

GREETINGS FROM GREENVINE



You probably remember all the pecans we had last fall and into the winter. There was a bumper crop of nuts from our 4 trees here on the property. Hopefully you got plenty of pecans and were able to make some pies, or cookies or other baked specialties. We are still enjoying them at our house. We have freezer bags full of those delicious goodies. We are and have been so full that I have about 120 pounds in the garage in bins. About 60 pounds of cracked pecans; those are the ones that I took to Pecan Corner in Brenham and had them cracked for easy peeling. About 60 pounds of whole uncracked pecans in storage until we run out and need more. We were looking forward to getting some more pecans ready for giving out this spring.

This spring we have been noticing some very small moths flying around inside the house. Not a lot, but noticeably there. We had no idea where they were coming from. We thought that since the windows and doors were not really weather proof, that they were getting inside the house looking for something to eat. We finally got it under control after the new windows and doors were installed and we became weather proof.

We have been getting rid of, down sizing, our belongings that we no longer use or need. As we worked in the garage, we noticed quite a few moths flying around and landing everywhere. We began tracing them to where we thought they might be hiding. Finally I opened the bin containing the cracked pecans and they were swarming in there. Must have been a bajillion moths in that bin. I immediately set the bin outside the garage and proceeded to the bin where the whole, uncracked pecans were. When I opened that bin, it too was full of those tiny moths swarming all around.

After careful inspection outside of the garage, we found that both of the bins were completely taken over by those pesky moths. As we continued to look, the majority of the cracked pecans were being eaten and made into a nesting place for those moths. The entire bin was full and ruined by the bugs. We proceeded to the uncracked pecan bin and found that there were tiny holes in all of the pecans there.

We lost our entire stock of pecans due to those moths. We don't know where they came from, not how they got there. Suffice it to say they ruined about 120 pounds of my favorite nuts. We have put them on the burn pile in the back area to finally dispose of both the moths and the ruined pecans.

I felt sick that we couldn't save any of the nuts. I guess that if we have another bumper crop we will either put them in sealed bins or freeze them until we are to use them.

As we went through this ordeal, I was reminded of a couple of Bible verses that Jesus used while He was here on earth, and the instruction that we can apply to our lives today.

Jesus said in **Matthew 6: 19 - 21**, **“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, where your heart will be also.”**

One of the promises of Scripture that we don't like to face often is that this life here on earth is temporal. The stuff of life in our physical existence is here only for a while, and because of sin, everything eventually wastes away.

James writes that our life is but a vapor that is here today and gone tomorrow. We don't know what tomorrow will hold for us. We can't even guess what will happen in the next few minutes. We must redeem the time.

Paul writes to the church in Ephesus and says in Chapter 5: 15 - 17; Be very careful then, how you live — not and unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.” We must use our time here on earth worshipping the Lord God, and sharing the good news of sins forgiven by the precious blood of Christ.

In that same passage in Matthew, Jesus takes on several areas of our lives that we constantly need to work on. He says, “I tell you, do not worry about your life.” He addresses what we eat, what we drink, what we wear and the worry that is attached to those things.

He ends that part of His life-statements by saying, “But seek first this kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow.” He explained to His followers there that the most important truth of this life is the life after this life. Eternal treasures. Eternal thoughts. Eternal life.

Jesus prayed in **John 17**, **“Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”**

Our portion in life today is that we should concentrate on what is eternally important: knowing the Father and the Son. We find out about them in the Word of God. He has given us this

wonderful life-guide to utilize in our common, everyday existence while we are still on this earth. Serving Him and serving others.

It would be a great idea for you to read the entire passage in Matthew 5 - 7 and see how you can use it in everyday life. That passage is called, "The Sermon on the Mount." Jesus took his disciples away from the crowd of people and instructed them as to how to live. Temporally. Eternally. Kingdom-wise. Victorious. Holy. Examples. True followers of God.

I have surgery on Wednesday to remove the kidney stones from my left kidney. I would appreciate your prayers. Thank you so much for your support of Karen and I as we, we and you, go through this ordeal. May God be glorified even in this difficulty. Jack & Karen

Announcements

- Please remember to complete your information card for the directory.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study -Wednesday nights @ 6pm
- Women's Ministry - 2nd Tuesday of each month @6pm - Next meeting July 13@6pm
- Woman's Bible Study -Saturday Morning 10am - Last Session - Saturday June 19th
- Men's Prayer Breakfast - Wednesday June 29, @ 7am
- _ Remember to fill your baby bottles and return on Father's day. (This Sunday)
- _ Tickets on sale for Bush's chicken dinner. Tickets are \$10 and will benefit the Burton Bridge Ministry
 - Dates are June 24-26 - Brenham location only - tickets are in the office
- Southern Association annual meeting - Saturday June 26
 - Congregation will supply sides and desserts for lunch - see Charlotte to sign up to cook
- 4th of July Barbecue- Sunday July 4th - 5pm - dark - Stay tuned for more details

Prayer Requests

Jack - surgery on Wednesday the 16 to remove the kidney stones

Byron Rutland - Having issues with Diverticulitis

Becky's granddaughter Taylor who has Cystic Fibrosis and is having health issues

Colin Smith - 18 yr old with a Traumatic Brain Injury. (Patient of Karens)

Patty's Brother Scott - Recovering from surgery

Gerri Smart's daughter Terri has been diagnosed with cancer. She will be starting chemo prior to surgery then more chemo and possibly radiation. Please pray for strength as she walks through this and prayers for Gerri as well as she she helps Terri through this process.

Gerri Smart has seen another eye doctor and he wants to hold off on another eye surgery for now. Please pray for healing in Gerri's eye.

Cliff Reed's dad is recovering from a UTI (He was hospitalized earlier this week)

Juliette - recovering from gun shot wound - she has been able to go home.

Joe Durrett - Stomach cancer and heart attack - home on hospice care

Ray and Bev Morris - Bev and been diagnosed with Alzheimers

Cliff's dad has dementia and is not doing well.

Mandy Forester - Upcoming Brain surgery

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

Bob & Sadie Easley - Health issues

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

Vicky Hoffman - legally blind but her eyes are getting worse

Prayers for those working in health related jobs, for protection. Especially those from our own families:
Karen at St Joseph - Susan - State School - Zella Johnson