

DENBIGH CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Order of Worship

Welcome and Introduction
(Tuck)

Awesome
How Great Thou Art

Opening Prayer
(Stephen Newsome)

Read: Zechariah 4:3-5; Psalm 125:1-2
(Willa Glaspell)

Surround Us Lord
Lord, I Need You

Table Talk
(DJ Caldwell)

The Lord's Supper
Boundless Love

Giving and Announcements

Children/Teachers Dismissed to Sunday School

And Can It Be

Sermon: Power in Weakness (11):
Godly Sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:2-12)

Create in Me a Clean Heart

One More Thing

Closing Prayer
(Larry Ing)

Soundboard: Dustin Best
Streaming Service: Shandra Smith
Worship Leader: Keri and Roger Brown
Greeters: Tony and Stephanie Bomar

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.

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

(From Today's Reading: Luke 18:18-30)

Today's reading begins with the familiar story of "*the Rich Young Ruler*." It's familiar in part because it's covered in three of the four gospels. This young guy comes to Jesus with the question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" He brushes Jesus aside when he is pointed to keeping the commands of the Law, "*All these I have kept since I was a boy*." Did he really think that? Did he really think that he had such a handle on the Old Testament law that he had exhausted every command in it? Did he think that Jesus could help him uncover the one obscure, little-known ritual that he had yet to observe?

Whatever it was that he expected Jesus to say, it wasn't this, "*You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor*." He balks at that because he was very wealthy." The object lesson in all three gospels is that it's hard for the rich to be saved, "*Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God*" (Luke 18:25). Don't fall for the old trope here that Jesus is referring to a small gate in a wall of Jerusalem that camels had to shimmy through with great difficulty. He's talking about actual camels and needles, a hyperbole to say it's really, really hard for the rich to seek heaven.

Why? Rich people come in all shapes, sizes, colors and backgrounds, but they do share one thing in common. They have a lot of money. And once you have a lot of money (I've been told), you have a lot of freedom and independence. Jesus taught his disciples in the Sermon on the Mount they were to pray for their daily bread (Matthew 6:11) and not worry about what they would eat and drink and wear (Matthew 6:25). They were to seek God first and trust Him to provide for their needs (Matthew 6:33). Rich people don't worry about their daily bread; they have enough stored up for weeks. They don't have to worry IF they will eat or drink; they stand in front of full pantries trying to decided WHAT they will have. They aren't reminded by their need about how much they depend on God for everything. They get used to the idea that they can pretty much take care of themselves. Their self-sufficiency makes it harder to fully depend on God and put Him before their stuff.

That's why Jesus tells the Rich Young Ruler to sell everything and give it all away to the poor. His self-sufficiency was getting in the way of truly seeking God. So, what would Jesus tell us? What is it that gets in our way to totally depending on God and seeking Him above all else? Whatever that one thing is, we must get rid of it if we want to squeeze past the camel and thread the needle of salvation.

Prayer List

Kati Rutherford's father had cardiac ablation surgery on Friday.

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

Continue praying for Travis Mannix and family as they grieve the loss of his father.

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

Jackie Costen is beginning P.T. following her back surgery.

Pray that Linda Shoun recovers quickly after testing positive with COVID.

Tony Briggs had back surgery April 15. Tony and Audrey's neighbor Doris was recently diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

Sherry Stokes had a new pacemaker put in. Please pray for her recovery.

Traci Best's brother Darrin will have 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 is still undergoing chemo treatment and her brother-in-law, Mark Shivetts has open heart surgery later this week.

Joe Tatum's cousin passed away recently.

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

Kim Respass will have more sleep tests performed May 28.

David Smith's son-in-law admitted to inpatient care for PTSD.

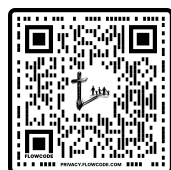
Pray for Dennis Ayling's father's chemotherapy. And for Dennis' mother who suffered a stroke.

Shirley's niece, Darlene, has breast cancer.

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

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

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.



Birthdays Card Shower...

Harold Taylor's birthday is coming up on May 15. Let's "shower" him with birthday cards to let him know we haven't forgotten him. His address is Taylor Sr., Harold #148476, Newport News City Jail, P.O. Box 57, Newport News, VA 23607

Notes on ChurchTrac Texts...

We are able to send out mass texts and emails to keep you informed through our church database "ChurchTrac." We have been assigned a dedicated phone number for these texts. When you reply to one of these texts, it is readable by the church office only and not bounced to everyone else. This is a great tool for keeping us all informed, but we wanted you to realize this major limitation.

Clothing & Shoe Drive...

There are times when patients at Riverside Hospital are discharged in paper scrubs and socks. Donations of gently used shoes and spring/summer clothes would be appreciated. You can drop off your donations at the hospital lobbies in the donation boxes provided.

Camp Idlewild Registration...

Summer dates are set and registration is open for Camp Idlewild! Go to campidlewild.org and sign up today! 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). Register now to ensure a spot!

Sister's Survey...

A survey for our ladies is located on the back table in the auditorium. Please take one to fill out to assist with our planning to enhance how we can support one another spiritually and personally. Return completed surveys to the decorated box, also on the table.

Bridal Shower...

There will be a special "Come-n-Go Bridal Shower" honoring Tammara Phelps will be held May 4, 2024 between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. at the home of Shandra Smith. Rather than buying gifts, you are requested to make donations to a money tree. Please see Carol Edlow or Shandra Smith for additional details.

Daily Bible Reading...

Today marks Day 112 of our reading journey through the New Testament together in 2024. We hope you are taking this journey with us. If not, begin with day 105 and follow along with us. If you haven't joined our reading group (*almost 50 of us have*) in the Bible app (in IOS or Android), see David Smith and he'll get you started.

- Today: April 21: Luke 18:18-43
- Mon: April 22: Luke 19:1-27
- Tue: April 23: Luke 19: 28-48
- Wed: April 24: Luke 20:1-26
- Thur: April 25: Luke 20:27-47
- Fri: April 26: Luke 21:1-19
- Sat: April 27: Luke 21:20-38
- Sun: April 28: Luke 22:1-30