

Marshall's Musing - 1/5/26

Howdy, y'all!

Kathy and I want to thank everyone for the gifts, cards, and tremendously kind words from so many as we celebrated the birth of our Lord. ***We love you, church!***

Tomorrow (Tuesday - 1/6), Kathy and I are flying to my hometown in Florida to spend some time with my mom and to take her to the doctor and to get her back and forth for a medical procedure. While we're there, we'll try to take a little vacation ;). We will be back on the following Tuesday night (1/13). So, since I'll be out of pocket, it would be best, if you need to, to contact one of the following deacons - Kyle Ingram, Mark Coker, or Bill Boyle.

**Memory verse of the week:** *Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations (Deuteronomy 7:9).*

- From [fighterverses.com](http://fighterverses.com)

**Wednesday PM** - Regular activities at 6PM. Bro. Mark Coker will lead the prayer meeting.

**Sunday AM** - We're having a guest preacher this Sunday morning - my good friend Bro. Jim Durham from Kennard, TX.

**Sunday PM** - Bro. Kyle Ingram will be sharing this Sunday evening.

**Hot Topics** - What are your questions? Continuing again on 1/18 on Sunday nights, we will be doing a series based upon questions that you may have: "What does the Bible say about . . . ?" I am still taking questions and will be teaching based upon those questions - we have a basket set up in the east foyer for you to write out your questions. We have already gotten some good ones!

**Men's Bible Study** - Tuesdays at 10AM - we continue our deep dive into the book of Proverbs.

**Justin Todd Herod** - J.T. is coming back! He will be sharing and singing a little during the Men's Breakfast on 1/31/26. That evening at 6PM, he will be having a concert here. Then, Sunday morning, 2/1/26, he will be leading worship and preaching.

**Men's Retreat** - February 26-28 at Latham Springs. We are partnering with Miller Heights Baptist Church in Belton. The theme for the retreat is *Disciplines of a Godly Man*. More info will be provided in days to come.

**Quote of the week** - *So, I plead with you, let the fact that failure will not have the last word give you the hope to fight. But beware! If you turn the grace of God into license, and say, "Well, if I can fail, and it doesn't matter, then why bother fighting sin?" — if you say that, and mean it, and go on acting on it, you are probably not born again and should tremble.*

— John Piper

That's all for now!

Gripped by the Gospel,

*Bro. Marshall*