

Good morning and welcome to services! We are so glad you are here. We hope those of you who have started back to school are having a great year so far and we pray those starting this week will have a great year as well. We are really looking forward to next Sunday night when our young men lead us in our evening worship. This Wednesday night we will be doing something a little different. The young men participating in our youth-led service on the 22nd night will be meeting in my classroom to prepare and practice our songs and scriptures. Girls of all ages will go to Alison's class. DOUG

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ." Col. 3:23-24

## "Escape From Confusion"

We live in a complex age, a time of great confusion. People rush madly from one place and thing to another. There seems to be time for nothing. The pace is taking its toll in a steady increase of neurotics and psychotics. A helpful suggestion for escape from confusion is to be found in the following recipe which we copied from a recent issue of *Nuggets* from the pen of an anonymous author

"Amid the confusion of my day, give me the calmness of the everlasting hills. Teach me the art of taking minute vacations, of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pet a dog, to read from a good book. Remind me to look upward at the towering oak, and to know that it grew tall and strong because it grew slowly and well." - James W. Adams,

## As Tolerant as Jesus

I'd like to share with you some thoughts about Jesus and what He taught about judging others. Many people have a really inaccurate idea about what Jesus taught on the subject. They think He taught us not to judge others, period. That is not so. They suppose that Jesus sweetly tolerated anything and everything with regards to the differing religious and moral beliefs and practices of His day. He did not. Jesus loved everybody. He came to save anyone in the world who desired to be saved. But His love for others, as great as it was, never interfered with Him telling them the truth. He taught on very controversial matters, and brought forth the truth even when it is very unpopular, even dangerous, to do so (Matthew 23:6-12). Some preachers today think that being "tolerant" so as not to offend, is being like Jesus was. It isn't. Tough love tells the truth, which sometimes hurts for the moment, but also enlightens and, with the right reception, leads to life.

Jesus did not believe, tolerate nor condone everything taught by the various religious leaders of the day. Jesus taught that doctrine does matter. While others may be teaching, "We are all going to the same place, just by different roads" Jesus taught "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it." (Matthew 7:14). SELECTED

**Aug. 22, 2021**  
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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

## "BAPTIZED IN A PICKLE JAR"

Sour, doleful, grumpy, disgruntled, complaining, negative, irritable, discontented – all describe the kind of person who seems to wallow in his misery and, not content therewith, loves to cause others misery as well. Perhaps you have seen this kind of person who claims to be a disciple? And, how he claims to be a real follower/learner of Jesus presents an insurmountable incongruity. "Baptized in pickle juice" conveys a graphic figure of their misery in their religion.

The New Testament record indicates the rejoicing of those who were baptized into Christ They were baptized in water for the remission of their sins and, upon being raised from baptism, understood that their souls had been cleansed from sin by the blood of Christ – note the rejoicing of the Ethiopian treasurer and the Philippian jailer who rejoiced with all his house (Acts 8:39; 16:34). Baptized believers understood that they had become new creatures and when raised from the watery grave of baptism, realized that they had escaped the old man of sin and were beginning a new life (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:1-7).

"Baptized in pickle juice?" No way! Not one who has obeyed from the heart! The baptized believer rejoices daily in his fellowship with Christ (1 John 1:1-3). You hear it when he talks – you see it when he walks. May God help us to walk in the newness of life that our Master has given us as His children. Gal. 3:2

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**Some schools officially started and other to start this week. Pray for Teachers and Students.**



*From Dan's desk:*

We are midway through the month of August and Summer is almost gone. It has gone fast in some respects. We are excited about the coming Autumn months. The cooler weather that generally prevails will be a welcomed relief. We regret that Audrey and I did not get to go to "Catfish King" last Thursday evening. We had promised Susan that we would go to her "Meet the Teacher" night at Cayuga School. I heard that everyone had a great time and a big thank you to Charles McCullough for planning the event and driving the church bus. Plans are already being made to take a group to the Sam's restaurant in Fairfield this next month. Times like these help us to get to know one another better. We appreciate Randy Foreman for being our guest speaker last Wednesday night. The church meets in Oakwood at 5 P.M. on Wednesday evening, so I went and spoke for the church there and Randy and I came back in time for him to speak here. He did a good job and we appreciate all who attended. We have several here who have been going to the smaller congregations and preaching for them while they are either looking for a minister or the regular minister is away. Thanks to Jerame Gipson, Kyle Lock, Dwight Franklin, Marty Nash, Ben Rhone and perhaps others that we are unaware of at this time. There is such a need for this work and we commend you for stepping up to help. Please continue to pray for those who are ill. Thanks for coming today and we hope to see you tonight at 6 p.m.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**GREGG GURGANUS is doing better from Covid-19.**

**DOUG SUMRALL has Covid-19 and recovering at home. He is doing better.**

**NATALI ALLEN daughter of Jimmy Allen has Covid-19**

**DALE SPARKS will have carotid artery surgery next month**

**LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE**

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

**YOUNG MEN TO LEAD SERVICE**

The young boys of the church will conduct the Sunday evening worship service next Sunday evening at 6 P.M. Plan to be here to support them.

**THANKS GERALD**

The Ladies of the congregation would like to thank Gerald Wilcher for the little Jewelry boxes made for all of them. It was a major undertaking, but a labor of love. THANK YOU

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**"Because It Is Right"**

Reward incentive motivation permeates our society. People respond to rewards just like little puppies do. Some parents think only in terms of rewarding their children, and, they even reward them for being bad. When a parent says to a little child, "If you will quit throwing a temper tantrum, we will go get an ice cream as soon as we get away from the Dr.'s office," he is rewarding bad behavior and the child quickly understands how to get what he wants. The "in thing" now in many churches is to offer physical rewards for being religious. That ranges from the "gospel of health and wealth" that says, "If you give \$100, God will give you \$1,000," to appealing to the fleshly appetites of entertainment to get people to come to "church." Whatever happened to doing right, because it is right? Surely, Jesus offers men rewards but those incentives have nothing to do with the sensual desires. In fact, he condemned those who followed him because they were fed -- "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life," (John 6:29). The reward for righteousness is eternal life with God. God expects right behavior, because he is holy and we must be like him to share in spiritual life (1 Peter 1:15-16).

J. Blackstone

**Aug. 15, 2021**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Dale Sparks will have carotid artery surgery on Sept. 13th in Tyler

Joyce Matlock has throat cancer and will undergo treatment soon. She also has Covid-19

Mary Jo Thomason is having therapy treatments on her legs

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

Doug Sumrall has covid-19 and doing better at home.

Jerry Thornton of Canton, has begun cancer treatment in Canton

Leielani Leonard, mother of Adam Krumnow, is undergoing cancer treatment

Martha Sims has neuropathy and has asked for our prayers

Gregg & Sylvia Gurganus are improving from Covid-19

John and Dorothy Sparks (Dale's brother and sister-in-law have been placed with hospice.

Lorelee Reeder's back surgery is indefinite at this time.

Christine Oliphant- friend to many- has breast cancer& undergoing treatment

Jimmy Allen's daughter (Natalie) has Covid.

April Cartwright has Covid-19 but is doing well at home.

Mary Ann Colling (Doug Rader's mother ) has come home from the nursing home.

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

Ike and Joyce Weatherly are both having health issues.

Coy Chapman is with hospice care at his home.

Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer

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

Joe Radford( friend to many) is improving at home from recent stroke.

**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, 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