

Teen News

I'm glad you are here today! I hope you all had a great week. Remember next Sunday night we will have the Chili Cook-Off and Cake Auction. All youth need to attend! Thanks to those who have signed up to make cakes and chili. We really appreciate your support! The youth will meet in the activity building this Wednesday at 6:15pm. We will have a meal and decorate the tables for Sunday. Following our work we will continue with L.T.C. practices. You all have been working hard. Keep up the good work! HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!!!!! **BEN**

LAUGHTER

Mary was having a tough day and had stretched herself out on the couch to do a bit of what she thought to be well-deserved complaining and self-pitying.

She moaned to her mom and brother, "Nobody loves me ... the whole world hates me!"

Her brother, busily occupied playing a game, hardly looked up at her and passed on this encouraging word: "That's not true, Mary. Some people don't even know you."

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Steve Camp and family in the death of his mother **ANICE CAMP** last Wednesday. Her memorial service was held yesterday at the Bailey-Foster Chapel. She was the grandmother of Corey Camp and Keri Rhone.

Forcing An Opinion

The late Dorothy Canfield Fisher once said, "To force an opinion is like pushing the magnetized needle of a compass around to where we wish the North Star stood." How abundantly this is demonstrated in religious matters.

Webster defines an opinion as: "A belief not based on absolute certainty or positive knowledge, but on what seems true, valid, or probable to one's own mind." An opinion in religion is a belief people hold that is not sustained by a book, chapter and verse.

There are many in religious matters that force opinions because of an improper attitude toward the scriptures. They have formed opinions such as "one church is as good as another", "instrumental music is acceptable in worship," "churches may pool their resources to do a work common to them all." These people do not misinterpret the scriptures – they admit what the Bible teaches, they simply do not feel that they are limited by the scriptures – hence, form an opinion which creates a factious body of people.

Opinions are the largest barrier to unity in the Lord's church. May it ever be that we as a local church continue to teach and practice that which can be believed with absolute certainty and positive knowledge because it can be found in the *book, chapter and verse*. We do not force opinions – we stand for "what is written."

ADAPTED

DOOR GREETERS – Feb. 21, 2016

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T.V. Program
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FOX 44– Waco, TX.
FOX 33 Shreveport, LA.
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

Love For The Long Haul”

Poetic words from the pen of Solomon remind us that married love ought to include some sizzle: (Proverbs 5:18-19). These are not X-rated words, and they ought not to be embarrassing for us to read or teach. These are Holy Spirit inspired words originally written by Solomon to remind his son that the best way to affair-proof his marriage was to not let his marriage sizzle fail! Sadly, some marriages fail far too quickly. One man lamented to his friend, "My wife, a registered nurse, once fussed over every pain or mishap that came my way. Recently, however, I got an indication that the honeymoon is over. I was about to fix the attic fan, and as I lifted myself from the ladder into the attic, I scratched my forehead on a crossbeam. Crawling along, I picked up some splinters in both hands, and I cut one hand replacing the fan belt. On the way down the ladder, I missed the last two rungs and turned my ankle. When I limped into the kitchen, my wife took one look and said, 'Are those your good pants?' " Sizzle is good in a marriage, especially young, newly married couples (as Solomon noted). But sizzle alone won't sustain a marriage. The fuel that binds husbands and wives together over the long haul of a lifetime is love, not lust. I'm talking about the powerful, stick-with-it-kind of love described in the Bible. The kind that carried Jesus to and held Him on the cross when it would have been so easy to quit. The kind of love that "suffers long" (1 Corinthians 13:4). Phillip Yancey writes about the kind of love that lasts over the long haul: "Early on in our marriage an older and wiser couple counseled, 'Don't depend on romantic love. It won't last. Love is a decision, not a feeling.' Honey-moon blinded, I dismissed their advice as symptomatic of an older generation out of touch with feelings; now, years later, I would agree. Yes, marriage lives on love, but it is the kind of love that parenthood demands, or Christian discipleship: a gritty decision to go forward step by step, one foot in front of the other" That kind of love will sustain a marriage over the long haul of a lifetime. If You Think, You Thank!

DAN GULLEY

**TWO RESPOND
One Baptized and
One Places Membership**



From Dan's desk:

The Lord's church at Crockett Rd. continues to grow both numerically and spiritually. We rejoice over GARRETT KRUMNOW who was baptized last week. He is a fine young man and we are happy that he has made this decision to walk with Christ. Also LINDA CHEAIRS who recently moved to Palestine from Bolivar, Tennessee asked to place membership with the congregation here at Crockett Rd. We welcome her into our midsts as well. If you are visiting with us today, we hope you will come again. You will find a warm reception among the people of God at this place. There is no congregation where the love for one another is more superlative than right here in this church. We thank God for each of you daily. The Valentine Retirees luncheon was great. We had near 60 people present for the day. It was a wonderful experience and we appreciate those who came, as well as those who helped to get food on the table and those who stayed and cleaned up afterward. A big thank you to Lorelee and Audrey, as well as Dwight Franklin and John Mottern, for their help and for all the hard work they put forth as well as for others who helped in any way to make the day a memorable one indeed. Don't forget the chili cookoff next Sunday night following the evening worship service. It will be a great evening and we appreciate BEN and KERI, as well as the youth for hosting this event. So many good things continue to happen among us and for that we are truly thankful for the Father in Heaven. We hope to see each of you tonight at 6 P.M.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

PHILLIP CASTILLO has learned he has cancer and will begin treatments next week.
 GARY WARREN had eye surgery at Scott & White hospital in Temple on Tuesday.
 ED FURMAN remains in rehab at ETMC Olympic Towers in Tyler, room 314.
 MITCHEL HERBROUGH had day surgery last week. He is doing okay.
 ANNETTE CLAY, sister of Doug Rader is recovering from surgery and will begin her treatments for cancer soon.
 VIRGINIA STANALAND will have oral surgery this week.

**I ♥ MY
CHURCH**

RESPONSES

BAPTIZED

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LADIES BUNKO

All the ladies are invited to participate in the Bunko fellowship on Thursday night, Feb.18th. Please plan to meet with us at 5 P.M. at Bon Appetite and sign the list in the foyer if you are planning to attend.

I don't Love you Because you Are my Friend



You are My Friend Because I Love You

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.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34