

Good morning and thanks for being here! I want to thank each of you who are participating in LTC this year. You all are doing a great job so far! We will be going to Dallas very soon for LTC, so make sure that you come to every LTC practice. **Its time to register for church camp.** If you want to go with us this year please come get a registration form from me ASAP. Church camp will be June 12-17 for ages 10-18. For more information about camp ask me or look on this website www.camparklatex.org. I hope all will consider going this year! Church camp is fun and is a great way to meet new friends. You also learn more about God and how to worship. **I want to remind everyone about the Annual Chili Cook-Off and Cake Auction February 21st after our evening worship service in the Activity Building.** All of our youth are looking forward to this event! If anyone would like to enter the chili contest or make a cake for the silent auction, please sign up on the sheet by the office. We really appreciate the support from this congregation.

BEN

EVENING LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Starting February 11th, Cheryl Ellis will be having a Ladies Bible class in her home for ladies who are unable to attend Bible class on Tuesdays. It will take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 PM. All ladies are invited to attend.

Kindness

I have wept in the night

For the shortness of sight

That to somebody's need made me blind.

But I never have yet

Felt a twinge of regret

For being a little too kind!

CONVERSATION:

Do we talk much about Jesus, the Bible, the church, etc., other than when we're together at the meeting house? Some can name every player on their favorite sports team, but can't name the twelve apostles! They know the numbers on the jerseys, but can't remember where key Bible passages are found. They can hold a lively conversation about the last game, what went right, and what went wrong; but they can't show a lost soul the Bible passages that teach how to be saved. What is important to you? Whatever you talk about.

We talk about things that interest or concern us. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34). It is next to impossible to hold a conversation on a topic that doesn't interest you, or about which you know very little. We will make the effort to become informed in areas that are important to us.

Time, money, and conversation are three criteria by which we can discern what things are truly important to us. Let's examine ourselves honestly, and then make whatever changes are needed.

DOOR GREETERS – Feb. 14, 2016

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

"The Importance of Brotherly Love"

Love that exists between Christian brothers and sisters is one of the clearest testimonies that we are in fellowship with God. "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him." (1 John 2:10) "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin". (1 John 1:5-7) One of the best Biblical texts dealing with the importance of brotherly love is 1 John 4:7-21. In this article we'll examine some of what this text has to teach us regarding love. Brotherly love is NOT optional. Some live in self-deception. John gives a stern warning. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God loves his brother also." (1 John 4:20-21) Hate is a strong word. What is hate? It is no more, nor any less than the absence of Love. For the true Christian, love is not optional. It is not something about which he can have a "take it or leave it" attitude. Let us love one another! Love is of God. He is the source, definition and supreme example of love. With brotherly love I leave "church going" behind and live as a true and authentic Christian and have bold confidence in my standing before God. Without love, my "church going" and sacramental observances are nothing more than a hypocritical sham. If we really love God and the Church at Crockett Road, let us activate our LOVE!

Dan

**Three Respond For Prayer
February presents opportunities of
fellowship and service.**



From Dan's desk:

We welcome all of you to the worship services today. Thanks to those who may be visiting with us again today. We are glad you have chosen to come and be with us. The Father in Heaven is moving among us and leading us to greater heights spiritually. Last Sunday some three precious souls responded to the call of Christ to ask for the prayers of the church here. **GINGER BELL, JIMMY & LINDA ALLEN** all acknowledged their need to be drawn closer to the Lord and sought the prayers of the congregation here. Commendations are in order for each of them. We rejoice in their coming for restoration. Our prayers continue to be lifted to our Father that they might draw strength from the association we have with each other as Christians. The month of February has arrived. The year 2016 is moving forward without delay. Great days are before the congregation and many challenges will continue to be presented to us by our Lord. Several upcoming events are scheduled for the month and we hope that you will want to take part. The Valentine luncheon and party for the retirees this Wednesday at noon, the Chili cookoff on Feb. 21st, Monday Night for the Master on February 22 are all opportunities of additional fellowship for God's people. The young people (about 15) went to Sweet Frog Yogurt last Sunday evening following the worship service. Thanks to Ben and Keri for planning all the youth activities for the church here. Continue to pray for all those who are ill in our congregation. A prayer list of those who are ill is placed in the foyer each week. See you tonight at 6 P.M. **DAN**

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

SUSIE TATE is recovering from recent back surgery.

ED FURMAN is in Olympic Towers rehab in Tyler, Room 314.

GARY WARREN is leaving today to go to Scott & White for eye surgery.

JAMES SINGLETERRY was in the emergency room this last week for treatment on his leg. **He is better.**

GARY TUSCHOFF was in the hospital last week in Tyler for treatment. **He is better.**

MICHAEL MORRIS has surgery tomorrow in Tyler.

Be sure to pick up a prayer list in the foyer detailing others who are ill and have ongoing illnesses.

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RESPONSES

FOR PRAYER

Ginger Bell

Jimmy Allen

Linda Allen

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.

The Desire to Worship

The desire to worship is an inherent inclination to show reverence and respect. Sometimes it has nothing to do with anything biblical, like God. Since man has existed he has worshipped something – his ancestors, plants, the moon, stars, sun, trees, fire and even himself. When men turn from God, Paul said they “exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever” (Rom. 1:25). The creation of images and idols is known as idolatry – condemned severely in scripture (1 John 5:21). Christians worship God alone (Matt. 4:10; John 4:23-24). Because the Bible has the only true information about God, the way Christians worship must be dictated by the truth of God's word. That worship is not the result of inward impulse, but conformity to what God himself has allowed in his word. But still there is an inward urge to worship. When trouble strikes, the urge to turn to God is natural. It is wrong to limit to troublesome times. Jeremiah rebuked the idolatrous Jews as those who, “say to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face; *but in the time of their trouble* they will say, Arise, and save us” (Jer. 2:27). No sooner does trouble come, than the deep conviction of the existence of a God, which is the witness for Him in our heart, resumes its authority, and man prays. Christians also have an impulse to worship when their hearts are filled with joy. The Psalmist expressed it thus: “Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy . . .” (Ps 43:4). Today we assemble to offer to God the praise of worship so justly due to him. Whether it is from the burden of hurt we feel or the joy experienced, let us benefit from the greatest privilege ever offered to a rational being – an opportunity to worship and praise our God.

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