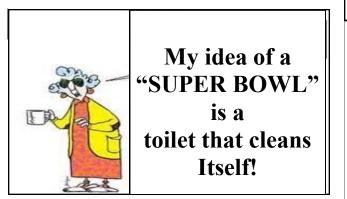


We are so glad you are here this morning! We have so many wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth coming up and I hope you will take advantage of as many as possible. Thanks to our young people who participated in L2L storyline! We had such a great time filming and are blessed with some amazing young actors and actresses. We'd like to thank Hailey Brooks and Amanda Lane for taking on the roles of sound engineer, acting coach, costume designer and set designer! We are gearing up for Lads to Leaders and we need to have registration finalized by next Sunday, January 31. For our girls completing their requirements for the year-round songs of praise, speech and Bible reading events, remember the Ladies' Brunch to be held on Saturday, January 30. Also, for any students wishing to participate in Bible Bowl we are holding practices each Wednesday evening at 6:00. We'll be scheduling testing times for the individual Bible Bowl test and Pearls test soon, so stayed tuned for more information!

DOUG

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1



"People are too busy"

It is obvious that attending worship services has become optional. It's apparently acceptable to miss services if you have other obligations at school or work. Sporting events, band concerts, and friend's birthday parties have now become acceptable supplements for a worship service. I hope you are catching my sarcasm. People have become too busy for Jesus. God has been put on the back burner until all other activities have been accomplished and participated in. I'm reminded of the time when Jesus was approached by someone who was willing to follow Him where He went. Jesus told the person to follow Him. However, before this person would follow Jesus, he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father" (Luke 9:59). Another person was also willing to follow Jesus, but first he want to "go and bid them farewell who are at my house" (Luke 9:61). Those two attitudes describe our world perfectly; people who want to serve the Lord, but are too preoccupied with other things to give Him one hundred percent. God should be our number one priority DAN.

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"IN ONE EAR AND OUT THE OTHER"

Growing up with my sister and younger brother, there were times where we weren't the perfect little angels we thought we were. We were good kids, but we were boys who liked to have fun. There were times when mom and dad had to be very stern with us and put us in line. My father grew up hard of hearing in each ear. When he was disciplining my brothers and I, he would always ask, "can you hear what I'm saying? I'm the deaf one, not you." I'm sure there were times when we disobeved our father and he thought we were legitimately deaf because we weren't listening to his instructions. I often times wonder if Jesus felt the same way. Jesus spent His entire life trying to preach and teach the will of His Father, but sometimes it seemed like His message was falling on deaf ears. Yes there were times when Jesus actually healed the deaf (Mark 7:31-37), but think of all the times He was preaching to people who heard His words, but decided not to hear Him. I know first hand what it's like to preach week after week and have no reaction at all to what was said. It's amazing how many sermons can be preached on attendance, but yet the numbers in the church still suffer. How many sermons have been preached with passion and zeal about being baptized and giving your life to Christ, but yet no one comes forward to respond to the gospel? How many sermons have been preached on unity, brotherly love, and working together as one body, but yet churches still argue, bicker, and split? I know exactly how Jesus felt. It saddens me to look out at the congregation sometimes while I'm preaching and see people talking, texting, sleeping, clipping nails, etc. Am I talking to deaf people? Is what I'm saying falling on deaf ears? I hope not. Jesus said, "Take heed how you hear." Many do listen and we commend you. May we be more attentive to what God says to us. DAN

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Monday Night For The Master will resume tomorrow night. One more baptized.



From Dan's desk:

Remember that "Monday Night For The Master" will resume after the long hiatus over the last several months. We will eat at 6:15 P.M. and work at 7 P.M. for one hour. Much can be done when we work together in God's church. We are grateful to all who would want to be a part of our effort to serve others and honor God. We are happy about the baptism of RONA MOSER. I had the privilege of studying with her last week and she was baptized on Tuesday. We rejoice with her on her commitment to God. Her address is elsewhere in the bulletin. Please make her feel welcome. We are grateful for her love for our God and her determination to be right in the sight of our Lord. God continue to bless the Lord's Church even in times of a pandemic that envelops the world in which we reside. A new Presidential administration has begun in Washington. I hope that we will be praying for those in Washington that they will consult our Father in Heaven about decisions that are to be made. When decisions are made according to God's Word, let us be supportive. When those decisions go against the teaching of the Holy Scriptures may we stand up for our God who watches over our nation. Pray that our Father will protect our nation and lead us in the paths of righteousness. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.", Psa. 33:12. "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.". Psa. 14:34. May we all live is such a way that God will bless our land. We look for you tonight at 6 P.M. for worship. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





BETH FREEMAN is continuing cancer treatments both in Dallas and here.

J.B. MATLOCK is improving from Pneumonia. He is home now.

DALE SPARKS will undergo treatment for prostate cancer soon.

GRACE GURGANUS is improving following a recent concussion.

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BE A GIVER Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than it is to receive". Why not experience His blessing now?



Let all that you do be done with love. I Corinthians 16:14

SYMPATHY. Our sympathy is extended to the family of DEE RICARD who passed away last Saturday. Memorial services were held yesterday here in Palestine at Rhone Funeral Home.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy also to Davis Lamb and other family members in the death of CLAUIS LAMB who passed away this last week. Services will be tomorrow at Rhone funeral home chapel at 2 P.M.

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Beth Freeman-finished her chemo and radiation. Starts imuno-therapy Feb. 1st Larry Hooper remains ill at home recovering from surgery Dale Sparks- good report. He will take injections Mary Jo Thomason is having treatments on her legs Grace Gurganus recovering from concussion and virus **Ricard family in the death of Dee Ricard** Lamb family in the death of Clauis Lamb Daniel Plummer in death of his brother David Barnhart family in the death of John Barnhart Moody Franklin (friend of Holly Franklin-no relation) Covid-19 seriously ill **Evelyn Pirtle seriously ill at the Tru-care Nursing facility** Ruth San Miguel mother of Rozanna May and staff at a local Nursing Home-Covid-19 Eve Rogers (niece of Gerald Wilcher) inoperable lung cancer Kenneth Holland-COPD Hannah Glenn, is undergoing Leukemia treatments in Dallas Elizabeth Attaway (Beth Freeman's daughter-in-law) cancer Maurine Ellis (of Sam's mom) numerous health issues. Nell Hawthorne friend of Alison Rader- She has covid-19 Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer

Please remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers. They need our prayers. Millie Baur, Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Ruby Merritt, James and Irma Ray, Ola Pearl Reeves, Emalie Tuschoff and Margaret Richardson.

NOTE: We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office. THE ELDERS