

Teen News

This Saturday, Feb. 1st, All the Youth & Parents are invited to go roller skating in Athens, TX. We will leave at 2 PM from the church building. Please sign the sheet by the office, by Friday, to let us know who is going. We will cover the cost of roller skating, but bring money for any food or drink you might want.

BEN

Faith

The word faith is used primarily in two ways in the Bible. One is referring to the body of doctrine delivered to us from God. "Contend earnestly for the faith once and for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). In one sense the faith refers to the teaching in the Old and New Testament. It refers to the doctrine of Christ and that preached by the apostles. We understand that the Law of Moses came from God and so did the Law of Christ. The Law of Moses was nailed to the cross and we are under the Law of Christ today. On the other hand, faith can refer to one's conviction. It is in this sense that I want to write about "faith." I am afraid many equate faith with a hunch or superstition. They feel something is right and therefore it must be. To question one's faith is akin to questioning one's humanity. In this article, we want to define faith, how one develops faith in God, and what faith does. Faith is defined in Hebrews 11.1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Abraham is given as a great example of faith in James 2. God promised Abraham the land of Canaan, a lineage that would become a great nation, and his faith became reality. Genesis 12, 15, 17, 22.



Those to Serve February 2014

AM . Opening

02 James Singleterry
09 Ben Rhone
16 Bill Chandler
23 Jerry Sturgess

A.M. Closing

02 Dale Sparks
09 David Sparks
16 Sam Ellis
23 Adam Harding

P.M. Opening

02 Clint Satterwhite
09 Marty Nash
16 Tom Watson
23 Jim Edge

PM. Closing

02 Jerry Thompson
09 George Wooden
16 Steve Camp
23 Brandon Franklin

Serve Communion

Robert Duzan
Gary Chambless
Todd Perry
David Akins

Jack Thomason
Fred Freeman
Jeff Sparks
John Mottern

Communion Preparation



2 Jim Hahn
9 Fred Freeman
16 James Singleterry
23 Ike Weatherly

DOOR GREETERS Feb 2, 2014

Jerry & Marlene Thompson

COMMUNION PREPARATION Feb 2, 2014

Jim & Gerry Hahn

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Henry Baker
Sam Ellis
Dwight Franklin
Adam Harding
Kyle Lock

SECRETARY

Lorelee Reeder

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Brown Trail School of
Preaching, Bedford, TX
Jose Cuadras—Mexico
School of Preaching
Hershel Bearden
India Mission
Central TX Children's
Home—Buda, TX
Tipton Children's Home
Tipton, OK
GBN T.V. NETWORK
GIVE ME THE BIBLE
T.V. Program
KETK-56 Tyler, TX.
FOX 44—Waco, TX.
FOX 29, Bryan-College
Station, TX.
NBC 53—Lufkin, TX.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

Diluted Truth

Growing up I used to watch all the Bowl Games on New Year's Day. There were about eight of them and they were confined to that 1 day. To get to a Bowl Game a team had to be really, really, really good. Now we are inundated with bowl games. There are so many that a I cannot keep up with them. One Bowl Game had two teams whose coaches were fired for having such a poor season. Another Bowl Game had to get a special waiver from the NCAA to allow a team with a losing record to play. Why the change over the last 50 years? Money and the desire of the colleges, the NCAA, and the organizers of these Bowls to make money. The end result is that the Bowl Season is now over a month long and most fans only keep up with their team. The bowls have become diluted to mean practically nothing. Such can be said to a lot of preaching that goes on today. It used to be that the Bible was preached in almost every pulpit. Now a lot of places hardly hear the Gospel of Christ. The conditions of salvation are often left out of sermons, and sin is not mentioned. In denominations the Bible is a relic, an outdated book with outdated principles. Every day in the Lord's church there are congregations where plain preaching is not appreciated. So what happened over the last 50 years? Man has decided that religion should concentrate on man and not God. Church has become a social organization with social programs and a social message. Some preachers today are good communicators but poor students. Churches have become businesses with "programs" and "outreaches." Money is needed to finance all of these activities. The truth is diluted to appeal to a larger audience. The end result is weak preaching and teaching.

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Monday Night For The Master Tomorrow Night 6:15 P.M.



From Dan's desk:

We thank each of you for being present this morning for worship. We have several visitors among us and we are thankful for your presence as well. We hope that you will return at your earliest convenience. The Give Me The Bible Conference, saw its largest attendance ever last week. We had over twenty congregations represented and it was a great day. We had several who made special contributions to the Give Me The Bible Television Fund to help defray expenses throughout the year 2014. We are most grateful and we are confident that God will continue to bless the efforts involved in presenting His Word over the airways. We wanted to remind you that tomorrow night we will resume the Monday Night For The Master program. We will eat at 6:15 P.M. and then work between the hour of 7 to 8 P.M. We hope that each of you will want to be here to help with the jobs that need to be taken care of here at the building and sign cards to those who are ill or those who have lost loved ones in death. The flu continues to make its rounds in Palestine and other places in our state and country. Hopefully it will reach its peak soon and people will begin to get better. The youth shared a hamburger cookout provided by Billy and Amanda Lane last Sunday following the morning worship. Some 23 participated. They went bowling and had a great time. I also went along and I came within 20 pins of beating Ben. We appreciate Ben and Keri and their efforts. Several plans are being made for the youth and we hope that all the youth and parents will get involved in these activities. A calendar of their activities has been placed on the bulletin board across from the office. Take a look. We will look forward to seeing you tonight in worship.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

- NANCY MILLER** will have surgery on her legs tomorrow in Tyler.
- ED FURMAN** will have hip replacement surgery on Tuesday in Tyler.
- GARY OLIVER** is taking chemo again and awaiting a bone marrow transplant.
- GENE CHANDLER**, brother of Bill Chandler, had by-pass surgery in Tyler on Thursday.
- MARSHALL HOLLAND**, friend of David & Jennifer Sparks, is undergoing chemo for cancer and has asked for our prayers.
- DAVID STRINGFIELD**, friend of Billy Mason, will have his foot and leg amputated on Feb. 4th.
- MELODY (GRAHAM) HAGAN**, daughter of Jerry Graham, is in hospice at Palestine Regional with cancer.
- GENE MASON**, nephew of Billy Mason, had a stroke.

Please pick up a prayer list from the table in the foyer and remember these sick also.

Answers to quiz: 1. Gopher wood & pitch 2. 120 years old 3. Jesse 4. A donkey 5. Sea of Galilee 6. Sodom & Gomorrah 7. Uzziah or Azariah 8. Serve Laban for 14 years 9. Matthew 10. Juniper

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.

BATTLING SATAN

I am sure many of you, like me, have heard of the latest string of violence in the Middle East. The scene is a repeat of past events in this part of the world. For years the Israeli army occupied south Lebanon in an attempt to avert the attacks that are now occurring, but over time the danger was either forgotten or ignored and so the Israelis pulled out of the region. Since then the terrorist group Hezbollah has prepared and carried out attacks against Israel. The same problem that arose in the 1980's is playing out yet again. The battle between a Christian and Satan often takes place in a similar manner. He uses cunning lies to accomplish his goals. Over time he desensitizes and lulls one into a false sense of security. Most importantly he plans and prepares for his attacks. In the Bible we read of the persecution faced by the first century Christians. In Acts the seventh chapter we find the story of the stoning of Stephen, and in the same way, the devil attempts to stone us and keep us from doing God's Will. Today the same war continues and while we do not wear physical armor, in a spiritual sense we are told to do so in Ephesians 6.13:

"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." ADAPTED