



BRO. DAVID LEFLORE

Thank you for allowing me to preach at our mission church, The Vine in Mount Pleasant. Pastor Tim Williams and his wife Heather have done an outstanding job reaching people in their community for Christ. They now average over 50 people each Sunday and had 23 children on Easter! They have baptized many new believers and currently have 12 people in their New Members class. God is doing extraordinary things at The Vine because of your generosity and prayers. Please continue to pray for Tim and The Vine.

On another note, this week we will continue our series, "That You May Believe." We will begin chapter 5. With that in mind, I want to show you a textual variant found in some translations. If you are a King James (KJV) reader, you'll notice that verses 3b-4 are in the KJV, but not in modern versions. KJV reads: John 5: 3 *In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.* 4 *For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.* Most other translations don't have the words that are underlined above. Other versions read: John 5: 3 *In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.* 5 *One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.*

Where did verse 3b and 4 go? The earliest "original autographs" of Scripture no longer exist in their original form. Biblical inerrancy, which means the Bible is free from error, is tied to the idea of the original autographs being inspired and accurate. Since we no longer have the original autographs, textual criticism comes into the picture. It is the process of examining ancient manuscripts to determine the most accurate text of a work. The earliest manuscripts for the Gospel of John do not have verses 3b-4. The 47 scholars who began translating the KJV in 1604 used the Textus Receptus of the Greek New Testament to translate into English. Unfortunately, the Textus Receptus is not the earliest manuscript of the New Testament. The earliest known manuscripts of the New Testament, like Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus, date back to the 4th century and do not include verses 3b-4. Most modern Bible translations omit or footnote John 5:3b-4 because these verses are not found in the earliest and most reliable Greek manuscripts of the Gospel of John. Scholars believe they were likely a later addition meant to explain the local belief about the pool of Bethesda.

Okay, since we're here, what do we make of the angel that is mentioned in verse 5? Most scholars believe that the pool was fed by an underground spring. Under certain conditions, this spring would force air and water into the pool that would cause it to look as if it was being stirred. Ancient traditions and superstitions began to circulate that it was an angel stirring the pool and the first person into the pool while this was occurring would be healed of whatever their ailment might be. As we'll discover from our text, God is the only One who can heal, not an angel. With this in mind, I won't spend much time addressing this on Sunday.

Love y'all,

Bro. David

BRO. ROBBY HARGRAVE

For the church to function at peak performance, it takes our wonderful volunteers to make it happen. We, as a staff, can't possibly cover every area alone. Every Sunday, long before the first person walks through the door, faithful volunteers are already at work - preparing classrooms, brewing coffee, practicing music, and praying over the day ahead. Throughout the week, they serve behind the scenes, visit shut-ins, mentor students, and lead small groups. These individuals may not always be in the spotlight, but they are the heartbeat of our church.

Volunteers are vital because they reflect the very nature of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve (Mark 10:45). Their willingness to give time, energy, and love fuels every aspect of ministry and creates a welcoming, Christ-centered environment for all who walk through our doors. When we serve, we grow. Volunteering connects us to others, deepens our faith, and allows us to use our God-given gifts for something eternal. The church doesn't run on talent alone - it runs on the humble willingness of everyday people who say, "Here I am, Lord. Use me." To all who serve - thank you! You matter more than you know. If you haven't yet stepped into a serving role, we invite you to join in. Contact me; I would love to help you get involved.

There's a place for you here!

In Christ,



TORI LADNER

The school year will soon be coming to an end and that means summer activities will kick in! We have our sights set on Vacation Bible School and Nicki Carter has done an amazing job planning and organizing it again this year! With VBS being less than 2 months away, we would like to have a meeting to go over everything. If you are already signed up to volunteer or are interested in volunteering, it is mandatory to attend one of the two meetings. Please mark your calendar for either May 4th or May 18th after church. Lunch will be provided for both meetings. We will have samples of the VBS t-shirt's available at the meetings and you can place an order there as well. We will also need to take headshots of any new volunteers or those who would like a new picture. Please make plans to attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Nicki Carter, Meg Wingard or me. VBS online registration will be open soon!

We are still praying for who God would have to teach our Polar Bear Sunday School class. These are our sweet 8 & 9 year olds. If you are feeling called to this ministry, please reach out to me. Thanks!

If you have not signed up for pre-teen camp and paid the \$50 deposit, please do so soon so we can have an accurate headcount for housing purposes.

Lastly, a huge THANKS and shoutout to Sheri Thomas & Jean Slaven and their amazing team of helpers who made the children's portion of Easter morning run smoothly while I was in Australia for my brother's wedding. It was comforting knowing that it was all left in good hands! Thank you also to Ryan Jonse for conducting the children's Easter service in my absence. It takes a village and we have the best.

Love you church. It's good to be home!

In Christ,



BRO. JASON CHISM

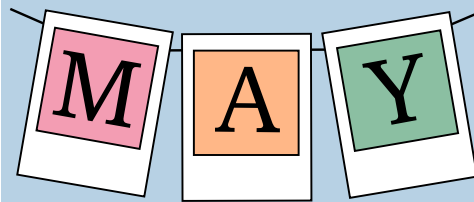
Wow! Our Easter worship service was absolutely incredible this year. The choir and orchestra did a great job leading us in worship of our Lord and Savior. I would like to thank everyone involved for all of their hard work. As a worship leader, that service was one of my all-time favorites to lead. I hope that you were as blessed as I was. If you did not attend our Easter Service, you missed a real treat. I hope that you will take the time to go online and watch it. From the uplifting music and heartfelt worship to the inspiring message of hope and resurrection, every moment reminded us of the true meaning of Easter. Until the Midnight Cry,

Pastor Jason

RYAN JONSE

Hey Church, I am so excited for summer time! May 28th from 3pm-6pm will be our summer kick off celebration at the Slavens! If your child is interested or you know someone who might be interested in attending, please have them reach out to get a permission slip signed so that they can attend. We also have youth camp interest meetings on April 30th and on May 14th, this meeting is mandatory in order to come to camp so that we can go over expectations and rules and get the necessary documents signed. Youth camp will be June 29th-July 4th and will cost 200 dollars per student. We are still in need of youth volunteers, so if you are available on Wednesday nights we would love the help. Reach out if you want more information about serving in the Youth.

Ryan



Monday

Choir Practice - 5:15p

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study-8a

GriefShare - 2pm

Wednesday

Trinity - 9:30a

Youth -5:30p

AWANA- 5:30p
Nest & Den - 6p

Thursday

Men's Bible Study-
7:30a

Ladies Bible Study -9a

Game Night - 5p

Friday

Pickleball - 4p



Obadiah Project

May

Hair Items

Bows, combs, shampoo, etc

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEST SPRING GATHERING

GUEST SPEAKERS
THE KILGORE GIRLS!!

Brunch
is being
served

Stay
Salty!



MATTHEW 5:13-16

MAY 3, 2025 9:30-1:00

Preregistered Child Care Provided
903-769-2091

WEEKLY

May 3rd

Nest Gathering
9:30a-1p

May 4th

Stephanie Hensley's
baby shower
2p - Parlor

May 6th

Holly Stitchers - 9a

May 8th

Widow's Banquet

May 11th

Mother's Day

May 15th

Singing Men of East
Texas - 7p

STEP INTO THE STORY



Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering



North American
Mission Board

Church Goal: \$8,000

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS

JUNE 2ND-6TH

May 11th



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR A

Baby Shower

HONORING

Stephanie Hensley

MAY 4TH 2025 | 2:00 PM

HOLLY BROOK
BAPTIST CHURCH
PARLOR

Registered at
Amazon & Target



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

Caleb McNeil 1

Tori Searcy 2

Warren Blesh 3

Madyson Nix 4

Desiree Crombie 5

Patti Palmer 7

Jane Darland 8

Mary Frances Hall 9

Davenity Clowers 9

David Thomas 10

Norm Odell 11

Roy Petitjean 13

David LeFlore 13

Leilani Bustillos 14

Richard Trice 15

Jocelyn Torres-Ball 15

Kennedy Loya 15



HBBC HATS

\$20

**Sign up in the
Welcome
Center**



May



SUN **MON** **TUE** **WED** **THU** **FRI** **SAT**

<p>4</p> <p>Stephanie Hensley Baby Shower - 2pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Choir Practice - 5:15p</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Men's Bible Study- 8a Holly Stitches - 9a GriefShare- 2p Adult Bible Study - 5p</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Trinity Choir - 9a Youth Ministry & AWANA - 5:30p The Nest & Den 6p</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Men's Bible Study- 7:30a Game Night- 5p</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pickleball - 2p</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Nest Gathering</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Happy Mother's Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Choir Practice - 5:15p</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Men's Bible Study- 8a GriefShare- 2p Adult Bible Study - 5p</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Trinity Choir - 9a Youth Ministry & AWANA - 5:30p The Nest & Den 6p</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Men's Bible Study- 7:30a Game Night- 5p Singing Men of East Texas - 7p</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pickleball - 2p</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Holly Art Group - 9a Choir Practice - 5:15p</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Men's Bible Study- 8a GriefShare- 2p Adult Bible Study - 5p</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Trinity Choir - 9a Youth Ministry - 5:30p</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Men's Bible Study- 7:30a Game Night- 5p</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pickleball - 2p</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Choir Practice - 5:15p</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Choir Practice - 5:15p</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Men's Bible Study- 8a Holly Stitches - 9a GriefShare- 2p Adult Bible Study - 5p</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Trinity Choir - 9a Youth Ministry - 5:30p</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Men's Bible Study- 7:30a Game Night- 5p</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Pickleball - 2p</p>	<p>31</p>

