

# The Bellville Proclaimer

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## TYRE

The Phoenicians were known for their command of the sea. Their craftsmen ably built great ships from the forest of the land and their seamen taught the world how to navigate the known world in search of riches. Meanwhile their fishermen fed the nation in abundance and all Phoenicia prospered.

Tyre was an ancient Phoenician city, founded on a small island lying about one half mile from the mainland. It was considered impregnable because of its high sheer cliffs, deep water and violent waves and winds that made any type of ship-based siege machinery unstable. Tyre grew wealthy and arrogant. Its growth spilled onto the mainland shore where the suburb covered several square miles. Tyre's dominance of maritime trade was unrivaled—the Mediterranean Sea was theirs.

Jerusalem was located a little more than one hundred miles inland and remained an important city for inland trade as caravans passed through en-route to the Red Sea and lands to the south. They would find refuge within its protective walls but not without cost. Judah's kings were forced to pay heavy tribute to Egypt and then to Babylon and the caravans were a source of income. Unfortunately, the more toll charged by Jerusalem meant less profit for Tyre.

As Tyre's wealth grew, their spiritual condition suffered. This was exposed by Ezekiel 28:16-18, "By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: ... Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness'...Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick;..."

The king of Tyre considered himself a god, as no mortal could be so blessed.

Joel tells of their hostility toward Judah in 3:5, 6 "Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things: The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border."

The reason for their eventual demise, however is given in Ezekiel 26:2, 3 "Tyre said concerning Jerusalem, 'Aha, the gate of the peoples is broken; it has swung open to me. I shall be replenished, now that she is laid waste,' therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, O Tyre,..." (ESV) Their greed was condemning but it was their delight in the misfortunes of God's people that brought down this mighty city.

--Joe Bluemel

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Our nation; Our outreach programs; Our country's armed forces including Matt Laas, Jon Beach, Cole Laughter, Travis Little, Sean Masternak and David Wolfskill; Wesley Drones; Betty Ulbricht; Liz Estill; Julie Sitzman's grandson, Trevor; Hugh Anderson; Anna Mae Hartsell; Evelyn Lambert; Wayman Bradley; Bill Pereyra; Jolie Fricks, friend of the Bluemels; Jerry Janca, Phyllis Bluemel's cousin; Chase Campbell; Julie Groves Webb; Evan Elliot; Paula Griffith; Clayton Soleyn; Joann Stover; Don Wilkes; Brianna DeHerde; a niece in the Wilson family.

## ABOUT US...

★ *Sweet Land of Liberty, of Thee I Sing* will be the topic of the next series of lessons for the Ladies' Bible class this week.

★ **REMINDER** The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be here sometime during the week of September 6-10. Don't forget to bring diapers and/or cooking oil.

★ Don't FORGET to bring Your sandwiches tonight! Stay and enjoy Fellowship.

★ On September 9<sup>th</sup> the Ladies' Class will have a Chinese Sundaee luncheon after class. See Judy Williams to sign up for the ingredient you want to bring.

★ There is a card for the Groves baby shower on the cabinet in the back of the auditorium for everyone who wishes to sign.

★ Jo Ann Stover has finished chemo and will be having tests during the next few weeks.

★ Betty Wilkes will have foot surgery September 15<sup>th</sup>.

★ The Ladies' Class received a thank you note from Lauren Funderburk, formerly of Bellville, for the soldier goodie box we sent to her.

**THOSE TO SERVE TODAY**

- Greeters—
- Announcements—
- Song leader—Hugh Tubbs
- Scripture Reading & First prayer—Don Wilkes
- Communion—Joe Bluemel, Dan Laas, George Edwards
- Closing Prayer—Buddy Brockett
- Anchor Man in Back—Brett Laughter
- Attendance records—Brett Laughter

**P.M. Service**

- Song Leader—Hugh Tubbs
- First Prayer—Dan Laas
- Communion—
- Closing Prayer—Bobby Husky

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- September 6-10 Medina Campus Grocery Run. Diapers and/or cooking oil.
- September 25 9:00 AM Cherokee Home Annual Auction

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday:	
Bible Class	9:00 A.M.
Worship	10:00 A.M.
Evening Services	6:00 P.M.
Tuesday Evening Prison Ministry	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 P.M.
Thursday: Ladies' Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Devotional at Briarwood Manor	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday
Devotional at Colonial Belle	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday
Fellowship Meal	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month
Sandwich Supper	Last Sunday evening of each month

**LOVE IN ACTION LAST WEEK**

Bible Class	35
Worship	46
Sunday Evening Worship	20
Contribution	\$1614
(Weekly Budget Requirement \$1940)	
Wednesday Evening	17
Ladies' Class	9

**The Back Pew - Jeff Larson**



GOD IS NOT FORGETFUL, BUT.. If we confess our sins, he will forgive us. **1 Jo 1:19**, will remember them no more. **Is 43:25**, and as far as the east is from the west, God will REMOVE these sins. **Ps 103:12**