

## What Price Bitterness?

It was just a tiny whirlwind  
of resentment now and then,  
But grew to be a raging storm  
of bitterness within.

It filled my heart with darkness  
as the miseries unfold,  
Like an acid spreading  
throughout my very soul.

I ached to cause this person pain  
as he had caused for me;  
I longed for his destruction,  
complete and totally.

Then from God's Word, a message,  
a message for all time:  
"I will repay thine enemy,  
but vengeance, child, is mine."

In sorrow, I repented,  
confessed to all, my sin;  
My loving Father heard and stilled  
that raging storm within.

—Flossie Jarrett, Ada, OK

Has bitterness ever engulfed your soul? Someone wrongs you, you dwell on it until finally you are so miserable you don't know what to do. That's the price of bitterness: misery. The enemy feels no pain. The only one in pain is you. Amazingly, it is really self-inflicted. You do not have to become bitter. It is a choice.

You can choose to forgive. You can choose to entrust that matter to God Who judges all people justly. That is exactly what Jesus did (see 1 Peter 2:23). While hanging on the cross after having experienced the slaps and slurs, insults and indecencies, tortures and trauma, Jesus simply said, "*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do*" (Luke 23:34). Jesus chose not to become bitter. You can, too.

Brother Avon Malone used to say, "It is not the size of the bump but the attitude of the bumpee which determines whether he is made bitter or better." There is wisdom in those words. Choose not to pay the price of bitterness in your life.

—Jeff Gardner

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

### EARLY BIBLE CLASS:

Jimmy Lee leads a class at 4:30 PM in the Auditorium.

### FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

Supper is served at 5:30 PM at the Gym. The cost is \$4 per person or \$12 for the family.

### SINGING PRACTICE:

If you love to sing, join others that do as well at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium and prepare for Sunday's worship.

### BIBLE CLASS:

At 7:00 PM in the Chapel for anyone who would like to participate. We will be studying "Lessons From A Wise Man" an expository study of the book of Ecclesiastes. There will also be a children's class available.



October 31, 2021

Time: 2 PM - 5 PM

We need your help with bags of candy donations and volunteers to open and decorate their vehicle trunks or truck beds for the event. Watch for donation buckets around the lobby and a sign up sheet at Connection Point. Thank you for your help in reaching out to our neighborhood children with this fun-filled event!

## Sermon Notes

### How To Be Really Free

John 14:6; 8:31-32

Jesus is the Truth that sets us free from inhibitions. He frees us to be able to go beyond our comfort zones, to be able to love deeply and live joyfully. Notice three essential steps in order to benefit from this freedom.

#### I. Give U\_\_\_\_\_.

A. We must L\_\_\_\_\_ to S\_\_\_\_\_.

B. Before He can build a strong house of F\_\_\_\_\_, He must destroy the old house of F\_\_\_\_\_.

C. V\_\_\_\_\_ surrender E\_\_\_\_\_ you to learn from Truth.

D. The greatest stumbling block to giving up to Christ is P\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_.

E. It is more than giving M\_\_\_\_\_; it is to surrender E\_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

#### II. Give I\_\_\_\_\_.

A. This means to make His W\_\_\_\_\_ your W\_\_\_\_\_.

B. The Truth can only make you free when you have given in to the T\_\_\_\_\_ of that T\_\_\_\_\_.

C. When what He W\_\_\_\_\_ you to do becomes what you W\_\_\_\_\_ to do, you have truly given in to Him.

D. To give in to Him takes C\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_.

#### III. Give O\_\_\_\_\_.

A. This means to give out the L\_\_\_\_\_ of C\_\_\_\_\_ to others.

B. "Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through L\_\_\_\_\_ be S\_\_\_\_\_ of one another" (Galatians 5:13).

## Announcements

- ➔ The **Westview Boys' Home Grocery Truck** will be here the week of December 6, 2021. Watch for a drop-off station in the Lobby where you can leave your donations. Requested items include: beef jerky, 100% fruit juice, candy bars, mixed nuts, sweet cereal, picante sauce, assorted chips, spaghetti sauce, Sloppy Joe sauce, summer sausage, cookies, Little Debbie cakes, Pledge, 13 & 39 gallon trash bags, dishwasher & detergent pods.
- ➔ Community Cupboard needs all things BABY: Diapers, Wipes, Shampoo, Lotion, Powder, Food, Cereal, or monetary donations.
- ➔ Welcome to October! We will be hosting our **Family Fall Festival** on Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 2-5 PM in the back parking lot and the Family Life Center. We need your help with bags of candy donations and volunteers to open and decorate their vehicle trunks or truck beds for the event. Watch for donation buckets around the lobby and a sign up sheet at Connection Point. Thank you for your help in reaching out to our neighborhood children with this fun-filled event!

### Dates To Remember:

- TODAY @ Noon Potluck Luncheon
- October 19 @ 7-9 AM Community Cup in the Coffee Shop
- October 19 @ 4-6 PM Whiz Kids
- October 20 @ 8 AM Men's Breakfast @ Madison's
- October 20 @ 4:30 PM Early Class
- October 20 @ 5:30 PM Supper in the Gym
- October 20 @ 6:30-7 PM Singing Practice
- October 20 @ 7 PM Wednesday Night Bible Study for Adults begins in the Chapel. There will also be a children's class available plus an attended nursery for any who may need it.
- October 21 @ Noon Ladies Class in Coffee Shop
- October 21 @ 2-5:30 PM Community Cupboard
- October 21 @ 4:15 Feed the DCHS Football Team
- October 31 @ 2-5 Fall Festival

## Response Form

If you would like to respond to the invitation, please fill out this form and hand it to the minister when the invitation song is being sung.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I come in response to the invitation of Christ...

- To confess Jesus as Lord and be baptized for the forgiveness of my sins.
- To be restored and ask for prayers.
- To transfer my church membership from another church.
- To ask for specific prayers for myself or someone else.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Welcome To Our  
**Sunday Morning  
Family Worship**  
October 17, 2021

Please fill out an attendance card and pass to the aisle for collection at the close of worship. Yellow for our Guests; White for Members.

## Order of Worship

Song, *Higher Ground* .....Tim Holt

Welcome .....Jeff Gardner

Song #452, *Standing on the Promises* .....Tim Holt

Song #453, *Love Lifted Me* .....Tim Holt

Song, *As The Deer Thirsts For the Water* .....Tim Holt

Prayer .....Jack Cooper

Song #334, *Low in the Grave He Lay* .....Tim Holt

Communion.....Mark Carr

Offering .....Mark Carr

Scripture Reading, *Galatians 5:1-14* .....Rob Weaver

Song, *How Great Is Our God* .....Tim Holt

Message, .....Jeff Gardner

Song #180, *Jesus Is Lord*.....Tim Holt

Closing Announcements.....Jeff Gardner

Prayer .....Tim Hempel

Song #448, *The Greatest Commands* .....Tim Holt

### Schedule of Assemblies

	Sunday	Thursday	Noon
Worship	10:00 AM	Ladies Class	
Classes	11:15 AM		
Hispanic Class	5:00 PM		
	<b>Wednesday</b>		
Early Class	4:30 PM		
Mid-Week Classes	7:00 PM		
Hispanic Class	7:00 PM		

**Attended Nursery** from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday. For transportation to Worship and Other Assemblies Call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.