

## Counting the Cost

Luke 14:25-35

<sup>25</sup>Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them,<sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple." <sup>27</sup>And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish it— <sup>29</sup>lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'? <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. <sup>33</sup>So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

<sup>34</sup> "Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? <sup>35</sup> It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, *but* men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

One must be prepared to put Christ first. Jesus taught this truth four ways:

I. A \_\_\_\_\_ Command

II. A \_\_\_\_\_ Builder

III. An \_\_\_\_\_ King

IV. Un\_\_\_\_\_

October 22, 2023

Song Leader-Ronnie Moore

Welcome

555-Seek Ye First  
794-Unto Thee, O Lord  
552-Have Thine Own Way

Prayer

Rickey Wilson

Scripture Reading

Matthew 10:37-39

Lincoln Jones

671-Purer In Heart, O God  
342-We Saw Thee Not

Lord's Supper and

Contribution

Ron Rutledge

669-Take My Life, and Let It Be

Coins for Christ/Bible Times

1015-Jesus Loves the Little  
Children

Lesson- Chris Graham

"Counting the Cost"

902-Nothing But the Blood

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Mike Tinius

**Welcome Guests!** We are honored that you have joined us today and hope that you will be blessed by your time with us in worship. The following are some helpful tips on making the most of your visit with us this morning.

**Register-** Our guests, as well as members, are asked to register their attendance as the pads are passed down each pew.

**Attended Nursery** is available for children up to three years of age in the west wing. (Kid Zone)

**Bible Times** is for older twos through fourth grade. Two's-K are in the children's wing, room 4, and 1st-4th are in room 6.

**Quiet Bags** for children are available at the table by the children's wing.

The **Welcome Center** has details about ministries, classes and more. It is in the main entrance outside the auditorium.

To access internet, connect to West Freeway Guest. No password needed.

**October 22, 2023**

Assemblies:

Sunday

Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening	4:00 p.m.

Communion will be offered at each Sunday meeting.

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

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**Elder of the month: Victor Jones**



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**May I Participate?**

I have often been asked for my cooperation in "interdenominational" efforts. I, sometimes, must explain why I cannot join in what might otherwise be a very worthy cause. Christians are often faced with whether we should join in some "interdenominational" group. What does the Bible say?

*Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

1 Corinthians 1:10

*If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*

2 John 10,11

*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?*

2 Corinthians 6:14

*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*

Ephesians 5:11

Unity in diversity is not God's will. If I yoke myself to a false teacher, I become a partaker in his evil deeds. Rather than ignoring the creeds and doctrines of men, let us abandon them and return to the New Testament as our only rule of faith and practice. That is the path to true unity.

Chris Graham



**October 29**

Trunk or Treat 4:00-5:30 P.M.

**November 4**

Game night in the fellowship area. 6:00, eat before you come, and bring your favorite game.

**November 18**

Family Devo at the Grahams' home at 5:30.

**Men**

Men's Bible Study, **Tuesdays** at 6:30 p.m.

**Men's Breakfast**

Held each Tuesday morning at 7:00 at Westside Café. Come join in the fellowship.

**Ladies' Bible Class**

**Tuesdays** in the Adult Classroom #1 at 9:30 A.M.

**Mission Work Session**

Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Area. If you have any questions, please see Ollie Taylor-Brewer.



Every two weeks we'll be listing two to three items that we need for our food pantry. This will help the pantry to stay well-stocked to help those in need. This week we need Spam and Canned Chicken.



**It's almost here!!**

**Please sign-up to pass out candy if you have not already done so!**

October 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00-5:30 P.M. (We will not be having small groups for this day.) We need LOTS people to do trunks with a game, or just pass out candy! There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table. We also need people to bring candy and/or trinkets to pass out. We would love this to be a great community event. Please come and help in any way that you can.

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Our heartbeat (10/15/23)  
Bible Class: 83  
AM Worship: 134  
PM: 40  
Wednesday: 52  
Contribution: \$4,940.00  
Weekly Budget: \$8,145.00  
Difference: \$ -3,205.00  
Average: \$7,761.25

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**Praying without ceasing...**

**Sarah Branham** is having some health issues due to her MS. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Lee Hines** is now at home, and will be doing a course of physical therapy.

**Dick White** has had some falls due to his bursitis.

**Jack and Linda Hooten's** 9-month-old great-grandson, Andrew Ray Hooten, was born with HLHS (left side of heart did not develop). He has had three heart surgeries, but is now on the heart transplant list at Children's Medical Center in Dallas. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Other Members in need of Prayer:**  
**James Blakley, Allen Teel, Tom Cain, Marie Clark, Bob Durko, Margaret Hamilton, Melinda Hay, Jerry Hill, John Johnson, Carloyn Morris, Reba Myers, Frank Piksie, Diana Richardson, Jean Sikes, Dolores Thatch, JoAnn Wendt, Donna Williams.**

**Bible Questions**

1. Who was the first drunkard and how long did he live?
2. When were the apostles accused of being drunk?
3. What was the penalty for working on the Sabbath?
4. Who had his wages changed ten times?
5. What preacher earned his living as a tentmaker?

**Answers to Last Week's Questions**

1. Paul's. Acts 19:11,12.
2. Paul. I Cor. 5:6; Gal. 5:9
3. Gideon and his army. Judges 7:16-21.
4. Jesus' disciples. Matt. 15:1,2; Mark 7:5
5. Og. Deut. 3:11.

