

"Yesterday is a history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That's why we call it the present."
What a great day it is!! Thanks to all of you for being here this morning.

I want to remind everyone that next Sunday evening, the youth will be hosting our annual Chili-Cook Off and Cake Auction. If you want to enter in the chili contest or donate a dessert, please sign up by this Wednesday. This is always a fun time for everyone and we are looking forward to it.

I have the registration forms for Church Camp now! If any one would like to go please get one from me. Camp will be June 11-16. I'll need the forms back ASAP, the camp fills up fast! For more information about camp see me.

The youth will meet in the activity building this Wednesday at 6:15pm for a meal and devotional. BEN

Should We Attack

It was during World War II, in preparation for the Battle of the Bulge, the Allied Forces called every available man to readiness. One unit, consisting of office workers, was hastily converted to infantry and assigned to a section of road that was expected to be under fire within hours. The first order was for the men to dig foxholes. One man, who had spent years at a typewriter, had little success in the stone-hard ground. Finally, he approached his commanding officer and said, "Sir wouldn't it be easier if we just attacked and made them dig the foxholes?" While it is true that we must hold our ground (Ephesians 6:10-17), I think that we sometimes are too content to merely hold the ground that we have. We need to be on the move for the Master. Like Caleb, we need to be conquering mountains and overcoming giants (Joshua 14:12). Like Peter, we need to leave the shore and launch out into the deep (Luke 5:4). As Christians we are challenged to be in an offensive as well as a defensive more. Let's move forward.
DAN

Go Ahead — Start a Problem!

The good Lord knows that churches of Christ have had problems, most of which have had disastrous results. But some church problems should be energetically sought. What kind? Consider:

- The problem of not enough parking spaces, class rooms and pews. Wouldn't it great if we ran out of them?
- The problem of requests for so many home Bible studies we can't handle them What if we had so many people asking us to teach them the word of God we had to put some of them on a waiting list? Would that be great or what!
- The problem of too many members of the church wanting to teach Bible classes. Wouldn't it be awesome if we had to take numbers and wait in line just to get to teach the Bible?
- The problem of so many youngsters who attend Bible classes we need to add on classrooms. We need such a problem now!
- The problem of wanting to support more evangelists than are available to go into hard places to preach. What a lift it would be if we had so much surplus money that we had to seek out men to support.

You agree these are good problems?

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

Get On Track and Stay There

A man bought a new hunting dog. Eager to see how he would perform, he took him out to track a bear. No sooner had they gotten into the woods than the dog picked up the trail. Suddenly he stopped, sniffed the ground, and headed in a new direction. He had caught the scent of a deer that had crossed the bear's path. A few moments later he halted again, this time smelling a raccoon that had crossed the path of the deer. Then a turkey, a rabbit, and so on, until finally the breathless hunter caught up with his dog, only to find him barking triumphantly down the hole of a field mouse.

One of the things for which Paul prayed was for his brethren in Colossae to be able to "approve the things that are excellent" (Phil. 1:10). He used a word here that was common among metallurgists. As they tested the quality of metal, they "approved" in the metal that which was genuine. It is used in this passage of testing that which is good or evil. That is not always easy. Easy or not, it is the thing responsible Christians must do.

Our faith gets involved in this. We should test the Excellency of our personal faith. Peter informed his readers that "for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials" but also told them how beneficial such would be. He concluded, that "your faith, which is more precious than all the gold in the world, may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed" (1 Pet. 1:6-7). The word "proved" here is the same as in Col. 1:10). Often Christians start out with high resolve, putting the kingdom of God first in their lives, but their attention is soon diverted to things of lesser worth. One pursuit leads to another until they've strayed far from their original purpose. Let us do our best to put first things first. So, take the divine admonition and stay on track and let nothing cause you to deviate from the straight and narrow way.

"Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you" (Prov. 4:25).
SELECTED

One Baptized Into Christ Chili Cookoff Next Sunday Night



From Dan's desk:

We commend LANE JOHNSON who was baptized last Sunday morning. Lane has been coming for some time now and he is the nephew of Danial and Deborah Plummer. He responded to the invitation and made the good confession that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God and was baptized for the remission of his sins. We welcome him into the church family here. The Men's breakfast and workday was great. Thanks to all who helped organize the event and to those who stayed and worked. The Chili-cookoff will take place next Sunday night following the evening worship service. If you would like to make chili or prepare a cake for the auction, please sign your name to the list in the foyer. This is always a fun event and it is a way of helping our youth in their activities. Ben and Keri continue to make plans for the youth. They serve as great teachers and role models for our young people who attend here. We still have copies of the New Church Ledger Directory in the office for those who did not get a copy. Just see Lorelee and she will be happy to provide you a copy. Several in the congregation have been ill and in the hospital and some undergoing tests. Let's continue to pray for them, as well as for those in the community and elsewhere who have requested our prayers. We are so glad that you are here this morning. If you have come as a visitor, please stay for a few minutes and allow us the privilege of meeting you and expressing our appreciation for you coming to be with us. We look forward to seeing all of you tonight at the evening service.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

CHARLES McCULLOUGH had two stents placed in his heart in ETMC. **BILL CHANDLER** is doing better from his recent hospitalization. **KATHERINE KIRKES**, sister of R.D. Prince, is in Ft. Smith, Ark hospital for treatment. **GERALD MORRIS** has gone home from the hospital and is some better. **ED JORGESEN** husband of Shelah had hand surgery this last week. **DAVID CARDER**: had an MRI on his back this last week in Tyler.

**BAPTIZED
LANE JOHNSON**

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TIPTON CHILDREN'S HOME
Please be reminded to bring the requested items for the Tipton Children's home by tonight. The truck from Okla. will be here tomorrow afternoon. Items are: paper towels, kleenex, toilet paper, and assorted cereals. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated.

"Stars Still Shine"

In a world of tremendous instability, we forget that God is still in control of all things. Several years ago, someone wrote: "Two men were walking along a country road one evening. One was bewailing world conditions. Everything was wrong — civilization was being swept away, religion was defeated, there was no future but darkness. When the speaker paused for breath, his friend pointed to the sky and commented, 'The stars still shine.'" In this age of scientific discovery, accompanied by man's desire for recognition and power, human society seems to be balanced on a powder keg. Scientific minds admit the possibility of a war that could wipe out most of the populace and set the rest back many decades. In addition to this, the economic situation is highly unstable. With the world becoming more wicked daily, potential dangers of various kinds are mounting. In view of it all, the human mind is highly disturbed. Fear, perplexity, anxiety and distrust are mounting on every hand. Even in the church there is unrest. Faithfulness to the Lord's standard is made more trying by the lowering of the moral standards of world society and a pulpit policy that fails to properly indoctrinate those who are baptized in the fundamentals of New Testament Christianity. No matter how dark it may seem, there is a God in Heaven who can "turn the lights on every night." How long has it been since you gazed at the heavens and was reminded of this one great truth.

"The stars still shine."