

# Greenvine Baptist Church

Newsletter

February 28, 2022

I AM BLESSED,  
CHOSEN, ADOPTED,  
ACCEPTED, REDEEMED,  
AND FORGIVEN.

*In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.*

*~ Ephesians 1:11-12 ~*

Ephesians Chapter 1.

Last week we got into the first room. We realized that the letter was written to “saints.” We become saints when we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. Only faith in Him alone grants to us entrance into the body of Christ. We are even called “Christians.” Little Christs. Imitators of the Savior. Living a life well pleasing to the Godhead.

As we enter into the first chapter of the letter, we realize that God has given us so many blessings. Peter agrees with those blessings in 1 Peter 1 and 2 Peter 1.

He writes, **“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth in-**

**to a living hope thorough the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.”** Then, **“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.”**

Paul writes to the saints in Ephesus, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with every scriptural blessing in Christ.” Then Paul lists some of those blessings:

-He chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.

-He predestined us to be adopted as His sons and daughters through Jesus Christ.

-In Him we have redemption through His blood

-We have the forgiveness of sin

-He has made known to us the mystery of His will.

-In Him we were chosen and predestined according to His plan.

-We were included in Christ

-We were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit

What a list of wonderful spiritual blessings that are ours simply by believing that Christ died for our sins. That door for our salvation, the entryway into the body of Christ, the Church, is only through Christ; but oh the blessings that follow us into that first room. We are a blessed people. We have:

**Salvation**

**Redemption**

**Eternal Life**

**No Condemnation**

**Forgiveness of sins**

**Atonement for sins**

**Right relationship with God**

**Gift of the Holy Spirit**

**Abundant life**

**God's possession**

**Heirs of God**

**Joint heirs with Jesus**

**Friends of God**

**Comfort from the Holy Spirit**

**And so much more.**

One of the great blessings is that we are able to pray.

Paul then follows the information of what we have and who we are in Christ by saying, "For this reason, every since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers."

Paul not only informs those believers in Ephesus the many blessings that were theirs, but also that he was actively praying for them. What an encouragement for us to pray. As we think of one another, we too can pray for each other. That is one of the reasons that we are putting together another updated directory. You will have at your hands the ability to look at pictures of each other as you pray with the ability to see the current prayer requests and answers to those prayers. Be active in praying. Such an important aspect of our fellowship together.

One of our great blessings is that we are able to pray. Imagine, we can go directly into the "throne room of Heaven" and "let our requests known to God." We can go to Him with everything. Our praise, our worship, our adoration, our love, our needs, our requests, our frustrations, our joys, our anxiousness, our fears, our tears, our joy and our sorrow. He desires to hear them all.

Karen and I consider it a great pleasure to be able to pray for each of you, your families and your lives. May God bless you richly as you trust in Him and as you live your lives for Him. Jack

## Announcements

### **Bible Study**

Wednesday's @ 6pm—1st & 2nd Timothy

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Wednesday February 23 @ 7am

### **Greenvine's Girls of Grace**

Tuesday March 8th @ 6pm

### **Blinn Taco Stack**

Wednesday March 9th

See Charlotte to sign up for food or serving

### **Brenham's Pregnancy Center Gala**

Thursday March 10th

The church has a table. Please let Jack know if you would like to attend.

### **Women's Bible Study**

Get Out of Your Head

Saturday March 12th @ 10am

### **Directory Photos**

See Charlotte to schedule a time to have your photo taken.

### **Spring Picnic**

Saturday April 9th

## Prayer Requests

Deborah and her family in the loss of Charlie

The Easley family in the loss of Sadie

Bob Easley in the hospital with bad chest congestion

Raymond Anderson – Undergoing Chemo treatments

Tom Nugent – Recovery and overall health

Cliff Reed having a Lumbar Tap on Wednesday March 2 to relieve some of the pressure. If this is successful they will do a more permanent procedure in a few weeks.

Carol Witte is having her second cataract surgery on Thursday March 10th

Bobby Schulte is having knee replacement on Monday March 7th

Jack & Karen's friend Matthew—Moving to our area and starting a new life.

Donna Richardson – home from surgery and healing from leg amputation

David Richardson – As he cares for Donna

Please pray for Vicky Lee, David Becker, and the Rutland's and they try to sell homes

Becky's Granddaughter Taylor is having some rejection issues from her transplant. She will be having a new procedure soon.

Billy Montgomery as he heals from a quadruple by-pass

Mary and Chuck's granddaughter Brecken for comfort and healing

Patty's sister Thelma – Pray for healing in her feet

Carol's sister Lynn has bronchitis and now has Covid. She is high risk due to lung issues.

Ricky Eckert recovering from a leg amputation. - Should get prosthesis soon

Carolyn Cox -Pray for continued healing. We can now visit her. Call first and please wear a mask

Denny's Sister is in need of a Kidney Transplant

Ray and Bev Morris - Bev and been diagnosed with Alzheimers

Sandra Pulliam's daughter Candace is having some mental health issues

Brayden Lopez - Mental and Spiritual health

Ed Ehring's sister Julie Robison is suffering from Alzheimer's.

Lee Ehring's brother, Bill Hoot, undergoing treatments for lung cancer

Vicky Hoffman - legally blind but her eyes are getting worse

**If you have a new prayer request or would like to update a current one, please call Charlotte at 979-203-4524 or email the church @ [greenvinebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:greenvinebaptist@gmail.com)**