

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP
When We All Get to Heaven #717

WELCOME! RANDY COOPER
SHEPHERD'S PRAYER & THANKSGIVING
Revive Us Again #133

We're Marching to Zion #703
Come Share the Lord

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE
We Are the Body of Christ

MESSAGE: "HANG ON...TO THE CHURCH!" (D.J. BULLS)
The Greatest Commands

WE GO OUT TO LOVE & SERVE OTHERS: RANDY COOPER

COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE AUDITORIUM AND A BOX IS LOCATED IN THE LOBBY FOR TO PUT YOUR CARDS & OFFERINGS.

HOW CAN WE PRAY
FOR YOU TODAY?

Prayer Line
Text/Call: 903-402-1922

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We are a church of imperfect people, seeking to **Love God, Love Others, Serve Our Community, and Serve our World**, as we try to *live & love like Jesus.*

Gilmer Church of Christ

January 31, 2021

Welcome Back!

Isn't it great to be together again? You may have seen this information before, but the Shepherds want to encourage you to set up a **Front Porch Visit!** They may be calling you to set one up soon. We need to find new and creative ways to reach out to one another, to our neighbors, and to stay connected!

Front Porch Ministry

We Have Missed You!

And we want to do something about it! If you're feeling the effects of isolation as so many are, email, call, or text D.J. or any Shepherd, let us know & we'll set up a visit. We'll wear masks, bring some lawn chairs, sit on the "porch," & chat.

NOTE: No actual front porch required...



From the Bulls' Pen

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I have been looking forward to this day, to coming back together since before we decided to even postpone our in-person gatherings for the weeks following Christmas. Really, I guess you could say I've been "hanging on" to the hope of us coming back together.

COVID has hit our church, and all churches very hard. Church growth and leadership gurus estimate that whenever the "post-COVID" world becomes a reality, some 20-30% of all people who went to church before COVID will *not return to any congregation*. **That is a startling estimate.** What does that say about the church at large? What does it say about the importance of the church in people's lives and in the lives of communities? ***What does it mean for us?***

Today, we'll look at why we need to **HANG ON** to the Church...maybe more than ever before. And sometimes, new and changing times call for new and changing approaches to how we function and minister to one another and to our community. Are we willing to step up to this daunting challenge? Jesus' revolution is even more revolutionary now than it was a year ago... and he's calling us to participate!

It's great to see you...I'm glad you're here!

DJB
#1282

NEWS, NOTES, & UPCOMING EVENTS

- MEN'S BREAKFAST: Tuesday, 7:15 AM @ Bubba's Fat Burger.
- Sunday, Feb. 7: Socially Distanced Potluck in annex after worship.

PRAYER UPDATES

- Prayers for friends & loved ones fighting COVID
- Prayers for the Bulls/LeFan family in the loss of D.J.'s cousin Tim Lefan.
- Prayers for Willard Brockinton & Tammy Brockinton (D.J. Bulls' grandfather & aunt) are both fighting COVID.
- Prayers for Dorthy Coyle—recovering from knee surgery on Monday (1.25)
- Prayers for those making, providing, administering the Vaccine & for it to be successful and reach as many as possible as quickly as possible
- Continued prayer for our church to weather the COVID "ups and downs" and to come out stronger and renewed to minister to our community
- Prayers for our neighbors, Solid Rock House of Praise (behind us on Cass St.) as *their pastor, Wayne Allen* suddenly passed away last week.

STOCK THE BOX!

Think about those in our community who may have special needs for their table & pantry.

Let's work to keep the **REJOICE BOX** stocked!

NEEDS:

Canned Vegetables,
Canned Fruit, Canned
Chicken, Canned Tuna,
Bottled Water (individual
bottles), Ramen Noodles,
Soup, Beans, Pasta, Pow-
dered Milk.

GOOD FOR THE SOUL

*Do your best
and let God do
the rest!*

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