al Williams. There are many others still home as well. So if you haven't seen these – or others – for a while, send them a "hello" with a call or card. I know they would appreciate it.

IN-PERSON SCHEDULE (*Seating is based on pew capacities to maintain safe seating distances. Please follow recommended wearing of face masks, especially when singing.*)

- **SUNDAYS, 8:30 AM AND 10:00 AM.**
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS, 7:00 PM.** Adult class is "BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS" and children classes will meet in their rooms to resume the curriculum series.
- **TUESDAY CLASS, 10:30 AM.** "FROM BONDAGE TO FREEDOM: the story of Israel (from Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers) and will meet in the auditorium". ZOOM available.
- **ONE SUNDAY SERVICE** begins **SUNDAY, 10/18** at 10:00 a.m. (Lord willing).

VIRTUAL SCHEDULE

LiveStream events are still InPerson events and replayable on our YouTube Channel

- **Worship** | Sundays, 8:30 a.m.
- **Adult Class** | Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- **Adult Class** | Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, SINGINGS & STUDIES

- **2:52 Kids Class** [2-12] | (TBA)
- **TEEN DEVO** [12-18] | Sat., 10/10, 6:30 p.m. at the Davis' home.
- **YOUNG ADULTS STUDY** | (TBA)
- **ADULTS STUDY** [30/40] | (TBA)
- **BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES** Monthly Bible Class | Sunday, 9/13/2020. 4:00 p.m.
- **BARNABAS GROUP** | Group Meeting TODAY 27 between 8:30 and 10:00 services (9:40-

9:55). See Leo Betancourt for more details.

- **WOMEN'S DAY** with Carmen Betton | 10/10. Posters and postcards available on member table. Look for social media notifications.
- **MEN'S DAY** with David McClister | 11/7. Posters available on the member table. Look for social media notifications.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

- **WELCOME!** The elders met with and are glad to welcome **Troy and Jane French**, and their son **Carson**, to our membership. Check Enews for their directory info!

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Week Thirty-Nine (beginning 9/27)

- READ Psalm Psalm 38, 88, 138
- MEMORIZE Psalm 138:1-3

Attendance	InPerson Average Last-Month	Virtual Average Last-Month	InPerson Last Week	Virtual Views Last Week
Sunday Adult Class	n/a	14	n/a	n/a
Sunday Worship AM	112	62	106	37
Tuesday Adult Class	n/a	n/a	4	20
Sunday Worship PM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wednesday PM	n/a	26	68	3
Gospel Meeting (MTW)	M) 69	T) 52	W) 68	52

SUNDAYS	8:30 AM 9/27	10:00 AM 9/27	8:30 AM 10/4	10:00 AM 10/4	CONTACT INFORMATION
Foyer 1-Welcome	Craig Preuss	Stuart Jones	Chris Chapman	Dwight Haas	Elders
Foyer 2-Ushering	Chris Chapman	Hayden Clark	Leo Betancourt	Al Suarez	Keith Arrants 936.582.1244
SongLeading	Norman Davis	Dwight Osteen	Adam Bohanan	Dwight Haas	George Chapman 281.298.1303
1st Prayer	Barrett Blankenship	Nathan Shows	Harvey Goble	Lester Cockrell	Norman Davis 832.326.2966
Scripture	Jay Dulin	Timothy Chandler	Michael Harvey	Timothy Chandler	Don Hooton 936.443.6230
Scripture Reading	Colossians 3:1-17	Acts 18:24-28	John 11:33-46	Luke 5:1-11	Deacons
Communion_Lead	Norman Davis	Granville Betton	Jay Dulin	Mickey Chandler	Adam Bohanan 281.798.1093
Preaching	Don Hooton	Don Hooton	Don Hooton	Don Hooton	Brian Clark 281.513.0706
2nd Prayer	Ross Randow	Michael Henss	Mitch Harvey	Gary LeBlanc	Gary LeBlanc 281.292.0262
Announcements	Craig Preuss	Brian Clark	George Chapman	Brian Clark	Craig Preuss 832.477.0578
Sanitize-Bathrooms After	K&N Davis	B&T Clark	K&D Arrants	M&C Chandler	Evangelists
Sanitize-Pews After	N. Enright	D&D Haas	Jennifer Fancher	J&M Chegin	Don Hooton 936.443.6230
Building Open/Lockup	Don Hotoon	George Chapman	Chris Latson	Brian Clark	Website
Sound 1	Chris Latson	Chris Latson	Chris Latson	Chris Latson	www.woodlandschurhofchrist.org
Communion Prep	G&L Chapman	G&L Chapman	G&L Chapman	G&L Chapman	Office Phone
Counting Contribution	George Chapman Al Suarez	George Chapman Al Suarez	George Chapman Brian Clark	George Chapman Brian Clark	281.367.2099
WEDNESDAYS	7:30 PM 9/30		7:00 PM 9/30		Church Email
SongLeading	D. Haas		D. Haas		woodlandschurhofchrist@gmail.com
Invitation/Talk	G. Chapman		G. Chapman		
Prayer	R. Randow		R. Randow		
Announcements	G. Chapman		G. Chapman		