

Teen News

BE IMITATORS OF GOD...AND LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE...Ephesians 5:1-2.

We have started a lesson "Taking on the challenge to be like Jesus." How can we be like Jesus unless we truly know Jesus? Come and join us to learn more!!

Thanks to all of you who went skating in Athens yesterday. We had a great time! We have a lot of activities planned for this month, if you don't have a calendar please come see me so that I can give you one. We now have a youth page on the church web site with the calendar on it along with pictures of us at devo's and other church activities. Be sure to check this out!! Thank you **Dwight Franklin** and **Jim Davis** for putting that together for us! **REMEMBER** after worship services this morning we will have a devotional in the activity building. Lunch will be provided by **Jeff and Emily Sparks**. I hope all of you will attend.

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VICTIM MENTALITY

Have you ever felt like a victim of circumstances or people? Perhaps something happened that cost you dearly. Or maybe people around you have misunderstood, misrepresented, or misused you.

I recently found myself battling a "victim mentality" on several fronts. Without realizing it, I was missing out on 1) the joy of God's many blessings and 2) the work God had put right before me. Rather than rejoicing in all God had given and seeking to love the hurting people around me, I was complaining about the blessings and couldn't even see the needy hearts of those around me.

We are called to "rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18a), to walk in love (Ephesians 5:2), etc., but we can't do these things if we live life viewing ourselves as a victim. So what if circumstances or people are not what we wanted or agreed to? We live in a fallen world, and life is not fair. But God has promised to work all things together for our good (Romans 8:28) and to one day bring us to a perfect world where we will be with Him forever. Let's not miss out on the joy and opportunities He has given us in the meantime.

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Psalm 117 "The Shortest"

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles!
Laud Him, all you peoples!
For His merciful kindness is great toward us,
And the truth of the Lord endured forever.

Praise the Lord!
Though short in length, these words teach great things about how great a God we have.

First, we are to praise God and laud (glorify) Him. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that they were to "Glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:20). Let us never forget that we must praise God everyday, in all that we do. Second, we are to remember God's great mercy and kindness. Paul told the Ephesians that it was "by grace" we have been saved so as to squelch any attempt on our part to argue that it is our greatness which makes us deserving of heaven (Ephesians 2:8-9). None of us deserves heaven. Yet, all of us can hope for that home as a result of God's mercy and wonderful kindness in giving His son to die (John 3:16). How grateful we should be to God.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

F A T A L R I C H E S

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Tim. 6:10). There was a story in the news about a German Billionaire who threw himself in front of a train last week. The family confirmed that he took his own life. They said, "The distress in his firms caused by the financial crisis and the related uncertainties of recent weeks, along with the helplessness of no longer being able to act, broke the passionate family businessman, and he ended his life," After reading the article I thought about how sad it is to be in a frame of mind that says, "Because of the loss of riches, and without the ability to change that, the next best solution is to take my own life." Paul tells us that those who seek after riches: "pierced themselves through with many sorrows." This man could not live with the fact that he had lost so much money in the markets, as well as his standing in financial circles. While striving for prosperity and great riches he lost everything. He had pierced himself through with many sorrows. If only he would have learned the lesson Paul gave in 1 Tim. "Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content." (1 Tim. 6:6-8).

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**Thanks to those who came
for Monday Night For The
Master.**



From Dan's desk:

Thanks to all of you who were present at the Monday Night For The Master program last Monday night. We accomplished a lot of things and everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship that are such a big part of our gathering. Thanks to Jane Grumbles and other ladies who prepared the meal and had it ready. Everything was just great. Even though it was cold we were able to do a lot of things including sending cards to those who are ill and those who lost loved ones in death as well as sending cards of encouragement. Thanks to Dwight Franklin, John Mottern and Dale for helping to reupholster the chairs in the activity building that were torn and battered. They have done and continue to do a good job in repairing these. We appreciate your help. We have started a new study in the Wednesday morning Ladies class and if you are not attending and have the ability to be present, we encourage you to attend. At present we generally have between 25 to 30 ladies who join us each Wednesday morning for coffee, donuts and a study of God's Word and issues that affect our daily lives. Thanks to Adam Harding for the Holy Land presentation last Sunday morning in the combined Bible Classes. It was very interesting and Adam answered a lot of questions that were asked concerning that part of the world. Continue to pray for those that are ill and in the hospital. We still have a number of people who are sick with the flu. Some get over it, while others catch it. Hopefully it will peak soon and things can be back to normal. Thanks for being present this morning. We hope you will want to be with us this evening at 6 P.M. See you then.

DAN

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**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

NANCY MILLER had surgery on her leg on Monday of last week in Tyler. She is recovering at home.

ED FURMAN had hip replacement surgery on Tuesday in Tyler. Everything went well.

JIM HAHN was hospitalized at the local hospital on Monday. He was released on Wednesday. No visitors please, but calls are welcome.

BOBBIE JOHNSON will go to Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas this Thursday, Feb. 6th for consultation.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: RAY COLEMAN, DONNIE FINCHER, LINDA ALLEN, GENE CHANDLER, ANN BAUR, JOANN LOWE, EMILY DAVIS, OWEN PERRY SARAH FOREMAN, CAROLYN CROUSE, DAVID STRINGFIELD, GENE MASON, MELODY HAGAN, ROB LEE SOLIEAU.

Freddie Adams has moved to Angleton, Texas to be near his daughter. We will miss him.

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.

Super Bowl Sunday

A number of "churches" are changing their services for Super Bowl Sunday. You may be wondering what we will and will not be doing on this day. We will be coming together to worship God at our normal times of services: 9:30 AM Bible Class, 10:30 AM Worship Service, and 6 PM Worship Service. During this time we will be studying from the word of God, the Bible. Likewise, the sermons will be centered on examining the will of God and how it relates to us today. We will sing a number of spiritual songs and be lead by men of the congregation in prayer. Since this is the first day of the week, we will remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross by observing the Supper He instituted in Matthew 26.26-29. The Christians came together on the first day of the week in Acts 20.7 and we follow this approved apostolic example today. As Christians, we are told to give as we have been prospered and this we will do. The above things we do every Sunday, because each Sunday is the Lord's Day.

We will not be doing some things that others may be doing this Sunday. We will not cancel our services so as to make it easier for people to see the ballgame. Serving the Lord is more important than any ballgame, and yes that includes the Super Bowl. We will not have a giant flat screen TV brought into the building and have a Super Bowl Party. Jesus did not die so we can enjoy a ballgame or eat together. He died for our sins; "For this the blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26.28). His kingdom is spiritual in nature and not physical. "For the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14.17).