

Teen News

I want to thank everyone for the support and encouragement last Sunday night. This congregation is awesome! Saturday the youth went to Athens to roller skate. We had a great time and a lot of fun. This Wednesday the youth group will meet in the activity building for a devotional, meal and games. Plan to be there at 6:15 p.m. and bring your friends with you! Today at 5:30 p.m. there will be a meeting for L.T.C. If anyone would like to help or are planning on going with us please attend this meeting. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis for the providing the meal for the youth's devo last Sunday night. Tonight after church the youth are going to Dairy Queen for ice-cream and devotional. I hope you all have a blessed week!

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“Brought Down By Just A little Thing”

The story is told of a giant tree in Colorado, which fell to the ground after having stood majestically on a hill for over 400 years. A mere sapling when Columbus landed in San Salvador over the centuries it had been struck by lightning 14 times, braved great wind storms, and even defied an earthquake. In the end, however, it was killed by some little beetles. Boring under the bark, they chewed away its mighty fibers until one day that lordly king of the forest came thundering down. So, too, apparently insignificant things often make substantial inroads into our spiritual lives, and if left unchecked may cause our downfall. The idle word spoken, the prayer time omitted, and the occasional fleshly pleasure indulgences — these things “spoil” the vineyard much more than we realize. If Satan gets an entering wedge on inconsistency, the leverage he then exerts is greatly increased. May God help us to be careful of those things we consider small and insignificant. There is often a great danger in little things. DAN

“GRACE, MARVELOUS GRACE”

As a young man I grew up in a very religious house. My Dad made sure that we were in church always. Some of my earliest memories in life happened inside a church building. I remember numerous lessons that were taught to us and no doubt, these early lessons had a huge impact on the person I am today. One of the lessons I remember most was on the grace of God. It was always a difficult concept to understand for me. On one hand there is God who has certain expectations of his people and on the other is his grace generously wiping away all wrong. I remember hearing from a neighbor that no matter what you did wrong God's grace would cover it up and make like it never happened. Especially for young people that is a dangerous tool to have at their disposal. This leads to serious life and theological problems for us. The problem was not in the grace of God but in our limited and most often incorrect understanding of it. You see, our understanding allowed us to behave any way we felt compelled to act or commit any sin we felt like doing and at the end of the day just say sorry, grace will cover it. I even had a preacher tell me once “that no matter what he did it would not affect his salvation or his eternity.” I walked away from this thinking that God's grace was a tool I could pull out when I needed it without really even understanding it. It also caused me to have extreme doubts about Christianity as a whole and God's ability to forgive. My friends that is not the way grace should be understood. Paul said in Romans 6:1-2 that grace was not a tool to be pulled out when I felt like sinning. That in fact, if I had truly died with Christ in baptism, I would not even want to continue living in sin. SELECTED

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

“JUST AS I AM”

When poet Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871) was 46 years old, and an invalid, an elderly man approached her at a dinner party and asked if she was a Christian. She considered him rude and unkind, and that his question was inappropriate. After the man walked away, Charlotte could not get his question out of her mind so she went to find the man, and to ask how to become a Christian. The gentleman expressed to her that she could come to Christ just as she was, with her sins and that she receive forgiveness by her faith and obedience to Christ. She did in fact become a Christian and soon thereafter she wrote the beautiful hymn that has encouraged so many to obey Christ, *Just As I Am* as a testimony to her newfound faith, and as a tribute to the man who had told her that she could come to Christ, 'just as she was'. Over the remainder of her life Charlotte wrote 150 hymns.

We are saddened by the death of JIMMY COOK



From Dan's desk:

It was nice being away a few days for a short vacation. We went to Louisiana and then on to Mississippi, Tennessee, and then to Arkansas. It was a fun week and I am grateful for the opportunity to be away for a few days. My thanks to Ben Rhone for speaking for me last Sunday night. I know he did a great job, from all that I have heard. I called him last Sunday night to thank him and commend him, as well. My thanks to Adam for teaching the Wednesday night class last Wednesday and to Millie Baur for teaching the Tuesday morning Ladies Bible class this past week. We were all saddened by the death of our JIMMY COOK. Jimmy was a charter member of the church here and we all loved him. Jimmy was a deacon when we moved to Palestine and was partially responsible for my family coming to Palestine. Jimmy was so active in the church and community as well. God chose to take him away from his illness. We will miss him, but rejoice in knowing that he has gone to be with the Father in Heaven. Because of Jesus we will have the privilege of being with him again someday. It is good to see you all this morning. If you are visiting with us today, we rejoice in your coming to be with us. We hope you will come again soon. We continue have a number of visitors with us each week. We want to make them all feel welcome. Several studies continue to be conducted with those who are not Christians and we believe that God will bring forth fruit in their lives soon. We hope you will want to be present tonight. We will look forward to having you present as we again study from the pages of God's Word.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

GARY OLIVER was taken to ER on Monday and then flown to Baylor in Dallas. He had pneumonia and he is undergoing tests.

PATRICIA MANVILLE has learned she has cancer. She is undergoing additional tests.

DEANNA CHAPMAN will have back surgery this Thursday.

LORELEE REEDER will have hand surgery on Friday.

ANN BAUR, daughter-in-law of Millie, has extreme pain due to back problems.

CURT DONALDSON, son of Bob & Mary Stech, has been undergoing tests this last week.

PHILLIP FOREMAN, son of Randy & Linda Foreman and son-in-law of Sam & Cheryl Ellis, was taken to ER on Tuesday with severe back pain.

Please pick up a prayer list on the podiums in the foyer for a complete list of the people with continuing illnesses and remember them in your daily prayers.

SIGN UP NOW TO COMPETE IN THE CHILI COOK-OFF OR CAKE AUCTION! Proceeds go the youth group.



SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of our brother, **JIMMY COOK**. He passed away last Saturday and his services were held here yesterday.

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.

"Where often is heard an encouraging Word"

The majority of Christians serving God in today's world may never face the extreme trials the apostles faced, but there are still many problems to overcome. Isn't it great, when things are not going as well as you would like them to, to hear an encouraging word? Barnabas was a valuable addition to the work of the Lord's church in the days of the apostles, because he encouraged them in the face of the challenges of their great task. Modern "Sons and Daughters of Encouragement" can do great things for the Lord with their pats on the back, and reassuring comments. We're all in the Lord's body together, and we share this holy work. Be an encourager. In the book of Acts we read of a Christian named Joseph who was given an interesting nickname. The apostles called him "Barnabas" (Acts 4:36). As Luke (who wrote the book of Acts) translates, Barnabas means "Son of Encouragement." What an interesting name. What a way to be remembered? Can we learn a lesson from the man who earned such a title? Let's see. When the reader examines the context that introduces Barnabas, he will notice the environment that the apostles were in. The earlier portion of Acts 4 gives the account of Peter and John performing a work of healing in Jesus' name, and subsequently being thrown in jail. The text immediately following the introduction of Barnabas gives the account of a very sad situation the apostles had to handle within the church (the treachery of Ananias and Sapphira). Life was difficult for the early Christians, especially for the apostles. Thank God they were willing to bear the burden of the cross so that everyone could know the truth of the gospel! We should do the same. No wonder they named Joseph Barnabas, "Son of Encouragement." It is a worthy name.

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