

Bishop points out the second reason by saying, “Trout will actively chase intruders from their territory. I have observed trout moving some distance from a lie to slash at a spinning lure that bears little resemblance to fish found in the waters around the trout. It appears that trout will fight for the best piece of riverbed to spawn.” Talk about territory, Matthew 4 records that Satan took Jesus up on an “*exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.’*” (Matt. 4:8-9). The devil will bait his hook to deceptively lead us to sin by saying something like, “If you want the world, I will give it to you!!”

Mr. Bishop presents a third reason trout can be tempted to bite. He writes, “there are some in the fishing fraternity who believe a trout can be induced or annoyed into striking at a fly or lure. Theory is that if you drift or swing a fly or lure past a fish often enough, it will bite it either through some notion of annoyance or because the fish will believe the lure is part of a hatch (a new food source).” Luke 4:13 adds this important piece of information to Satan’s attempt to hook Jesus, “*And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.*” Satan doesn’t get out of the water!! He just keeps on fishing and fishing!! The devil will work to do all he can to induce us to strike at his lures. He will continue fishing to the point of our giving in to the annoyance of temptation or the acceptance of a new ungodly food source.

So how do we **not** get hooked by Satan? Jesus gives us great insight while swimming in the river of this life. Each time Jesus was tempted he said to the Devil, “It is written.” If we “hunger and thirst” after righteousness and feed ourselves with the word of God, we will not be so hungry for Satan’s alluring bait! And faithful Christians have the promise, “*God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it (1 Cor. 10:13).*” Have you ever felt like a hungry trout on the opening day of trout season?

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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM / 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Sun. Morning

Radio & TV

KTXR 101.3 FM

Lifeline 7:15 AM

Channel 10

Search 7:00 AM

Living Word, 7:30 AM

Channel 33

Know Your Bible, 10:30 AM

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**BULLETIN**

## Hungry Trout

*Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. James 1:12*

At Bennett Springs, the temperature was in the mid 20s, but fish are fish and the freezing cold was not going to stop die-hard fishermen from using their lures to catch an unsuspecting hungry trout. Friday morning, the lead TV news story was about Governor Mike Parson officially kicking off the opening of trout season at Bennett Springs and the expectation of over 1500 fishermen casting hooks for hungry trout. Anticipation was great as the sirens sounded at 6:30 a.m. to officially signal the time to start fishing. Trout fishermen surely must love to fish, because the news showed them lined up seemingly elbow to elbow, standing in the water to get their catch of hungry trout.



Mark records that as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he spotted some die-hard fishermen casting their nets into the water. “*Then Jesus said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men’*” (Mark 1:17). This changed the life of Simon and Andrew forever. Scripture states that “*they immediately left their nets and followed Him*” (Mark 1:17). They turned from catching fish to fishing for men with the gospel of Christ. And like the fishermen lined up Friday morning at Bennett Springs, Jesus intended for his disciples to be die-hard fishermen.

It was not just the apostles that would be fishing for men like fishermen fishing for trout. Going back a few verses to Mark 1:13, we read, “*And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan.*” Temptation for Jesus came first like a fisherman’s bait tempts a fish, by hunger. Matthew tells us, “*And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.*” It is significant to remember that it was not just hunger that Satan used as bait when he was attempting to hook Jesus. The apostle John gave us warning, “*For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world*” (1 John 2:16). If you could imagine the world of mankind being a river full of trout, Satan has his line in the water. And he has the best of lures. Satan’s tackle box is full up!!! His fishing gear would look like he had just spent the day shopping at Bass Pro!! And worst of all, he knows how to be a fisherman of men!!

There is a book written by Tony Bishop entitled *Fishing Smarter For Trout*. Mr. Bishop writes, “There appears to be three main reasons why trout can be tempted to bite something. The first reason of trout temptation is that the bait looks like food. No prizes for coming up with this reason. If the item looks like the type of food the trout is eating, and it is presented in a similar way to the way the natural food is presented, it will likely get bitten.” Mr.

## Privileged to Serve

### Worship

Coordinator: Steve Crews

Announcements: Ron Peck

## Sunday AM

### Before Service Greeters:

Thad & Patsy Layne

### After Services Greeters:

John & Marcie Marchand

Songleader: John Marchand

### Lord's Table

\*Randy Hyder, Travis Hampton, Daniel Hyder, Luther Sheppard

### Opening Prayer: Dennis

Richardson

### Closing Prayer: David Doherty

Sermon: Rick Bright

## Sunday PM

### Before & After Services

Greeters: Dean & Helen Buman

Songleader: Jerry Branstetter

Lord's Table: TerryMcMasters

Opening Prayer: Bob Lewis

Closing Prayer: Roy Phillips

Sermon: Rick Bright

## Wed. Night

### Before & After Services

Greeters: Randy & Becky Hyder

Devotional: Paul Fisher

Songleader: Larry Chafin

Prayer: John Marchand

## News and Announcements:

### Welcome Visitors

Please leave a record of your visit by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the collection plate.



**Sincere sympathy** is extended to Suzi Doty and her family upon the death of Suzi's nephew, Curtis Pankey, this past week.



**African Work:** For those who would like to contribute to the work in Kenya, the mailing address is:

Commerce Church of Christ  
PO Box 611  
Commerce, Texas 75429

Write the check to Ralph Williams and note what it goes for. On the envelope, put "Attn: Vicky."

**Africa Pictures:** There will be a showing of **all** of the Africa pictures and a question and answer meeting on Friday, March 8, at 6:00 at the building. Bring soup, chili, or sandwiches to enjoy before the pictures.

**Fair Haven** will come to pick up food and other items on March 14.

**Directory update:** Please verify that your family information is correct on the sheets in the foyer.

## On your Agenda!

**Kid Sing** starts at 6 p.m. this evening.



**Luncheon Planning:** Non-widows will meet again at 8:30 Thursday to continue planning the widow/widower luncheon.

**Fellowship Dinner** has been **rescheduled** for next Sunday after morning worship. Cathy Thompson's group will have kitchen duty.



March 10—Sing at Nursing Homes  
March 10—Men's Business Meeting  
March 17—Youth Night  
March 24—Youth Focus  
April 12—Widow/Widowers Luncheon

### Questions and Answers:

- The apostle Paul reported God opened the door of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gentiles. Acts 14:27
- What was heard that caused confusion in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost? Acts 2:1-6

## Remember in Prayer:

*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16*

\* indicates members at Marshfield

**Greg Bright** is improving and was able to stand with assistance.

**Ken Cooksey** has stage 4 renal failure and other health issues.

**Donna Demshar** will have a heart procedure on March 13.

**Mary Jo Dodson**, Judy Phillips's sister, has stage 5 kidney failure and is now at Webco.

\***Estelline Jones** has had low blood oxygen levels.

**Marsha Kammerer** is recuperating at home.

**Kenna Kammerer** has cancer and hospice has been called in.

**Calvin Lamb**, Alan's brother, is recovering from surgery for a detached retina.

**Doris Letterman**, Connie Isis's sister, has pain in her legs and is having trouble walking.

**Diane McGuire**, friend of the McMasters, had surgery for a twisted hernia and has suffered complications.

**Gayle McGuire** will have knee surgery.

**Keith McHenry** continues to have a multitude of health problems while waiting for a kidney donor.

**Tye McMasters** was able to walk the length of the parallel bars during his therapy.



### Birthdays

Joshua Marchand  
Philip Cantrell  
Jill Peck  
Bonnie Doherty  
Harry Price  
Alan Lamb  
Pat Cruise  
Julie Lamb

Connie Isis  
Kay Lewis  
Mona Page  
Pauline Buttram  
Bob Lewis  
Courtney Peck  
Margot Hyder  
Ethel Dill

### Anniversaries

Dean & Helen Buman  
Steve & Michelle Crews

\* **John Nash** has basal cell carcinoma and severe arthritis pain.

**Donna Plummer's** blood work showed she does not need chemo.

**Micaiah Sedlacek**, JoAnne's nephew, is having severe hip pain.

**Issie Tabor (13)**, whose family used to worship here, has had cancer 2 or 3 times and it is growing again.

**James Taylor**, a friend of the Hyders, is battling cancer.

**Lorella Treadway**, Norma Nash's sister-in-law, will have her kidney transplant soon.

**Trudy Twitty**, Terry McMaster's cousin, had her leg amputated.

**Dan Wampler**, Nacho's boss, has lung cancer.

**Ron Webb**, Pat Cruise's cousin, whose chemo treatments are no longer working.

## Remember The Homebound

- **Judy Barrow** (Webco)
- **Mary Jo Dodson** (Webco)
- **Bonnie Doherty** (Webco East)
- **Ina Gillette** (Colonial Springs in Buffalo)
- **Estelline Jones** (Home)
- **Pat Lamb** (Marshfield Care Center)
- **Zoe Lawless** of Conway (Webco)
- **Rosalie Rosenberger** (Thad Layne's sister) is in a nursing home in Jacksonville, FL.



## Record for February 24

Sunday AM	107
Sunday PM	no count recorded
Wed. PM	54
Total Contribution:	\$2915
2019 Contribution Budget	\$2416

*Together we give to preach the gospel to the world—Matt. 28:19-20*

