

Greenvine Baptist Church

Newsletter

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Weddings

Upcoming Events

Bible Study

Wednesday's @ 6pm –
1st and 2nd Timothy

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday January 26 @ 7am

Greenvine Girl's of Grace

Tuesday February 8 @ 6pm

I'm not sure how many weddings that I have been honored to perform during my years as a minister. My first was in 1982 when I married one of Karen's brothers and his fiancé. I have married so many through the years. However, Sunday I was privileged and honored to marry a friend that I have known since he was born. His mom was one of the staff at Sandy Creek Bible Camp when I was there in the 1970s. She became one of Karen's good friends through the years. In fact, her second daughter was born about the same time when our son Jeremy was born. We have a picture of them sitting together when they were six months old. I actually performed the wedding service for the first daughter years over 10 years ago. We have been close to the family for all these years.

However, the father was killed in a motorcycle accident when Travis was only 4 years old. So you might say that he never really had a father figure in his life, especially when he was growing up. His mom's name was Karen as well, so my Karen and she had a great relationship.

Travis struggled. He lived with three women in his life and he was the youngest. His mom came to Sandy Creek Bible Camp where we were working as the Manager and worked there every summer for many

years, bringing her kids with her. She became a nurse and was the camp nurse for many summers. In fact she still works there during the summer for a week or two.

Travis would be there every summer. They all came to Staff Training camp and then spent many weeks there. Travis and I were born one day apart in March. Travis on the 16th and myself on the 17th. We often got together and did something special for our birthdays. We went to the Houston Rodeo. We went out for a special meal. We spent the day together just doing “stuff.” Trying to encourage him and help him in life. But Travis struggled. He eventually flunked out of school and was not motivated to do much of anything. His mom was beside herself trying to get him to make something of his life. Finally, she took him to Miracle Farms here in Washington County. He excelled and was highly motivated to both learn and to get involved with the work ethic there. He was assigned to a horse and learned how to rope and ride. He actually won the “Best Roper” his senior year there. His dad was involved in the Houston Rodeo, so being involved with horses was a motivation for him as well.

Travis came out to Sandy Creek and became a really experienced wrangler at the barn during the summers. In fact, when they need some help out there, they normally call Travis. He even got other boys from Miracle Farm to work out there as well.

Travis went to college. He got a degree in Architecture. He went on to get a Master’s Degree as well, and now works for a company in Houston that works mostly in the commercial architecture business. He is a successful architect. He has a job and a home. Doing very well for himself.

Travis gives honor and recognition to Jesus Christ. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior while young, and realized that he needed to serve Christ with all his life. So he did.

Interestingly enough, he met a girl at Sandy Creek who was experienced in horsemanship and volunteered to work the summer with the horses. That’s where they met. Spent a couple of summers together and the rest is history. They began a great relationship together around their relationship with Jesus. They already have a great start for their marriage with Christ at the center of their lives.

By the way, Sandy Creek is where Karen and I first met in 1977. I was the Maintenance Man and the Staff Supervisor. Karen came over from Lafayette to serve on staff for the summer. So there is another special shared experience with Travis.

So, I’m sure that you can see how special it was to marry Travis and Meghan. I had a great time. Even told a couple of inside jokes during the ceremony that only he and I would know. I love Travis like a son. It was my distinct privilege to perform his wedding.

During their wedding we spoke from the Bible on love. On marriage. And on Christ's relationship with us, the church.

I was reminded again of the phrase, **“Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.”** That comes from Ephesians 5 where Paul writes of husbands and wives. However, the great and main truth is based upon Christ's love for the church.

I am always amazed to think of Christ's love for me. I think of Paul's writing to the Romans and saying, **“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** As a part of the body of Christ, we are told that we are loved with an everlasting, unconditional love by Christ Himself.

No matter what you have done in the past. No matter what you are involved in now, no matter what you will do in your life in the future; you can rest assured that you are loved in a special way by our God. That doesn't give us license to sin. It should make us accountable to Him in everything. He loves us. He cares for us. He knows everything about us and loves us still.

I hope that you will know His love more and more as you live your lives.

Be sure to continue to pray for Deborah Stevens and her family. They are trusting God. They realize that He is in control. My prayer for them is that even in this difficult circumstance of life, they would be drawn more and more to the Savior.

Blessings upon you all. May you “grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be honor and glory forever. Amen. Jack

Prayer Requests

Pray for all of those in our church and our families that have been sick.

Please keep Deborah and her family in your prayers in the loss of Charlie

Raymond Anderson – Enduring treatment and recovery

Tom Nugent – Recovery and overall health

Donna Richardson – Recovering from leg amputation

David Richardson – As he cares for Donna

Bob & Sadie Easley and Bob's sister Marie all have Covid

Jim Witte – Vertigo

Debbie and Cliff Reed – Still recovering

Jack and Karen's Nephew – Back at school at A&M

Debbie Reed's granddaughter Brittany and husband Raymond lost their baby at 10 weeks. Please pray for comfort for this family.

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.

Sandra's daughter Alicia now has Covid. She is taking care of her 92 yr old mother in law and also a school teacher.

Ricky Eckert recovering from a leg amputation.

Carolyn Cox -Pray for continued healing

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, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please pray for healing as he begins his treatment

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**