

Thanks for being here this morning! The youth group is back from camp and they had a great time. Thanks to the youth for providing donuts and coffee last Sunday for Father's Day. We had great time and enjoyed having all of the Dads there. Our Summer Youth Series starts this week!! This Tuesday we will go to Oak Grove Church of Christ in Livingston, TX. We will leave the church building at 4:30 pm. Please be here on time!! We will be hosting the Summer Youth Series here on July 16th. I'll have more information about that later. See you all tonight! BEN

### **"A MISERABLE EXISTENCE"**

A grand, miserable life. Keep that phrase in mind as you read Ecclesiastes 4:8 — "There is one alone, without companion: He has neither son nor brother. Yet there is no end to all his labors, Nor is his eye satisfied with riches. But he never asks, 'For whom do I toil and deprive myself of good?' This also is vanity and a grave misfortune." The message — life at the top may not be all it's cracked up to be, likely proving more lonely than lovely. It may cost more than we ought to pay to get and stay there. And on the way up, I may leave behind the people I love. Financial freedom may come at the price of family and friends. It has for many. Riches may crowd out relationships. A career may take over my life and sever my deepest human connections. I may lose riches money can never buy or replace. John D. Rockefeller summed up the grand, miserable life: "The poorest man I know is the man who has nothing but money." Be careful on your way to the top. Like so many others, you may end up living a grand, miserable life.

**Dan Gulley**

## **GOD AND COUNTRY**

Oftentimes Christians talk like you should have no loyalty for your country, as if love for your country was always a bad thing. To be sure, this must never be ultimate loyalty. We must always obey God rather than men. But most Christians have understood the fifth commandment to be about honoring not only your parents, but all those in authority over you. Moreover, Jesus shows it's possible to honor God and honor Caesar. This is especially clear if you know some of the Jewish history. The tax in question in Mark 12 is about the poll tax or census tax. It was first instituted in 6 AD, not too many years before Jesus' ministry. When it was established, a man by the name of Judas of Galilee led a revolt. According to Josephus, "He called his fellow countrymen cowards for being willing to pay tribute to the Romans and for putting up with mortal masters in place of God." Like the Zealots, he believed allegiance to God and allegiance to any earthly government were fundamentally incompatible. As far as they were concerned, if God was your king, you couldn't have an earthly king. But Jesus completely disagreed. By telling the people to "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," he was saying there are duties to government that do not infringe on your ultimate duty to God. It's possible to honor lesser authorities in good conscience because they have been instituted by a greater authority. If you read all that the New Testament says about governing authorities in places like Romans 13 and 1 Peter 2, you see that we should be loyal to the country that God has blessed so much. How thankful we should be to be an American. May God help us to remain "A Nation Under God Indivisible, With Liberty And Justice For All". DAN

### **DOOR GREETERS**

**Sunday June 30, 2019**

**Steve and Jill Camp**

### **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

**Sunday June 30, 2019**

**Adam & Lisa Krumnow**

### **NURSERY ATTENDANT**

**Daphne Prince**

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**ABC 10—KTEN Sherman-Denison, TX**

### **ASSEMBLY TIMES**

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

### **"SERIOUS AND SENSIBLE"**

We are all commanded to be a sober saint. Titus 2:11-12 reminds us, "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age." According to Strong's Concordance, the Greek word translated "soberly" in this passage means "with sound mind ... to be of sane mind-to be in right mind." The same root Greek word is found in Titus 2:6 which commands young men to be \*sober -minded"; in Titus 2:5 where young women are taught to be 'discreet"; in Titus 2:2 where older men are instructed to be "temperate." The New International Version translates this term "self-controlled" throughout Titus 2, and the New American Standard Bible renders it "sensible." Put it all together and you learn that God wants sober saints who live self-controlled, sane and sensible lives! Luke 15:17 (NIV) tells us that it was only when the prodigal son "came to his senses" that he took steps to get out of the pig-pen his sin had put him in. Have you done something spiritually insane and insensible? Are you in a pig-pen of sin? The devil wants to intoxicate and cloud your spiritual mind and judgement to the point you Will stay there, but you don't have to. In a world drunk on sin, you can sober up and come to your senses and come back to our Heavenly Father. Let the mind of the Christ master your mind and you will be a sober, sensible saint. Thank God for those who are such.

DAN

# *Watermelon Supper Next Sunday Evening*



***From Dan's desk:***

Don't forget that next Sunday evening following the evening worship service, we will have our annual watermelon supper. Plan to join us for a wonderful evening as we reflect on our freedoms in America. The rain came down last Sunday morning just about the time for Bible Class. In spite of the rain, we had a good attendance. Then on Sunday night, we were under a sever thunderstorm warning. We have had more rain this year than I can remember. It is certainly unusual for the month of June. Even the cooler weather has been nice. I am sure it will change soon. We continue to have numerous visitors at our worship assemblies. We are thankful for those who continue to frequent our worship times. We encourage you to invite others to come with you. We had several last Sunday who were from out of state and from many places in the state who had come to the "Dogwood Jamboree" the Saturday night previous, who stayed over to attend worship with us and we all welcomed them to Palestine and to the congregation here. Next Sunday morning I will speak on the subject "We had better check our stitches again". This sermon will reflect on our nation and what we can do to make it better. It has been said, "As the church goes, so goes our nation". We have a tremendous responsibility to make our nation better and to uphold the great values that made our nation a God-fearing people. I hope you will be present for the most important lesson. Thanks for your comments about last Sunday's lesson on "The greatest Gifts A Father Can Give His Children". We appreciate you being with us this morning and we hope that each of you will see the importance of assembling with us tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**BARBARA SUMRALL** is improving and has been moved to Intermediate care at Christus Mother Francis Hosp. in Tyler.

**MIKE MASON** continue in rehab at Health South in Tyler following surgery.

**LINDA LIPPOLD** who has been attending our services has begun cancer treatments at M. D. Anderson Hosp. in Houston.

**KURBY HELMS** will have surgery in Dallas this Wednesday.

**DEANNA CHAPMAN** was in Houston this last week for consultation.

**CECIL STANALAND** will have eye surgery tomorrow.

**ROSE MARIE FOREMAN** is having serious eye problems.

### 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.**

**WATERMELON SUPPER  
Next Sunday evening  
after worship. JOIN US.**

### **"A LITTLE MIXED UP"**

One time four-year-old Johnny got things a little mixed up, as four-year olds tend to do. After singing a Christmas carol and the song was finished, he commented: "It's great that the shepherds put on clean clothes when they went to see baby Jesus." His mother gently asked, "What do you mean, Johnny?" The little theologian looked at her and said, "You know. Didn't we just sing, 'While Shepherds Washed Their Socks by Night?' " (You'll have to ask if you don't know the song!) Johnny had the song wrong, but he had the right idea. We have to clean up if we ever expect to see Jesus or get into Heaven. Practically all evangelical churches/denominations agree that the blood of Jesus Christ is God's solitary agent to cleanse the stubborn stain sin leaves on our souls. The Hebrews writer proclaims the amazing power of the blood of Christ. He insisted that although it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins, 'the cross of Christ gives Christians "boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus" (Hebrews 10:4, 19; see also verses 5-18). It is a fundamental fact of the Gospel — our salvation from sin is Heaven sent and blood bought! One man hit the nail on the head when he wrote, "The blood of Jesus is the only detergent that can cleanse away a single sin"

How clean are you? DAN