

Thanks to our youth for helping us with the car wash at the church last Saturday. We raised over \$1,000.00. The parents and others who came are really appreciated. We are still planning to attend other Summer Youth Series this Summer before school starts again. This has been an unusual year, but hopefully next Summer things will be better. Several of us have gone to Buda to the Central Texas Children's Home this weekend. We should be returning by tonight. Thanks again to the parents who went along to help with the scheduled activities and work sessions while here. A big thank you to all our young people for staying active this summer. DOUG

*"present your bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God which is your spiritual service." Romans 12:1-2*

**"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."  
Patrick Henry**

## "For I Have Learned..."

"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:11-13). The apostle Paul's experiences as an evangelist taught him that his circumstances in life would not remain constant. There would be times when he would have plenty, and there would be lean periods where even the basic needs of life would go wanting. Paul discovered that these vagaries of existence did not prevent him from serving the Savior. Rich or poor, healthy or ill, free or in prison, Paul knew he could trust the Lord to strengthen him to face the task at hand. But that's what Paul learned. What have I learned? I have learned that I learn so slowly. Sitting down to examine the word of God is like sitting down to a feast at a table one mile long with a thousand varied dishes on it. While eager to partake of all of it, the prospect seems so vast and daunting that it appears that I will never get to taste it all in a lifetime. Each day as I learn another lesson, I find myself wishing I had known it in the distant past, and I regret the good that could have been done had I learned it years earlier. This sentiment propels me to faithfully continue the learning process knowing all the while that it will not be complete until my life ends.

Paul Blake

**July 25, 2021  
Door Greeters  
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# Gospel Worker

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## A VOICE FOR GOD

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Word. Of all of the words Jesus could've used to describe Himself, what a strange word. Not a word. Not words. The Word. You see, words are the building blocks to communication. Without words there would be...(Get it?) Here's the thing about words, sometimes they need to be spoken! The Bible is the Word of God, the single greatest collection of words that has ever existed! But if there's no one there to proclaim The Word, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14) God saw a need for The Word to have a voice, and so He raised up John the Baptist. John 1:23 (John) said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the LORD..." Those seeking a purpose, those seeking peace, but most of all, those seeking the Savior John was talking about would find Him (Matthew 7:7)! "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" The One mightier than John, whose sandal strap he was not worthy to untie, and who would baptize with fire and with the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:11). You see, the world didn't recognize its King, and the world needed to hear it loud and clear: its King had arrived. He had come with authority: fire and the Holy Spirit. And He had business to take care of—a pitchfork in His hand, a threshing floor to clean, grain to collect, and chaff to burn. John was the King's herald who loudly proclaimed the Word until He came. What about you? Will you be a herald of the King and proclaimer until Christ comes again?

Phillip Jenkins

# Youth Car Wash a great success Over \$1000. raised

*From Dan's desk:*



Thanks to the youth for their kindness and thoughts of others. The car wash resulted in over \$1,000.00 being raised to help less fortunate children with school clothes. Thanks to Doug and Alison and others for helping our youth to grow spiritually by helping others. Last Tuesday night several of the youth attended the Summer Series in Tyler at the Broadway church of Christ. The youth have been in Buda, Texas at the Central Children's Home helping in various ways. This gives our youth a look at the other side of life and helps them to appreciate what God has done for them. Thanks to Robert Johnson from Longview for speaking to us last Wednesday evening. He did a great job and we appreciate his efforts to share with us what God wants us to do to honor Him. Several in the congregation have been ill or in the hospital for surgeries. Lorelee Reeder will have back surgery this coming Wednesday. We hope and pray that she will do well and that we will be able to resume her normal activities. Continue to remember Mary Ann Colling also who is recovering from brain surgery. We appreciate all of you for being present today and we hope and pray that you will return this evening at the 6 P.M. service.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**LORELEE REEDER will be having back surgery this Wednesday Continue to remember her in your prayers.**

**JOYCE MATLOCK has throat Cancer and will begin treatment soon.**

**MARY ANN COLLING is recovering from brain surgery in the hospital in Tyler.**

***Prayer list is available in f the foyer***

## 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.

## LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

There was a man standing before a judge in California for shooting a Condor. This is a protected bird and people who kill them must pay the consequences. The man pleaded with the judge by saying, "I just arrived in this state and I have never seen a bird that large before. I was hungry and could not help myself to shoot and eat it. The judge said, "I forgive you, just don't let it happen again!" The man replied, "Yes, sir!" The judge curious about the bird asked the man how did it taste? The man replied, "Oh, I guess somewhere between a Whooping Crane and a spotted owl."

## WHAT DO YOU LISTEN FOR?

A Native American and his friend were in downtown New York City, walking near Times Square. It was during the noon lunch hour and the streets were filled with people. Cars were honking their horns, taxicabs were squealing around corners, sirens were wailing, and the sounds of the city were almost deafening. Suddenly, the Native American said, "I hear a cricket." His friend said, "What? You must be crazy. You couldn't possibly hear a cricket in all this noise!" "No, I'm sure of it," the Native American said, "I heard a cricket." "That's crazy," said the friend. The Native American listened carefully for a moment, and then walked across the street to a big cement planter where some shrubs were growing. He looked into the bushes beneath the branches, and sure enough, there was a small cricket. His friend was utterly amazed. "That's incredible," said his friend. "You must have super-human ears!" "No," said the Native American. "My ears are no different from yours. It all depends on what you're listening for." "But that can't be," said the friend. "I could never hear a cricket in all this noise." "Yes you can," came the reply. "Here, let me show you." He reached into his pocket, pulled out a few coins, and discreetly dropped them on the sidewalk. And then, with the noise of the crowded street still blaring in their ears, they noticed that every person's head within twenty feet turned and looked to see if the money that tinkled on the pavement was theirs. "See what I mean?" asked the Native American. "It all depends on what's important to you, and what you're listening for."

What's important to us? What do we  
listen for?

# July 18, 2021

## **PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Lorelee Reeder will have surgery on her back this Wednesday in Tyler.

Glenda Baskin is recovering from foot surgery and doing well.

Christine Oliphant– Frankya Cooper’s daughter and friend to many– has breast cancer& undergoing treatment

Mary Ann Colling (Doug Rader’s mother ) is recovering from brain surgery.

Coy Chapman is with hospice care at his home.

Joyce Matlock has throat cancer and is undergoing treatment.

Mary Jo Thomason is having therapy treatments on her legs

Joyce Ferrell, Mary Stech’s sister is with hospice in Waco.

Loretta Young recovering from her recent surgery.

Candace Rohus friend to several has pancreatitis in the hospital in Tyler.

Jerry Thornton of Canton, brother-in-law of Bill Rawson his lung cancer and will begin treatment soon.

Emily Davis (granddaughter in-law of Ann and Kenneth Holland) has brain cancer Kenneth is still have breathing issues.

Ike and Joyce Weatherly are both having health issues.

Maureen Ellis, Sam’s mother has pneumonia in Duncanville, Texas

Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer

Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer

Joe Radford( friend to many) is recovering from brain surgery he is doing much better.

**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, Ola Pearl Reeves, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus,

George Lester, Ruby Merritt, James and Irma Ray, Patsy Bush, and Gary and 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