

# Oaks-West church of Christ

Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Services are live-streamed to our website: [oakswestchurchofchrist.com](http://oakswestchurchofchrist.com)

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## The Lord Is My Portion

by Rickie Jenkins

“The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore, I have hope in Him.’” (Lamentations 3:24).

When we suffer loss, it’s only natural for us to grieve. And in our emptiness and sorrow, it’s also normal that we focus for a time on ourselves and our misery. However, if our attention continues to be directed inward, we will eventually lose our perspective and our hope. Life becomes a confused mixture of “If only I had...,” “I remember when...,” “If I knew then what I know now...,” and “Why...?” Soon guilt, bitterness, self degradation, and even self-justification will lead to an emotional tailspin that could permanently scar or ruin a life. Where is God when all this happens? Does He abandon us when we fall on bad times?

C.S. Lewis felt as if that was the case after his wife died of cancer. He said, “When you are happy, so happy that you have no sense of needing Him, so happy that you are tempted to feel His claims upon you as an interruption, if you remember yourself and turn to Him with gratitude and praise, you will be – or so it feels – welcomed with open arms. But to go to Him when your need is desperate, when all other help is vain and what do you find? A door slammed in your face, and a sound of bolting and double bolting on the inside. After that, silence. You may as well turn away.”

How many can identify with Lewis? And yet, we must admit that since God is infinitely good and loving, He will never forsake us, nor will He allow pain to afflict us, unless it is in our best interest (Rom. 8:28; Heb. 13:5-6b; Jas. 1:2-4). Truly, His compassion is great. Jeremiah

### Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends. We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

### **Important Dates**

**Ladies' Class** - January 28

**If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.**

remembered the unfailing love of God while feeling abandoned, oppressed, humiliated, and bitter. What he learned during his darkest hour can provide us with hope and encouragement during our times of distress – even when those periods are due to our own rebellion against God.

Jeremiah learned humility of the soul (Lamentations 3:19-20). He bows before God bruised, broken, and humbled. There is no pride in him- only remorse and a sense of total dependence on the Lord.

He also learned hope in God (Lamentations 3:21-23). First, God's love never ends. And, because of His great love, neither Jeremiah, nor his fellow Jews were totally consumed by Babylon. Second, Jeremiah recalls that God's concern never fails (Lamentations 3:22b-23). The night may seem lonely and bleak, but the dawn of a new day is a reminder that God is still preserving and caring for His people. Third, Jeremiah also learns that God's faithfulness never diminishes (Lamentations 3:23b). Regardless of how untrusting and disobedient believers may be, the Lord remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself (2Tim. 2:13).

No wonder Jeremiah finally proclaims, "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore, I have hope in Him." (Lamentations 3:24)

## Prayer Requests

**Jack Wilson** is still struggling with pain and limited mobility.

**Jay Parker's father** has cancer. His mother has had some recent health problems as well.

**Jimmy Stinnett** is struggling from his leukemia and is under treatment.

**Dinah Williams** is having some issues with her legs from diabetes.

**Dorthy Steadman** is seeing a neurologist for a spot on her brain.

**Shut-ins: Don and Alene Simmons, Dinah Williams, Marcia Neuhaus, Shirley Perkins**

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization – we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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