

Good morning and welcome to our worship service. We are glad you are here!

"Any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven." -A.W. Tozer. Worship is how we express our love, adoration, admiration, and wonder at God's presence. The Christian breathes in God's goodness and exhales worship. True worship happens when our entire life becomes a declaration of trust in God's incredible mercy.

Paul expressed this very idea when he said, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Rom. 12:1) Thanks for being here this morning and I hope you have a blessed week

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### LADIES BUNKO

The ladies will have Bunko night this Thursday Feb. 21st Bring your favorite snack and enjoy the fellowship at 5 P.M. in Small fellowship Hall.

The Tipton Home Home Home for Children Coming this Tuesday, (Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>). Please bring your items before that time and place in the foyer. The items they are requesting this time are, paper towels, toilet paper, boxes of assorted cereal and kleenex. "GENDER OR TRANSGENDER"

God assigns gender to each person. One's maleness or femaleness is God's choice and is evident a birth. God doesn't make mistakes, so it is clear that no one is "born in the wrong body"! One's gender is part of his/her created, God-given identity, and it is not left up to the individual to determine. Science, culture and feelings are not our standard in any o this! Only our Creator and His Word can be trusted! The Bible says that God made two distinct gendersmale and female (Gen. 1:27; Mark 10:6). Those two genders are identifiable, distinguishable and comparable to each other (but not exchangeable). The Bible says that one's gender is determined by God upon conception (Jer. 1:5). Elizabeth had "conceived a son" (Luke 1:36). The Bible says that one's gender is developed (even identifiable) in the womb. God forms the "inward parts" of the unborn child (Psa. 139:13-16). The Bible says that one's gender is clearly evident upon birth (Gen. 16:11; Luke 1:57-Regarding Jesus Himself, Scripture 63). states, "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (Matt. 1:23). Since the beginning of time, it has been abundantly clear to every rational human being that there are two and only two genders. Yet, our twisted fellow-citizens would have us to believe that there are actually over 60 genders. Does that not sound as silly and absurd Doctors have always been able, with one look, to declare. "Congratulations! Doctors announce these words. It's a..." and they announce the very obvious gender (only one of two possibilities-not 60). People often try to change what God has settled. Make no mistake about it, God does all things in the right way.

DAN

DOOR GREETERS Sunday Feb. 24, 2019 Doug & Alison Rader <u>COMMUNION PREPARATION</u> Sunday Feb. 24, 2019 Phillip and Carolina Castillo <u>NURSERY ATTENDANT-2/24/19</u> Beth Freeman



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## "Consuming The Spiritual Diet""

If you've watched the news any time lately, you've probably been aware of the new "epidemic" in our country. This epidemic isn't caused by a virus; it isn't caused by a bacteria; it isn't caused by any "disease" at all. The new epidemic in our country, say the experts, is obesity. In contrast to our burgeoning physical waistlines, we are spiritually wasting away. Spiritually, we need to have a balanced diet as well; we need less spiritual sugar and fat; we need more spiritually healthy choices. It isn't easy to give up a diet of sugar and fat, after all, they taste so good! Similarly, it isn't easy to divorce ourselves from spiritual sugar and fat ( the "feel good" approach to spirituality). So, how can we improve our spiritual diet? First, we need a daily serving of prayer. We begin to grow weak spiritually when we think that we are selfsufficient and have no need to depend upon God. A daily serving of prayer is packed with the daily essential vitamins of humility, selflessness, and thankfulness. Paul wrote, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Second, we need a heaping portion of God's word. Every day we make decisions in our relationships that affect our family, friends, coworkers and acquaintances. We need nourishment of God's word to guide us in such decisions. (Psalm 119:11) Third, we need a regular dose of service to others. There are many around us who need help. It's not enough for us to sit back and relax and wait for them to come to us. We need to be active in going out and seeing how we can help others. Galatians 5:13 Finally, we need to pour ourselves several cups of a good attitude. Attitude makes all the difference in our daily walk with God. Regardless what we may believe, we have complete control over our attitude regardless how things are going in life and we must conform our attitude toward God's will. What must we do? Show love toward our fellow man, exercise patience, practice longsuffering and generously give forgiveness to those around us. Jesus said, "In your patience possess ye your souls" (Luke 21:19). We need constantly drink from the water of life to help our attitudes! Exercising spiritually healthy choices, however, will maintain a healthy spiritual life and fortify us with the basic essential spiritual nutrients. This will go a long way toward our spiritual health and we will be made stronger. May God help us to develop our live and become more spiritually healthy each day. DAN

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# Five Respond 3 Baptized into Christ

From Dan's desk:



The month of February is already shaping up to be a wonderful month of memories for the Lord's church here. Last week, a sweet lady called and wanted to discuss God's Word. She drove over a hundred miles to get here. She was baptized into Christ and we rejoice with her. Last Sunday morning, Scott and Tiffany Robertson came forward and were baptized for the remission of sins. They are a wonderful young couple and we will be blessed by them working with us here at Crockett Rd. Scott is a manager at the Walmart warehouse in Tucker and Tiffany is a nurse at Westwood school. They have a wonderful family and we are so thankful for their decision to obey the gospel of our Lord. Sunday night, Rodney Covington and Ann Sparks both responded to the invitation to acknowledge sin and asked for the prayers of the church here to be stronger. We commend them and continue to pray that the Lord will bless them in special ways that they might find strength in Him. The Valentine luncheon last Tuesday went great. Thanks to all who helped in any way. A special thanks to Audrey for the beautiful decorations. It was a wonderful day and one that will be remembered for years to come. Everyone had a wonderful time and we will already look forward to next year. This is an annual event that the church provides for the retirees in our congregation and really anyone who would like to attend. Thanks again to Doug Sumrall for providing the brisket and sausage for the meal. Please be reminded of the Tipton Home Children's Home coming to Palestine this Tuesday. Please bring your items to contribute by tonight if possible. We will make sure everything is in order for those who come to pick up those items. Thanks for being here this morning. We will see you tonight. DAN

## PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





CHARLES McCULLOUGH, had back surgery last Thursday at Christus Mother Francis in Tyler. Doing well. BRANDON EVANS, nephew of Cathy Chambless, in very serious condition. BRENDA CREEL, sister of Gayle Hamilton, will have abdominal surgery as a result of cancer. She lived in Singer, La. GLADYS WALKUP former member has brain cancer

AUDREY MANUEL will have a procedure on her back in Tyler Spine and Joint Hospital in Tyler.

### 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.

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# An Appointment You Can't Cancel

Many do not like to think about death or even discuss it. But the Bible bluntly states in Hebrews 9:27 what so many would rather hush-hush: "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." Our lives are filled with appointments and deadlines, from the check-up at the doctor's office to the cleaning at the dentist. Many either absent-mindedly forget, or, worse yet, feel free toskip the appointment and not even bother to call the office. Whatever the case, it is sobering to realize we all have a divine appointment with death and judgment — an unavoidable appointment we can't cancel or skip or ignore. Most of us don't know when the appointment is, and therein lies a danger. God help us, we just can't hardly help forgetting that that appointment could be today. We get so busy with the business (and busyness) of living we don't take or make time to think deeply about death and the final summons to appear before God in judgment. Many bury any thought of death as if ignoring it will somehow cancel or postpone it indefinitely. Run from it if you will, but you can't stay ahead of it forever. On Sunday, February 18, 2001, the death of popular NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt at Daytona Speedway shocked and saddened millions of auto racing fans around the world. Earnhardt was well respected by peers and had achieved phenomenal success as a NASCAR driver. But neither popularity, prosperity, professional skill, nor speeds of 180 mph were enough to prevent death from catching him. At 50 years old and at the height of a brilliant career, he suddenly kept his appointment with death. Every death reminds us of the sobering truth God seeks to impress upon us — death comes everyday to someone and someday to everyone. As George Bernard Shaw wrote, "The statistics on death are quite impressive. One out of one people die." As we grieve the passing of a friend or loved one, it is easy to forget the fact we are all terminal. Romans 5:12 reminds us because of sin death has spread to all men. It is an appointment that you will not change or escape. DAN