



were foreknown, predestined, called and justified (Romans 8:29-30).

THE WORLD IS PRESERVED THROUGH US. No doubt, we know that Jesus died for the sins of mankind and that His sacrifice is one we will never replace by our own efforts. The world, thus, being preserved by us is not to suggest that we take the place of what only God could do. However, without the witness of our lives and the words of life we bring in the world, no one is going to know. Without our lives of salt, no one will ask us to give an account of the hope that is in us (see 1 Peter 3:15).

CHRISTIANS MUST CHOOSE TO KEEP THEIR SALTINESS. It is not the plan of God that He forces us to do anything. If God forced us to be salt, then why command it? With every command there is implied a choice. As we walk about in the world, we are constantly urged by our environment to become like the world, to become common dirt, of no use to the Lord. However, the call of God is to become godly different in the world and stand apart.

“You are the salt of the earth.” In us alone is the preservative of men.

Floyd



MAY

- 1 Elders Meeting
- 2 Ladies Class
- 3 J.D.'s Class at Mexigos
- 4 College Devo at Pults
- 5 Father/son Breakfast
- 6 Community Service Day
- 7 AWTG Wilshire Fellowship Groups
- 8 Elders Deacons meeting at 3:30 p.m.
- 8 Elders Meeting
- Monday Night for the Master
- Ladies Bible Class
- 13 Mother/Daughter/friend/ Sister Brunch
- 14 Mothers Day
- 15 Elders Meeting
- 16 Ladies Class
- 17 Golden Doers Breakfast
- 20 Family Devo at Vass'
- 21 Wedding Shower for Chelsea Simpson
- Graduation Banquet
- 22 Yellow House
- Monday Night for the Master
- Elders Meeting
- 28 Floyd's Class Fellowship
- 29 Office Closed
- 31 Wednesday night singing

**Stringtown Preaching Assignment:**

**Sunday, May 7th**

Bobby Johns

Jim Begin

**Sunday, May 14th**

Ken Roper

Wade Sumpter, Sr.

**May**

**Contribution Counters:**

Tommy Vass, Wayne King, Coleman Pennington, Charles Yahola

Sunday AM	May 7th	May 14th
Opening Prayer	Ron Ingram	Alvin Jamar
Scripture Reading	Dylan Hendricks	Tad McGalliard
Prayer – Bread	C.J. Vires	Alan Simpson
North 2	Gene Albright	Dylan Hendricks
North 3	Clint Bowker	Terry Fulton
North 4	Don Blankenship	Elmo Fulton
Prayer – Fruit	Wade Sumpter	Wade Sumpter, Jr.
South 2	James Byers	Greg Hatton
South 3	Weldon Cravey	Garett Hatton
South 4	John Bynum	Daniel Jonka
Alternate 1	Caleb Estes	Roy Long
Alternate 2	Kurt Gilliam	Bill Morgan
Balcony 1	Byron Rowsey	Paul Ballard
Balcony 2	Wendell Sherrell	Cody Frye
Closing Prayer	Brent Lowe	Tommy Paul
Song Leader	Raymond Johnson	Scott Estes
Bus Driver	Alan Simpson	Greg Chilcoat
Attendance Count	Jack Long	John Lee
Usher – North	Caleb Stone	Andrew Vercelli
Usher – Center	Nathan Stone	Nicky Vercelli
Usher – South	Alex Vercelli	Chase Bowker
Nursing Home	Justin Nail	George Patterson
Nursing Home	Keith Nail	John Ray
Nursery Attend	Hazel Jamar	Becky Lillard
Sunday Night	May 7th	May 14th
Scripture Reading	Justin Nail	Trevin Vass
Bread	Vernon Morgan	Charles Yahola
Fruit	David Rodriguez	Gene Albright
Contribution	Jin Vercelli	Don Blankenship
Opening Prayer	Jimmy Davis	Pete Duncan
Closing Prayer	Cody Frye	Greg Hatton
Song Leader	C.J. Vires	Richard Howard
Bus Driver	Keith Ailey	Kyle Wilson
Wednesday	May 10th	May 17th
Bus Driver	Jade Benson	Kelley Benson
Announcements	Eugene Cannon	David Rodriguez
Song Leader	James Anderson	YLW
Invitation	C.J. Vires	YLW
Closing Prayer	James Byers	YLW

**Sunday on:**



KTEN Channel 10, 6:30 a.m.  
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Morning Assembly: 10 a.m.  
Evening Assembly: 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Ladies Bible Class: 10 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

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**SALT TO THE WORLD**

It may well be that the single greatest challenge of Christian living is summed up in one word: Salt. Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13).

My first experience with salt, other than what I put on my food, came as youngster whose job was to salt calf hides.

On the farm, we butchered our own calves for personal consumption and to sell. One of the byproducts of such events was the hide that could be sold for a nice price. However, we couldn't make a trip to town to sell a single hide as it came into our possession. Rather, we saved them until we had a truckload.

Without refrigeration, how was this done? With salt. Lots and lots of salt.

It was my job to spread the hide on the ground with the raw side up. I would pour a pile of salt in the middle of the hide and, while on my hands and knees, I would spread the salt so as to cover every square inch.

This was the cardinal rule of my job: No part of the hide could be left untouched by salt. Why? Because any part, even the smallest that was left unsalted would spoil before we could get it to market.

In other words, salt preserved the hides. Without salt corruption, would spread unchecked.

Now we know a little more about this challenge Jesus applies to us, to be the salt of the earth. As salt preserves, so do lives dedicated to the glory of the Savior.

It's witnessed all the time in the neighborhoods of humanity. Christians live out the character of the Lord they follow, and others are affected, preserved, if you will, by their influence. As the lost and distressed were drawn to the feet of Jesus in the first century, even so today, they are attracted to the grace-filled lives of His disciples.

Jesus warns us however about salt losing its taste or its saltiness. He said, "but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men."

In our time, we cannot appreciate the meaning of Jesus' metaphor because we are not accustomed to salt losing its saltiness. In biblical times, it was different. Back then, salt was impure, polluted with organic and earthy substances. Therefore, it was not uncommon for a jar of salt to lose its unique properties, its taste and ability to preserve.

What Jesus says is that salt that is no longer salty is simply dirt. It becomes of no more value than the substance that makes up a footpath. When it does, then it should be treated as dirt, cast out and trampled under foot by men.

The applications are:

**AS CHRISTIANS WE ARE UNIQUE.** As there is no other substance with the unique features of salt, so it is only Christians that are truly unique because only Christians are given the privilege to live a higher standard than the rest of mankind. We alone are chosen to be holy (see Ephesians 1:4). We are more careful in speech (James 1:26). We are more loving (Matthew 5:43). No one is like us. Of all men, only Christians

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*Equipping the saints for the work of service, to the building up of  
the Body of Christ. Eph. 4:12*

## PRAYERS & UPDATES

- **Alyene Sims** had eye surgery Monday and is recovering at home.
- **Gayle Johns** had heart surgery Monday at the Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City.
- **Wib Scroggings** had shoulder surgery Thursday at Carl Albert Indian Hospital.
- **Leon Hughey** is having parathyroid surgery on May 25th in Oklahoma City.
- **Ruby McFarland** is back in Ballard's Nursing Home.
- **Betty Gerth** is waiting for test results.
- **Lillie Ingram** is struggling with her health.
- **Gerald Moberly** had a heart catheter test Wednesday.
- **Gerome Castleberry**, former ECU student, has asked for our prayers as he struggles with the loss of his father. Gerome is currently playing professional football in Germany .
- **Sympathy** goes to **Bruce Huddleston** and his family on the death of his father, Dick Huddleston His graveside service was held Monday at Memorial Park Cemetery.
- **Continue to remember** Janis McNutt, Becky Myers, Pete Duncan, Mildred Clark, Mary Brecheen, Coni Turner and Joe & Tandy Hudson, Lillie Ingram, Travis Wingard, Don Simpson and Fisey Jarrett as they struggle with their health.

## NEWS & NOTES

**Day of Giving, Saturday, May 6, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Items may be dropped off at the Fellowship Building on the following days & times.

- Wednesday, May 3, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm and after services
- Thursday, May 4, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Friday, May 5, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

If you have items that need to be picked up, you may contact Kelley Benson or C. J. Vires.

We have invited a several community organizations to take advantage of the Day of Giving beginning at 1:00. Also at 1:00, members may come and browse through the remaining items or may retrieve any of unclaimed items that they may have brought. Beginning at 1:30, any left over items will be discarded.

We are still in need of a few volunteers to help! We need people to help with setting up, to help during the event, to help with clean up and to help with refreshments. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

**Baptized:** Thursday night Lela Hill was baptized after studying with Sarah Dirrim and Linda Vires. We welcome her to our fellowship.

**New Life Behavior Class**, taught by Ron Ingram, will be held each Friday in the old kitchen from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Fellowship groups** will meet May 7th.

The **Fittstown Congregation** invites everyone to a homecoming May 7th. For more information see the flyer on bulletin board in the foyer.

**Elders/Deacons Meeting** will be Sunday afternoon, May 7th in the old kitchen at 3:30 p.m.

**Monday Night for the Master** will meet Monday, May 8th in the fellowship building at 6:00 p.m. Menu will be all different kinds of salads and desserts.

**Mother-Daughter/Sister/Friend Brunch** will be May 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sign up sheet in the foyer.

**Golden Doers** will meet for breakfast at the Aldridge Café Wednesday May 17th at 7:30 a.m.

**Wedding Shower** for Chelsea Simpson will be May 21st in the fellowship building from 2-4 p.m. All ladies are invited.

**Yellow House Workers:** There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who would like to help with the Yellow House food program. Those who are currently working need to sign up to continue on the list.

## YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS

**Seniors** we would like for you to turn in a picture for our bulletin by May 7th.

**Graduation Banquet** will be after services Sunday May 21st.

**Family Devo** at the Vass's house will be May 20th.

**East Central University** graduation is May 13th.

### Remember Our Shut-Ins

Emma Jones, Lois Shaw, Novella Blake, Lena Hunt, Randy Wilson, Bonnie Medlock, Lorene Lull, Jennifer Lillard, Anna B. McCoy, Floretta Cockrell, Austin Blackwell, Loretta Broadway, Bessie Bryant, Esther Davis, Jerry Hatton, Pauline Henderson, Ellis & Corene Julian, Ruby Low, Ruby McFarland, Mary Pennington, Bernice Rogers, Darrell Tarron, Nadine Vogt, Charles Whittington