

Teen News

I just wanted to say thanks to the youth and to the members of the church who came last Sunday night for the chili supper and cake auction. We appreciate your response and monies that were donated to the youth fund. Thanks to those who came to the L.T.C. meeting today. We are looking forward to other youth activities that are coming up.

BEN

RESPONSES

FOR BAPTISM

Harold Johnson

**TO BE RESTORED, PRAYER
and MEMBERSHIP**

Wade & Holly Robinson

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FOR PRAYER: Ann Sparks

THANKS MEN

Thanks to the men who worked on the premises last Saturday planting trees, shrubs and plants. It all looks nice and when Spring arrives we will see the result of their efforts. The 20 or so men who came are to be appreciated for their hard work. Thanks to those who helped prepare breakfast that morning and to ADAM HARDING for providing fried chicken, potato salad, and rolls for lunch. It was great.

"IT IS WHAT IT IS"

Someone shared his newly discovered motto with me: "It is what it is." I have thought that a few times before, but it is one of those simple statements that forces us back to reality at times when we may feel overcome by our circumstances and disappointments of life. When things aren't exactly as you would desire them to be, you can become focused on reality by telling yourself, "It is what it is." Circumstances are what they are. There are some things we can change, and some things we can't. Our problem is that we often expend more worry and energy on the things we can't change; and this, in turn, can become a stumbling block to our spiritual growth and joy. *"And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?" (Matthew 6:27).* Paul's own circumstances were often less than ideal, and beyond his control, yet his attitude remained stable: *"I have learned to be content in whatever circumstance I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).* I have learned to deal with "it" through God's help. Rom. 8:31 "If God be for us who can be against us?" Life is not always pleasant and sometimes we must accept things as they are in life. "It is what it is". DAN

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Tipton, OK
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GIVE ME THE BIBLE
T.V. Program
KETK-56 Tyler, TX.
FOX 44—Waco, TX.
**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

"HELL AND HOW WE GET THERE"

While discussing the subject of "Hell" with a lady acquaintance one day, she said to me, "I just cannot conceive of a merciful God sending one to Hell to suffer eternally." We readily agreed with her. God doesn't send people to Hell. He didn't prepare Hell for man, and man has no business going there. However, we reminded the lady acquaintance that this by no means dictates that a person won't go to Hell. People will go to torment of their own free will - God does not send them.

The fact is, God has done everything possible to keep people from going to Hell. He even gave His own Son to suffer in the flesh and die on a cross in an effort to keep people out of Hell. Through His Son, Jesus Christ, He prepared the way to Heaven, and now exhorts the sinner to turn from his evil way and walk in the light. Now, it is up to the sinner to avail himself of the means that God has given to escape the power of Satan and the confines of Hell. The next move is the sinner's and if he does not make that move he alone is to blame. The apostle Peter said, *"God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9).*

In the first chapter of Acts we have a good example of a person destroying himself in spite of all anyone could do. Peter, in speaking of Judas, said: *"Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place" (Acts 1:25).* Notice, Peter said Judas "went to his own place." The place Judas went to was not God's place, for God had nothing to do with his going there. It was Judas' own place because Judas had prepared that place himself by his conduct in this life. God didn't send him, he went of his own free will. If a man is eventually lost he cannot accuse God, for God's will is, that he not go to torment. Man goes to Hell himself while all Heaven is pleading with him not to go.

Yes, we choose our own destiny. God has placed before man two ways - one leads to Hell, the other to Heaven. We are left to make the choice ourselves. **WHERE ARE YOU GOING?**

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THREE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF CHRIST



From Dan's desk:

We welcome all to our worship services today. We are glad you have come to worship God with us. If you are visiting, please do come again. Last Sunday WADE ROBINSON responded to the invitation to be restored in the relationship with Christ that he once knew. He and his wife Holly also expressed their desire to place membership with the congregation here. We welcome them into the church family here at Crockett Rd. Also responding on Sunday night was ANN SPARKS, who came to ask for the prayers of the Lord's Church and the forgiveness of God. We commend her for making this decision. Last week, I visited with Harold and Bobbie Johnson and Harold expressed to me his desire to be baptized. He had been baptized as a young person and was not sure that he had done it for the right reason and wanted to make his calling and election sure with God. We applaud his decision and commend him for taking this step. We love and appreciate all of these who are drawing closer to God. Let's continue to pray for them. The Chili supper and cake sale went great. AUDREY was really taken by surprise when her chili won first place. TRUMAN TATE won second and GARY OLIVER won third place. We had a large attendance and the cakes sold well also. Thanks to R.D. Prince for donating the butterflies that he designed and made himself. They were beautiful. Luke bought them for Audrey and she was thrilled. It was a great day and one that we will remember for a long time. Thanks to all who made chili, cakes and to Adam who provided the recipe for a delicious cake (I Guess). Thanks to those who came for Monday Night For The Master last Monday night. See you tonight at 6 P.M. tonight. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

JIMMY RAY has been undergoing heart tests this last week.

MARTHA SIMS was hospitalized last week for tests.

LINDA ALLEN will have knee replacement on March 6th.

ANNA THORNTON, Cindy Thornton's sister-in-law is recovering from an auto accident. She is in Baylor Hospital.

Remember others who have been ill .

GARY OLIVER, ED FURMAN, DENISE CARROLL, LORETTA YOUNG, EMILY SPARKS, JERRY SPARKS, NIKI SATTERWHITE

Daylight Savings time Begins next Sunday. March 9th. Move your clock forward one hour before going to bed Sat. night.



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.

"You Can Have Everything You Want"

I was at the Beijing restaurant the other day. At the end of the meal came the traditional fortune cookie. As I munched on the treat I read the slip of paper inside: "God will give you everything that you want." Odd, I thought, fortunes have changed over the years. There was a verse of scripture that came to my mind. But as I recited the verse from memory I realized that the fortune cookie did not say exactly the same thing; the change is significant. The verse is Philippians 4:19 which reads, "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Paul told the Philippians that God would supply all their needs, but my fortune cookie would have me believe that God would supply all my wants. Most people's wants far exceed their needs. Most parents realize that giving a child everything they want will produce a spoiled brat, but giving a child everything he needs will produce an upstanding citizen. Paul told the Corinthians, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work" (II Corinthians 9:8). The abundance that God gives is not arbitrarily given. He gives so that we may do good with His riches. The Psalmist notes, "For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly" (Psalm 84:11). God doesn't richly bless everyone. His generosity is reserved for the good. Those who follow after God will see their needs provided for so well that they will not want anything more (Psalm 23:1-5; Matthew 6:25-34). But it is God who provides and not man who demands.

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