

“THE WORK HAS JUST BEGUN”

In John chapter 20 we find Thomas unable to believe that Jesus had actually returned from the tomb until he could put his finger into the nail holes in his hands and the piercing in his side. For this, he has ever since been referred to as “Doubting Thomas.” Let’s not forget that in the verses preceding this passage, the other disciples also had doubts so Jesus showed them his wounds, too. More importantly, for all of them, their work for the Lord was just beginning. In Mark 16:15-16 Jesus told them "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” We call this the “great commission” and the books following in the New Testament record that the apostles did exactly that. We need to be certain that we understand the very same commission was also given to us. The Word was written down and preserved all these years so we too can know what our work for Jesus should be. As recorded in John 20:29, Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Even though we among those that have not actually seen Jesus, we need to ensure that we are also among those that have believed and obeyed that commission that He gave to us.

-Ed

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**THE REMINDER**

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**September 23, 2018**

**MINISTERS**

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

**Bible Class. ....10:00 A. M.**

**Worship. .... .11:00 A. M.**

**Afternoon..... 1:30 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Ladies Bible Class. .... 11:00 A.M.**

**THURSDAY**

**Bible Class. .... 6:30 P. M.**

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**YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME**

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NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out a visitor’s card so we will have a record of your visit.

CONDOLENCES to the family of our dear brother Floyd Robertson, who passed away Wed. Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. Funeral services will be at Terrazas’ Funeral Home with the viewing scheduled for Sunday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 4pm and funeral at 10am on Monday, Oct. 1st. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the NM Christian Children’s Home in Portales.

We will cancel our afternoon services at the building on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> so all can attend the viewing.

PRAYER LIST: The family of Floyd Robertson, Deby Maldonado, also her son Michael. Kyle and Brad Young—health, Verdos & Wanda Mullins-heart and cancer, also John & Dorothy Callahan, their care givers. Sandra has requested prayers for the following: Mark Faulk (heart), Johnny Sanchez (her father), Ross Collins (heart surgery), Becky Sanchez (her mother), Mary Mikkelson (cancer), Brittany Brannon, Joy Morris, Billy Chadburn.

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JUST FOR THE RECORD	Last Week	Last Year
SUNDAY		
Bible Class	18	10
Worship	32	19
Evening	20	12
THURSDAY EVENING		
Bible Study	xx	9
CONTRIBUTION	\$986.00	\$830.00

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*“Do not get discouraged. You guys have lost a warrior but you are still led by the greatest general!”*

*Billy Palmer - Sept. 19, 2018*

*A Tribute*

Snow is falling down on this glorious land  
 colors fading, turning into white again  
 To fallen heroes angels sing, they cry their winter tears  
 endless mourning days will turn to years  
 So this is goodbye, I take leave of you and  
 spread your wings and you will fly away now, fly away now  
 Nothing on earth stays forever  
 but none of your deeds were in vain  
 Deep in our hearts you will live again  
 you're gone to the home of the brave  
 Every solemn moment I will treasure inside  
 even though it's hard to understand  
 that a silent wind can blow that candle out  
 taking everything leaving the pain far behind  
 You call out my name, but your voice is fading  
 into the wind, embraced, you'll fly away now, fly away now  
 Nothing on earth stays forever  
 but none of your deeds were in vain  
 Deep in our hearts you will live again  
 you're gone to the home of the brave  
 My eyes are closed I feel you're faraway (so close)  
 far beyond that shining star  
 I know you'll find what you've been fighting for  
 far beyond that shining star  
 Down on bended knee I pray, bring courage to these souls  
 make 'em live forever in the heart of the bold  
 So I say farewell my friends, I hope we'll meet again  
 when my time has come to fall from the grace  
 So this is goodbye, I take leave of you and  
 spread your wings and you will fly away now, fly away now  
 Nothing on earth stays forever  
 but none of your deeds were in vain  
 Deep in our hearts you will live again  
 you're gone to the home of the brave  
 Goodbye Grandpa, you'll be missed severely.

*Shared by Dalton Burlie.*