

Teen News

Good morning, it's good to see everyone this morning! A special thanks to all those who helped with the Retirees Dinner last Sunday. Everyone really seemed to enjoy the fellowship. Also, thanks to all who are participating in the puppet show and scrapbooking. We appreciate your zeal in service to each other and the LORD. We will have a devotional tonight for those in 5th grade and up. Please stay and enjoy the fellowship. Have a great week! **DOUG**

"And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."
Ephesians 4:32 NKJV

WELCOME VISITORS

A big hearty welcome to those visiting today. Allow us to meet and greet you following the worship service this morning. At the end of the service today you will be given a gift bag from our congregation. "It is a small gift, but it comes from big hearts." Thanks again for coming.

WHY WHITE?

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.' The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

AN ACT OF GOD?

Many people let God bear the blame and it is a common practice and it finds expression in many ways. Wars, famine, pestilence, and death are regularly laid at His feet. When it does not rain and God withholds the rain and the earth becomes dust, when crops fail and cattle die, men read in the disasters the will of God. Even the law of the land takes cognizance of the disposition of men to blame God by identifying such tragedies as "acts of God." Many insurance policies expressly state or imply exceptions of responsibility when an "act of God" is involved. Among the contingencies often classified as acts of God are tornadoes, hurricanes. An instance of man's proneness to let God take the blame is illustrated in a mine disaster some years ago, in the resolution of which it was officially declared that God was to blame! An editorial in an Eastern newspaper offered these comments: "Once again God must take the rap. In the aftermath of the mine disaster a jury has solemnly assembled, meditated, contemplated, and brought in its unanimous verdict. God has been convicted. According to the jury the murder of one hundred nineteen coal miners must go down in history as an act of God." I suppose that the killings of police officers in Dallas last week would be designated by some as "an act of God". God is not the author of death, but the giver of life. May we pray that God will bless those who experience such great tragedies. No, God is not to blame, but the devil and his followers who strike terror in the lives of innocent people. The greatest act of God is that of love in allowing Jesus to die on the cross. **DAN**

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class
10:30 AM Worship
6:00 PM Evening
Wed: 7:00 PM



Don't forget to...



SPRING FORWARD!

The time will change again this Sunday. Please move your clock ahead one hour before going to bed this Saturday night.



Our largest attendance since last March was in worship last Sunday morning. Retirees luncheon was great.

From Dan's desk:

It was wonderful to see our attendance climb last Sunday to 150 on Sunday morning. This is great. Several are returning to worship with us who have been vaccinated for Coronavirus. It is good to see them and we appreciate all those who were visiting with us last Sunday. The luncheon for those retired members of the congregation who were in attendance last Lord's Day were truly blessed. It was so nice of the youth and Doug and Alison to coordinate the meal and make it available. Thanks to those others who helped in the kitchen, Katie Holmes, Amanda Lane and Audrey Manuel. They did a commendable job. Everyone really enjoyed the meal and time given to this event. It was nice for all to introduce themselves and tell of their previous employment and the place from which they retired. It is great to get to know one another better. We still have several on our prayers list each week. We are thankful that no one is ill with the Covid-19 at present. Audrey and I got our last shot or vaccination yesterday in Tyler. Hopefully the virus will leave soon and we can all get back to a sense of normality. The month of March has arrived and we will be changing the clock again next Saturday night March 14th. Please be reminded to move your clock forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night. This will keep you from being late for Bible class and worship. Don't forget. Thanks for coming today and we hope to see you tonight. DAN

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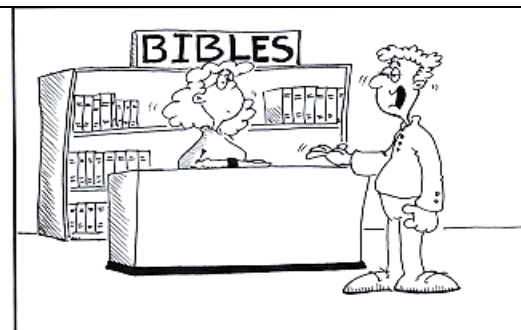
**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

J. B. MATLOCK continues to improve in rehab at Legacy at Town creek.
CLAYTON STEEN (Charles' son) is in U.T. Medical Center at Tyler Rehab from recent surgery
TROY ATTAWAY (son of Beth Freeman) has come home from the rehab in Tyler. He is better.
RHONDA PAUL sister-in-law of Gary Paul has cancer. They asked for our prayers

A prayer list is available in the foyer

SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of LARRY HOOPER. Who passed away last Wednesday. Graveside services will be held tomorrow at Cedar Creek cemetery in Elkhart at 10 A.M.



"What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted, or in need of making some kind of decision."

GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS

The gospel of the kingdom of heaven, though ultimately good news, begins with the bad news that we are sinners who need to repent (to reconsider and change). Those who heard Peter preach on Pentecost after Jesus' death were told by witnesses of Jesus' resurrection "that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Ac. 2:36). Three thousand on that day received this stunning information in such a way that it moved them to repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins (vss. 37-41). Of course, that is not always the response to truth. We don't know the number that heard the gospel that Pentecost day, but estimates of how many would have been in Jerusalem to potentially see and hear the apostolic witness would make the number that responded positively an extreme minority out of all who could have. Many see the importance of being receptive to truth when it comes to convincing others of their need to reconsider and change. For example, we think it important to point out to those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord that they must "Repent, and ...be baptized...for the remission of sins." That truth may stun those who for years have been convinced of their personal relationship with Jesus. It may cut them to the heart. And even though more people will resist that truth than will receive it, we preach and apply it anyway. But are we as receptive when confronted by truth that challenges what we have believed or practiced as we expect others to be?
 DAN

March 7, 2021

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

James Singleterry is recovering from surgery this last week.

Clayton Steen (son of Charles and Betty Steen) is recovering from Colon Surgery at U.T. Medical Center rehab in Tyler.

Beth Freeman continues to undergo treatment for her cancer

Troy Attaway, (Beth Freeman's son) had brain surgery and is now home doing better

Cathy Hooper (wife of the late Larry Hooper) upon his death

Mary Jo Thomason is having Therapy treatments on her legs

Jo Ann Henry (sister of James Henry) recovering from surgery in Ft. Worth

Eve Rogers (niece of Gerald Wilcher) inoperable lung cancer

Ike and Joyce Weatherly are both having health issues.

Kenneth Holland-COPD

Rhonda Paul, sister-in-law of Gary Paul has cancer and they have asked for our prayers.

Joe Bullock- friend of James Henry is in the hospital in Ft. Worth with Covid-19

Eva Walker's (99 year old) mother-in-law has Covid-19 and in the hospital in Tyler.

J.B. Matlock is doing better and is at Legacy at Town Creek for rehab.

Lanova Mitchell has been ill at home & requests prayer.

Elizabeth Attaway (Beth Freeman's daughter-in-law) cancer

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. 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

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