

Good morning and welcome to services! We've all officially started school and we hope everyone is off to a great start. Thanks to all who brought ice cream. cookies and toppings for our back to school ice cream supper last Sunday night. We appreciate all the young people who helped serve! It made for a fun evening of fellowship! Our spaghetti supper is coming in a couple of weeks and we look forward to it! Last year we had to cancel due to a Covid surge but plan on having it this year. If you are able to make an éclair cake for dessert please let Alison know. She has recipe you can follow and she's says it's a pretty simple recipe! We hope you are joining us for Bible class. We are starting new curriculum in both the middle school and high school classes and I think the lessons will be really beneficial! Have a great week! DOUG

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col. 3:17

"A REALLY BIG THING"

Someone noted "prayer" is a little word for a really big thing. Indeed it is. In the passage just cited, Paul reminds us that the prayers of God's people can influence kings and others who have power and authority to make decisions that affect the circumstances in which we must live our daily lives! In the words of Hebrews 4: 16, prayer is the means by which we "come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." On that throne sits the omnipotent, Almighty King of the universe. Charles Hodge, in his book Prayer: The voice of Faith, has written, "I do not believe in prayer, I believe in God' therefore, I pray.... Prayer is power because God is God. Prayer works because God works! Prayer moves the hands that move the world" PRAY FOR OUR NATION! SELECTED

"BE HAPPY"

If the skies above you are gray, you are feeling so blue...SING AND BE HAPPY." That's the way the song goes, and that's the way the Christian should feel about his life. Too many people seem to be waiting for happiness in the future. What's wrong with today? Sure, happiness is a city we are striving to reach, but happiness is also being a part of the "city of the living God" right now (read Hebrews 12:22-24). I'm afraid that if we push our happiness too far out into the future, we won't know how to appreciate it when we get it...if we get it. It is like spending our whole lives making money and not being able to enjoy spending it when we retire...if we live to retire. Some of the best times we have are not bought with money. Living and loving with those around us are not necessarily better because more dollars and more things are present. Taking pride in what we are inside and what we have done for good are not really based on the dollars we spent achieving them. Real friends and neighbors do not ordinarily judge by what we have, but by the attitude of mind and heart that we exhibit in the way we deal with them. The sound of birds singing or crickets chirping, the beauties of the moon above at night, a walk in the gentle rain, are not bought with coins. Abraham Lincoln once said that a man is about as happy as he makes up his mind to be. Happy people are happy most of the time. Miserable people are miserable most of the time. The Good Lord once said about living according to God's will: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" John 13:17). If you are sad, turn your life around in Christ. BE HAPPY! **SELECTED**

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> Answer to trivia is (4.100)

EXTINGUISHED EMBER

Author Unknown

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The preacher found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The preacher made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back down in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday."

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ONE RESPONDS FOR PRAYER. ICE CREAM SUPPER WAS WELL ATTENDED.



From Dan's desk:

Thanks each of you for being present this morning. By now all the area schools are back in service. The ice cream supper last Sunday night was well attended and we wanted to show our love for our young people and teachers as they go back to school. Several in our congregation will be involved this year. Last Sunday night BRET NASH responded acknowledging his need to walk closer to the Lord and that he had been somewhat negligent in attendance. We commend him and love him for taking this courageous step. Sometimes we worry more about what people think of us, instead of what God knows about us. God bless his tender heart. In a couple of weeks we will have Bible School Promotion in our bible classes. We encourage each of you to begin attending Bible class if you are not currently attending. It is a great time of fellowship and an opportunity to learn more about the Holy Scriptures. We challenge you to get up an hour earlier and come to Bible class on Sunday morning. Make the effort to start attending on Wednesday evening as well. We love and appreciate all who endeavor to do the Will of The Father. See you tonight. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

EVA WALKER is recovering from hip replacement surgery She is at her cousin's house in Athens. Texas undergoing rehab. **CHARLES STEEN** is recovering from hip replacement surgery last Thursday. He is doing better. **DAVID CARDER** had an epidural in his back this last week in Tyler. **RUTH SAN MIGUEL, mother of** Rosanna May is critically ill in the nursing home in Malakoff, Texas A Prayer list is available in 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.

> This riddle must be done IN **YOUR HEAD and NOT using** paper and a pen. Try it!

Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. And another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the total? (answer else where in bulletin. TRY TO FIND IT.

"Can You Let Up A Little"

We are living in a "politically correct" world today. Much of this "political correctness" has made its way into the Lord's church just as it did in Isaiah's day. God says in Isaiah 30:9-10, "This is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the Lord; who say...do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits." Many people did not want to hear God's truth then, and they do not want to hear it today. Paul says that people "will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap to themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned to fables" (2 Timothy 4:3 -4). This is happening in the Lord's church to-Jesus says "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them" (Matthew 13:15). If people do not hear and follow the Lord's word they will be lost. Many in the church do not want to hear what the Bible says about Hell, drunkenness, adultery, lying, marriage, any of the other sinful activities that are going to cause people to be lost. People do not want to give up their sinful activities. For this reason many in the church are not preaching and teaching the whole counsel of God. People are wanting them to "speak to us smooth things". Some are preaching and teaching only what the people want to hear. must have a desire to hear the truth of God's word or we will not hear it. Paul says, "because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they may be condemned who did not believe the truth." (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Eva Walker is recovering from Hip replacement surgery. She is in Athens, Texas. Charles Steen had hip replacement surgery in Tyler last Thursday. He is improving. David Carder is having health issues at home.

Sam Ellis has prostate cancer and is awaiting treatment.

Ralph Wilcher, Gerald Wilcher's brother is recovering from a punctured lung. He also has a mass on his kidney and undergoing tests.

Robert James, son of Linda Wilson is undergoing tests for prostate cancer.

Vernell Johnson's 4 year old daughter, Victoria is having open heart surgery soon. He is a friend of Clint Satterwhite.

Ruth San Miguel, mother of Rosanna May is critically ill in the nursing home in Malakoff.

Meltha Adam's, aunt of Scott Roberson is seriously ill in South Carolina.

James Moore, son of Peggy Young is in serious condition in San Antonio following a heart attack.

Clayton Steen, son of Charles and Betty Steen, is cancer free but still has some health issues

Daniel York has cancer and has asked for prayer. (friend of Mary and Bob Stech)

Jerry Thornton of Canton, is undergoing additional cancer treatment for cancer.

Kenneth Holland is still having breathing issues.

Remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers.

Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Patsy Bush, Mary Ann Colling, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Irma Ray, Martha Sims, Marlene Thompson, Lorelee Reeder, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, Charlie Young and Loretta Young, and Mary Ann Colling. **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