

Editorial Thought...

Sojourners and Pilgrims ...

"Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul." – 1st Peter 2:11 [NKJV] –



Daniel Seay

Peter challenges Christians of Asia Minor to live out the Christian life. He makes his appeal on how we view ourselves in this world. He wants us to view ourselves as "sojourners and pilgrims". This world is not our home. We are just passing through. Our home is heaven.

"Sojourners" is to be understood as those who settle down alongside non-Christians. This word comes from two words: *along side* and *house*. It means to have one's home along side of. This is a person who lives in a foreign country where he has no citizenship rights. His home is somewhere else. He is an alien.

The word "pilgrims" comes from three words: *along side*, *upon* and *pagan*. This is someone who lives along side pagans. He stays temporarily in a place that is not home. He is different from a pagan. Christians hold different values than those around them. These are Christians who live on earth temporarily for a period of time.

Christians are not citizens of planet earth. We are just passing through. We are citizens of heaven. We simply sojourn on earth. We are pilgrims passing through a foreign country.

Philippians. 3:20: *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*

Because we are citizens of heaven, we should live like citizens of heaven. God wants us to act in this world like we would act while visiting a foreign country. When I used travel to foreign countries I carried a passport. My passport gave basic information about me: Name: Daniel Seay. Birthplace: Wheeler, Texas. Birth date: March 5, 1952, etc. When I went to foreign countries to work – and often to also advance the cause of Christ – I was, and felt like, a visitor (sojourner). God has placed each of us where we are in order to represent our homeland – *heaven*.

Before we became Christians we were strangers to Christ (Ephesians 2:19). We were strangers to God and to heaven. We had little inclination toward God. We couldn't have cared less about God. We were strangers toward heaven. But now we are strangers down here. Now that we have become a Christian we feel like *sojourners* down here (Psalms 119:19). We have friends and relatives over there. Each year we have more friends over there. Some of us have more friends over there than we have here.

And note the order – *sojourners* and *pilgrims*. Invariably we quote these words backwards – *pilgrims* and *sojourners*. However, we cannot be a pilgrim until we take our place as a stranger down here. Every day we are one day closer to home.

May we travel light (without sin's baggage) and keep our eye on our heavenly home.

News And Notes

Our Prayer List

Bud Daniel, Austin Clark, Sheridan Penrod, LouAnn Gann, The Robin Wilson family, Josh Wallace, Josh Werner, Billye Werner, June Brant, Donna Spader, Alice Jones, Daker Elessor Diana Nordin, Dick Cox, Barbara Shank, Gary Scoggins, Andy Huffman, Jeannette Pope, Betsy Pippin
Our Elected Officials and all World Leaders.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."
[James 5:16b]

Statistics

For The Week Of March 15th, 2015

Sun3ay Class	13
Sunday AM	16
Sunday PM	dnm
Wednesday PM	6
Contribution	\$628.00
YTD Budget (11)	\$8085.00
Difference Year-To-Date	-\$1406.45
Savings Account Balance	\$1,140.89

2nd Corinthians 9:12 – 'Your generosity is doing great things

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BirthDay: LouAnn Gann (1), Charles Landrum (5), Daniel Seay (5), Nadene Elliott (7), Billye Werner (8), Norman Gann (13), Alfred (Bud) Daniel (31) / **Anniversary:**-Hearn (25)

COMING EVENTS

April Fellowship Lunch

TBA – April 19th Is On The Table - ???

Easter Sunday – Invite A Friend Day!
- Sunday, April 5th -

Anniversary Celebration

Ray and Imogene Hearn will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary later this week (3/25). To allow everyone to conveniently share this special occasion with them, they are having a "come-and-go" social this afternoon (3/22) from 3 to 5 pm at their home. Make plans to join Ray and Imogene for this truly special occasion. Their address is: 413 Morningside Dr.

"Be still, and know that I am God!"

- Psalm 46:10 -

Agenda For Sunday, March 22nd, 2015

Theme:

WALKING TO A DIFFERENT DRUM

Today's Topic:

"A Different Drum"

AM Class: "STUDIES IN ESCHATOLOGY" Series – Moderated By Dan Seay

10:30 am: "...Do You Hear The Beat"

Text: Psalm 1 / Great Biblical Character Surveys

1 pm: "Whose Drum?"

Text: Proverbs 14:12 / Romans 7:15-21

Wed. Bible Study: "Isaiah The Prophet" Study - Wade McCallie, Moderating

Special Prayer Requests

Pray Special And Specific Intercessory Prayers For:

June Brant	Gary Scoggins
Jeannette Pope	Ruth Kinnick
Diana Nordin	Allen Sullivan
Billye Wener	Andy Huffman
Robin Wilson	Pat Murphy
Austin Clark	Roy Bays
Ray and Imogene Hearn	Art and Janice Mischler
Bill Fisher	Sophia Cannady
Josh Wallace	Jeanie McDonald
Betsy Pippin	Norman Gann family

Special Prayer Request

Mary Ann Harris would like for us pray for her sister Betsy Pippin. She has never been in the best of health, but it was recently learned that she had an exploratory surgery that uncovered concerns with her liver and kidneys. Further tests will be done in the near future. Please pray for Betsy and for all of her family.

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me.

- Psalm 119:18-19 -