

DENBIGH CHURCH OF CHRIST

Living as God's Family Under the Cross: Loving, Serving, Praising, and Proclaiming

Order of Worship

Welcome

(Tuck)

Raise a Hallelujah
Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah!
On Bended Knee

Prayer

(Renee' West)

Read: Jude 1:20-25

(Travis Mannix)

He Still Came

Table Talk

(Richard Pittman)

The Lord's Supper

Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Giving and Announcements

Students and Teachers Dismissed to Class

Everlasting God

Sermon: Power in Weakness (14):
Cheerful Givers (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

Living Hope

One More Thing

Closing Prayer

(Francine Tatum)

Soundboard: Perry Smith

Streaming Service: Shandra Smith

Worship Leader: Keri and Roger Brown

Greeters: David and Susan Smith

If you are visiting today, please take a moment to fill out one of our guest cards and place it in the collection basket that will be passed later.

Always Good to Do Good

(Daily Reading for Today: John 5:1-24)

Our reading for today tells of Jesus healing a man who had been paralyzed and helpless for thirty-eight years. The man spent his time lying beside the Pool of Bethesda. People believed that those who washed themselves in the water of the pool would be healed, and there were many disabled people (blind, lame and paralyzed) who spent their time waiting for their miracle. This unnamed invalid received his miracle, though it had nothing to do with the Pool of Bethesda. Jesus asked him, "Do you want to get well?" Of course he did. That why he was lying beside the pool in the first place, but he had not been healed. Jesus said, "*Pick up your mat and walk.*" And he did, completely cured of his disability. And immediately both the man and Jesus found themselves in trouble with the powers that be.

Why? Because it was the Sabbath! They saw the man carrying his mat and immediately challenged him, "*It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.*" Actually there was nothing in Moses' Law about mat carrying. They were not to "*carry a load on the Sabbath day or bring it through the gates*" (see Jer 17:21). The details of what did and what didn't constitute "a load" were not fleshed out. But nature and religious pundits abhor a vacuum, and so the rabbis fleshed out the details of what one could and could not carry on the Sabbath. Some even decided that people with a prosthetic leg couldn't wear it on the Sabbath; that constituted carrying a load. When some Jewish leaders challenged this flagrant case of mat carrying, the man simply replied, "*The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'*" When someone with God's power to heal tells you to carry your mat, then you carry your mat!

The same rabbis tracked down Jesus and nailed him for violating the Sabbath by healing people. One of the most common charges that the rabbis and Pharisees made against Jesus was healing on the Sabbath. Jesus has several different responses to this charge in other contexts. Here he simply says, "*My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.*" God is at work, so Jesus was at work. It is always good to join God in his work; it is always good to do good. The rabbis were hung up on religious dogma, tradition, and ritual; Jesus was simply busy doing the work of God in the world—loving and caring for people. It is always good to do good. Would we be better disciples of Christ if we focused a little less on dogma, tradition, and ritual, and focused a little more on caring for and helping people like Jesus did?

Prayer List

Odette Gruber's uncle Claude has untreatable brain cancer. Please pray for his comfort and family's strength.

Troy and Myra ask for prayer for Bri's recovery from surgery.

Myra grieving the death of a close cousin.

DJ Caldwell seeks prayers for his mom who is experiencing new/worsening weakness.

Jackie Costen's P.T. from recent back surgery.

Tony and Audrey Briggs' neighbor Doris was recently diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

Please pray for Carol Edlow's sister who was recently diagnosed with dementia.

Traci Best's co-teacher has a brain tumor.

Traci Best's brother Darrin had a successful surgery on May 6 to remove a mass on his kidney.

Makayla Stokes' second hip replacement surgery is currently scheduled for May 22.

Whitney Jones continues chemo treatments.

Pat Glaspell's chemo treatment and her sister's husband, Mark Shivetts recovering from open heart surgery.

Joe Tatum's cousin passed away recently.

Kim Respass had medical testing done on Tuesday, May 7 and waiting for results.

Pray for Dennis Ayling and family in the recent passing of his father. And for Dennis' mother who recently suffered a stroke.

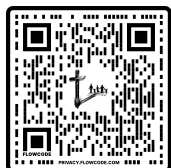
Sophia Carr's mom, Evangelina, seeking treatment for lump in breast.

Pray for Gay Fields, Shirley's sister-in-law and Darlene Cooper, Shirley's niece who are both being treated for cancer.

Continue to pray for God's protection over our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Continue to pray for the war to end in Gaza and for hostages to be released.

Help us keep this prayer list current by sharing with us any updates or additions. Members can use the QR code at right to give online at our member portal.



Corrected Mailing Address...

Harold Taylor's birthday is this Wednesday, May 15. Let's "shower" him with birthday cards to let him know we haven't forgotten him. His corrected address is Smart Communication Harold Taylor Sr. #148476 P.O. Box 9117 Seminole, FL, 33775

Camp Idlewild Registration...

Registration is open for all campers! Go to campidlewild.org to sign up! The dates are July 7-13 (Grades 3-6); July 14-20 (All Ages Week); July 21-27 (Grade 9-12); August 1-3 (Grades K-3). Some of the weeks (most notably Grades 3-6) have a tendency to fill up, so reserve your child's place by registering early. See Bob Bean if you have any questions.

CASA Ministry...

Interested in joining Denbigh's prison ministry CASA program? We have been administering this spiritual support at the Newport News Jail for many years. Your help is needed on Thursdays from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Please contact Renee West for more information.

Community Health Symposium...

There will be a special Community Health Symposium on Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon here at the building. Four experts on mind-body connections, family health, nutritional health and health care for uninsured will share their knowledge with us. There will also be a panel discussion following the program with the four presenters answering whatever questions you may have.

Kids' Fun Day...

All our children (and their friends) are invited to another "Kids' Fun Day" on Monday, May 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Family Room. There will be Bible stories, games, crafts, and more. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lunch with them for the event. A sign up sheet is in the foyer. See Shirley Cooper for more details.

Denbigh Church Walking Club...

The Denbigh Church Walking Club has been created for all ages, genders and fitness. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. Texts will go out before each gathering stating where and when the next meeting will be held. Unpleasant tasks (exercise) are easier when they are shared.

Daily Bible Reading...

Today is day 133 in our journey to read through the New Testament together. If you haven't started, begin with today and follow along. If you haven't joined our reading group in the Bible app (in IOS or Android), see David Smith. Or go old school and read it on paper—

- Today: May 12- John 5:1-24
- Mon: May 13- John 5:25-47
- Tue: May 14- John 6:1-21
- Wed: May 15- John 6:22-44
- Thu: May 16- John 6:45-71
- Fri: May 17- John 7:1-31
- Sat: May 18- John 7:32-53
- Sun: May 19- John 8:1-20