

**Online Services**

Sun.	2 May	Gun Hill News now on line, ready for Sunday.
Sun.	2 May	Online Service of Praise, Worship and Ministry of the Word of God with <b>Pastor Tony Jordan</b>
Mon.	3 May	Bible Studies of Practical Topics— <b>All Your Cares</b>
Tues.	4 May	Bible Study - <b>Hosea ch.12</b>
Wed.	5 May	More of Pastor <b>Tony Jordan's</b> short readings from his book: "King David—His Times and Our Life"
Thurs.	6 May	Prayer Time.
Fri.	7 May	<b>Kids' Stories</b> from Uncle Bill

*Gun Hill Events for 2021*

**Diary Dates for Month Ahead**

**Sunday 2 May - Sunday a.m. online Praise, Worship & Word of God**

**New to Our Church?** I give permission for you to contact me using any of following:

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 Telephone:..... Information on Church membership [ ] ✓  
 Signed..... Date.....

**Text for the Week:**

**“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”**  
**I Peter 5 vv 6,7**

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**Sunday, 2 May 2021**



**The Callous Heart**

*“And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside.”* **Matt. 13 v 4**

How are human hearts beaten into a highway? A child’s heart is sensitive to every impression. But as it grows older, the thousand influences, feelings, emotions, imaginations, treading over it continuously, trample it into hardness. Every time a young man feels convictions of sin and does not turn from the sin, his heart is left a little less tender. Every time he feels that he ought to do a certain thing and does not do it, allowing the good impulse to pass, he is left a little less sensitive to good impressions afterward.

The same effort is produced by the common experiences of life. The wheels and carts of business go lumbering over the heart. We ought to have our hearts fenced in, and allow none of these heavy wagons to pass over them. A business man ought to keep his heart soft and warm in the midst of all his business, tender as a little child’s, humble, teachable, loving, trusting. He ought to have a sanctuary in his inner life into which no unhallowed foot, none but the priestly feet of heavenly guests, should ever pass. But too many make their hearts an open common, till they are beaten into a callousness that nothing can impress.

Another way is by the feet of sinful habits. There was an old legend of a goblin horseman that galloped over men’s fields at night; and whatever his foot struck, the soil was so blasted that nothing would ever grow on it again. So is it with the heart over which the beastly feet of lust, of sensuality, of greed, of selfishness, of passion are allowed to tread. There is an impression that it does young people no harm to indulge in sin for a time, if they afterward repent. No more fatal falsehood was ever whispered by the tempter into any ear. The heart that is trodden over by vile lusts or indulgences of any kind is never the same again.

## People Pleasing

Psalm 56: 9-11

The approval of others is something we all enjoy, but you do not need it in order to have self-worth. In fact, people-pleasing will cause you to lose self-worth. You turn yourself inside-out for others, and just when you think you have succeeded, they change their minds. Besides robbing you of your peace of mind, people-pleasing makes it impossible to follow God's direction—and *that* ultimately is your greatest loss. If you are a people pleaser, changing the habits of a lifetime will not be easy. It will require facing what you fear and asking God for the courage to follow through. David said, "I know... you are with me... I... am not afraid. No one can harm me." When it comes to people-pleasing, you must understand two things. 1) Breaking the cycle means risking rejection by saying no when others expect to hear yes. When the people in your life are used to meek, compliant responses, they will react negatively until they get used to 'the new you'. Navigating these waters will be intimidating at first, but is it really any worse than living your life in fear of other people's reactions? 2) You may have to explain to others that in the past you sought their approval because you felt insecure, but that is no longer the case. The important thing is to *act now!* Breaking any habit involves temporary discomfort, but your only other option is to spend your life feeling trapped. You can choose to suffer short term on the way to freedom, or long term by continuing to engage in the struggle to please others. Today, make the right choice.

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<b>Morning &amp; Evening Bible Reading</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Morning reading</b>	<b>Evening reading</b>
2 May	Ezekiel 44 to 45	I Thessalonians 2
3 May	Ezekiel 46 to 48	I Thessalonians 3
4 May	Daniel 1 to 2	I Thessalonians 4
5 May	Daniel 3 to 4	I Thessalonians 5
6 May	Daniel 5 to 7	II Thessalonians 1
7 May	Daniel 8 to 9	II Thessalonians 2
8 May	Daniel 10 to 12	II Thessalonians 3

## Prayer for our fellowship and loved ones

Pray for all who receive invitations, and tracts - for the Lord to open hearts to receive Him and to join in fellowship with us. Pray for our fellowship, for people to be saved, the sick to be healed and those that are burdened or crushed by problems and difficulties to be set free.

Pray that we all may experience a mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit, that we all might be filled with His Spirit to praise His wonderful Name and to see His glory manifested every time we meet together.

### Prayer requests

- ⇒ Pray for Vijula—unwell
- ⇒ Ellen's daughter Karen—severe depression etc
- ⇒ Abigail—PJ's niece— infection after neck op
- ⇒ Rose—now back home
- ⇒ Nikkie Jones (George's daughter) - much pain
- ⇒ Danielle in Basildon hospital & conscious.
- ⇒ Worley—seems to be making good progress
- ⇒ Bernard husband of Joyce (tracts) - not well
- ⇒ Keep supporting Rosejoy in prayer
- ⇒ Sheila Barr— some anxiety .
- ⇒ Tom & Jean Pegg for healing
- ⇒ Heidi—emergency operation cancelled

### Answers to Prayer

**LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE  
KNOWN TO GOD WITH  
THANKSGIVING**

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"Now this is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions we have asked of Him." I John 5 v 14 & 15 \*Write your prayer requests on a piece of paper and give to Graham for inclusion here.

## Prayer requests from Elim Missions

### India and the Nations Please pray for:

- ⇒ God to burden us with the weight of this global situation, that we will not be able to shake it off and we'll be driven to our knees to stand in the gap for India and other nations.
- ⇒ For a turnaround in the power that this virus currently has over the nation of India, the province of Metro Manila and other areas of the world.
- ⇒ The unbearable pain, fear and desperation for families and individuals who are sick and hurting.
- ⇒ For leaders, pastors and workers having to lead while in deep pain with loss and sickness of their own families. Pray for protection and strength.
- ⇒ Also pray for Nepal, Pakistan and Elim partners and workers there, as news reports are suggesting that they are preparing for a rise in Covid cases.

If you want a visit or to share a problem or need, please do not hesitate to contact Graham on 01268 553423 \*\* Please keep us updated \*\* with how the Lord is answering.\*