

# FRISCO MESSENGER

Speaking the Truth in love...Ephesians 4:15

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## Scripture of the Week

1 Thes. 4:10-12

...We urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you...and that you may lack nothing.

## Five Groups of Members Who Need Your Attention

In the first preserved letter that Paul wrote (chronologically), the inspired apostle gave some very explicit instructions to Christians regarding their responsibilities to one another. He emphasized that members of the Lord's church are "taught by God to love one another," and even to "increase more and more" in their unconditional, unselfish elevation of the needs of others above their own (1 Thess. 4:9-10). Near the end of that letter, Paul identified five groups of members to whom agape love needed to be extended, and he even stipulated how that love needed to be expressed.

**The elders need your respect.** The elders are identified as those who "labor among you" to the point of exhaustion, have charge "over you in the Lord," and "admonish you" through instruction and correction (5:12). Church members are responsible to "know them" and to "esteem them exceeding highly in love for their work's sake" (5:13, ASV). How are you doing with this?

**The unruly need your admonishment.** The word used for "unruly" is a military term that denotes members who are walking disorderly or out of step. Sometimes our brethren lose their way and walk in a direction contrary to the narrow path. Church members are responsible to "warn" them and try to get them back "into step" with God (5:14). How are you doing with this?

**The fainthearted need your comfort.** The word used for "fainthearted" literally means one who is "small-souled." This is a brother or sister who is discouraged and maybe even ready to quit. Church members are responsible to "comfort" and "encourage" by coming alongside one who is disheartened and trying to lift his/her spirits. How are you doing with this?

**The weak need your support.** Some brethren are not as strong in their faith as others. In fact, some are described as spiritually "weak" (5:14). Perhaps these are new converts or even the young people in the church. Church members are responsible to "uphold," "help" and "support" firmly those whose faith is vulnerable and unable to stand on its own. How are you doing with this?

**All the brethren need your patience.** The word for "patience" emphasizes one who is longsuffering and long-tempered. Church members are responsible for being "long in coming to anger" with "ALL" brethren, including (but not limited to) the elders, the unruly, the fainthearted and the weak. How are you doing with this?

God calls upon us to love another and to increase more and more in that heart of service toward our brethren! Which of these five needs **your** attention today?

*David Sproule - Palm Beach Lake (FL) church of Christ*



- Sympathy is extended to **Butch Balzen** in the passing of his aunt, Louise Keith.
- **Micah Crayton** is planning to travel to Cameroon on June 3rd with Todd. Please keep him and the work in prayer.

**Ongoing Prayer List...**

**Those suffering with Cancer:**

Barbara Cothran, Emily Seals, Trelitha Bryant, Barbara Cothran, Mike Cofer, Greg Armstrong (ALS).

**Recovering from illness, surgeries, chronic conditions:** Maddie Robison, Gary Wheeler, Lisa Watkins, Chelsie Watkins, Janis McGee, Shawn Geiger.

**Missionary Efforts:**

Josh & Devine Austin (Phoenix, AZ)  
Ititi & Mary Nimending (Cameroon)  
Cameroon Preaching School  
Cameroon Prison Ministry



(Last Week)

Sunday Morning Bible	67
Sunday Morning Worship	107
Sunday Evening Worship	59
Wednesday Bible Class	
Offering	\$4014
Weekly Budget	\$3735



- 3/1—Rose Crayton
- 3/7—Chelsie Adams
- 3/8—Brian & Susan Hasz
- 3/11—Kristin Brown
- 3/17—Donna Brown
- 3/18—Lisa Watkins  
Micaela Kidd
- 3/21—John Malcolm Setzler
- 3/26—Betty File
- 3/28—Kerri Williams
- 3/29—Cynthia Rhodes



**TODAY:** 3/18—March Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship at the Craytons following evening service.

3/23-24—Men’s Retreat.  
Signup on bulletin board.

3/24—Ladies Bible Class at 9 AM. ( Note: This is a change from the 3rd Saturday due to Spring break).

4/13-15—Spring Lectureship

4/20-21—Ladies Retreat at Flowing Wells in Pottsboro, TX.

5/20—Graduation Celebration



**MARCH BAPTISTRY PREP:**  
**Charlotte Pollock / Mitsie Lay**

**MEETING TIMES**

- Sunday Bible Class—9 AM
- Sunday Morning Worship—10 AM
- Sunday Evening Worship—5 PM
- Last Sunday of the Month Worship— 1PM
- Wednesday Night Bible Class—7 PM
- Ladies Bible Class (3rd Saturday)—9 AM
- Elders Office Hours—By Appointment



**Elders:**

- Todd Crayton
- Brian Kidd
- Kevin Lowry
- Will Watkins

**Deacons:**

- Kevin Booker
- Cris Brown
- James Cothran
- Clayton Fowler
- Brian Hasz
- Brian Lofton
- James Morton

**Evangelist:**

- Todd Crayton

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