

Good morning and welcome to services! We hope everyone who attended our congregation's Christmas party had a wonderful time. We know we did! This week is the last week of school before Christmas break and we are going to celebrate that on Friday night with a trip to Six Flags Holiday in the Park. We are taking the bus and leaving at 3:00 on Friday. Tickets can be purchased online ahead of time and scanned from your phone. See the youth board for more details Next Sunday night we will assemble blessing bags and then the next morning we will be working with our crew at The Stockpot and distributing the bags. The calendar says 11:00 AM, but we are now getting the opportunity to prepare the meal and will need to be there around 8. That evening we will be caroling to our members in local nursing homes. We are looking forward to sharing in a lot of holiday fun with everyone! DOUG

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Chloe and Clayton Collins who suffered the death of their father **BOBBY COLLINS**, (former member) Who passed away in a house fire last week. Memorial services are pending. He lived in Oglesby, Texas

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of JIMMY RAY, longtime member of the congregation. He has been in the nursing home for the last several years. Services will be held today at 2 P.M. at Rhone Funeral home.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of BRANDON COSTLOW, (son of Orre and Donna Costlow). He passed away this last week. Memorial services were held last Thursday at Rhone Funeral Home.

"DORCAS-FULL OF GOOD **WORKS**"

There has always been and will continue to be a need for more "women professing godliness" (2 Tim. 2:10). Not only in the manner with which they adorn themselves, but also by the way they use their time and talents. In a day when it seems there are more and more "modern day Jezebels" it is refreshing to find hard working women with morals, values, and character. I am so thankful to know a "Dorcas" or two. "At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did" (Acts 9:36). The people of her day were encourage by Dorcas because she was a doer of good works. Others truly enjoyed the fruits of her labors. May there be more in the Lord's Church. DAN

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

"Where DO You Lay Your Burdens?"

The Bible tells us to be aware of becoming weary and quitting the Christian faith or becoming unfruitful in our lives. The Lord commended the church at Ephesus for their labor for the gospel, perseverance, patience and not becoming weary. "To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: 2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary" (Rev 2:1-3) What does the Bible say we should do when we feel wearied and discouraged? First, we should consider the perseverance of Jesus as He was faced with a hostile mob of sinners who succeeded in having Him crucified even though the governor Pontius Pilate declared that Jesus was not guilty of any of the charges made against Him. The Bible says in Heb 12:3-4: "For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.". Secondly, We should pray for God to strengthen us. Luke 18:1 Jesus said, Men ought always pray and faint not". Thirdly, we should persevere because in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Gal 6:7-9: "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." We must understand that our present sufferings are nothing compared with the "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" - 2 Cor 4:16-18: "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal ". Remember, the Apostle Peter said to "take you burdens to the Lord for He careth for you". Don't Quit! DAN

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Welcome to each of you. **Great Holiday Fellowship.** Other events scheduled for our congregation



From Dan's desk:

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

The month of December is a busy time for all of us. Numerous events are still scheduled beyond that ones we have been privileged to participate in this month. The holiday fellowship in the activity building last Tuesday night was great. The food was good and the fellowship are just great. This is a loving congregation of God's people and we appreciate each of you. Thanks to Faith Miller for the evening meal along with several ladies who provided the desserts. It was a memorable evening and these events always draw us closer to our Lord as well as to one another. Our worship services have drawn several visitors recently and for all of you who might be visiting today, we thank you for coming. We hope you will want to come again and be a part of our congregation. Remember that this Monday night we have been invited to the home of Pam Gallaway to sign cards to the shut-ins. The fellowship will be great and we hope you can attend. Bring your favorite finger food and enjoy the fellowship. The youth are planning various activities during the month also. We are grateful for their efforts to provide certain items for the homeless and those at the stockpot on Monday. The ladies luncheon at the Baker home last Sunday was well attended and a big thank you to Sonda and Henry for providing this opportunity for the ladies. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks all of you for your continued support of our efforts to preach and teach the gospel of Christ. We hope to see each of you tonight at 6 P.M. DAN





TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

KENLEE HARBOUR is improving. She is back home and doing well. **RANDY FOREMAN** is also improving following his recent pacemaker installation.

GARY & LIZ MISSILDINE have both been sick recently but are also improving at home.

Others who have been ill are doing better as well.

PAT BARRETT has been having heart issues this last week.

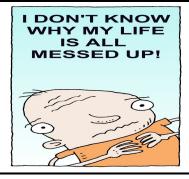
CHARLES McCULLOUGH has been having injections in his back this week.

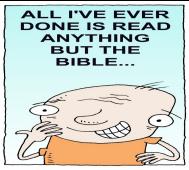
WELCOME VISITORS

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.

"HAPPINESS GOES LIKE THIS...."

If we are going to be happy, we are going to have to learn from God how to be happy (Psalm 143:10). God teaches through His word that, if we are going to be happy, we have to learn to appreciate every day (Psalm 118:24), we have to trust Him with all of our heart (Proverbs 16:20) and we have to relish the Scriptures (Psalm 19:8). But it is not enough to learn how to be happy, we must also understand the foundation for true happiness. Consider this truth in Psalms 11:3. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" If the foundation of happiness is destroyed, there will be no happiness. Physically speaking, the foundation is of great importance in anything you desire to build. This principle is even more significant spiritually speaking (Matthew 7:24-27). Happiness is founded upon God's presence. Happiness is not founded upon our earthly accomplishments (Ecclesiastes 1:14); it is ultimately measured by our relationship with God. **DAN**







Dec. 12th 2021

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kenlee Harbour is recovering from surgery at her home. She is doing better..

Jerry Thornton of Canton, is undergoing cancer treatment in Canton

Lorelee Reeder remains came home from the rehab in Tyler yesterday. She is better.

Ben Schwab young grandbaby of John & Janice Schwab (multiple health problems)

Loudell Ferguson (friend of Many) is respiratory problems.

Charles McCullough

Gary and Liz Missildine have been having health issues. They are better.

Pat Barrett is having heart issues and has been in the E.R. this week.

Christine Oliphant is recovering from surgery in Houston recently.

Truman and Susie Tate have both been having health issues and have asked for our prayers.

Sue Smith (friend of many) in Dallas is having health issues

Kelli Robinson daughter of Jimmy and Janette Alford has started her radiation treatment.

Emily Davis (granddaughter of the Hollands) has brain cancer

Kenneth Holland is still having breathing issues.

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

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, Marlene Thompson, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, James and Irma Ray, Patsy Bush, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff and Martha Sims.

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