

Teen News

Thanks to those who came to the Chili Cook-Off and Cake Auction last Sunday. We really had a great time! Congratulations to the top three winners of the best chili, 1st place- David Carder, 2nd place-Truman Tate, 3rd place-Marty Nash. Thanks to those who made chili and donated cakes for the auction. We really appreciate those who purchased the cakes and those who donated money to the youth program. Most of all we appreciate those who came out to support our young people. We have such a loving church and it shows when we all get together for events like this one. Thanks for being here this morning!

BEN

GODLY MOTHERS

The influence of Godly mothers can be felt for generations yet to be born. The closeness of the fellowship between Paul and Timothy is shown in Paul's words, "Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith" (I Timothy 1:2). Timothy's mother, Eunice, and his grandmother contributed to the outstanding Christian character that we see in Timothy. Their genuine faith served as a good example and pattern as Timothy grew stronger in faith. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 3:15). This verse makes us think of a boy learning from the inspired scriptures as he is taught by his grandmother and his mother. They taught him about salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Their love for the Lord, their love for Timothy, and their Bible lessons produced fruit and Timothy became a believer and "a disciple indeed." We must never under-value the good that can come from a precious godly mother. She is worth more than rubies (Proverbs 31:10). Are you leading your children in the way of God. What kid of heritage are you leaving for them.

DAN

"Are You On Target?"

We all have probably heard that sin is "missing the mark." This possibly could have originated from the shooting of some arrow and missing the target. I believe we all simply undergo the circumstances and mistakes that happen to us in life. We know that sin is more than just "missing the mark," it involves willful, evil rebellion against God. (2 Pet. 3:3) (James 4:1-3) (Mt 23:13, 33, 34) The Pharisees were "hitting the mark" in many areas (Matt 23:23) but Jesus still called them blind fools, hypocrites, brood of vipers, greedy and self-indulgent. They were neglecting justice, mercy and faithfulness. (Matt 23:23) They had definitely "missed the mark" in those areas. One of the things we need to realize is that the lack of humility and love that were the bigger sins. God still hates the sin while loving the sinner. "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (Prov. 3:34) (James 4:6, 10) (1 Pet. 5:5) There was a popular bumper sticker from years gone by that said, "Be patient with me; God is not done with me yet." Even we seniors still embrace that truth. If we are humble, tolerant of other's feelings, patient and don't violate our consciences, I believe God will direct the arrows we shoot towards the target. We won't "miss the mark." (Rom 14) (2 Cor 5:19) We will be on target because we know that God is guiding our efforts to do what is right in all the areas of our life. I have learned that practice is so important to the life of a Christian. We can and must get better.

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

GRUDGES

"Grudge not, that ye be not grudged." This statement is obviously a paraphrase of Christ's command on judging with some license in grammar. (Mt 7:1 KJV) Very early in the Old Testament there were warnings against grudging. (Lev 19:18) Webster's defines it as, "a feeling of ill will or resentment because of some real or fancied wrong." It is further explained as, "resenting or envying the good fortune of; and being reluctant to give, grant or allow (credit)." The Holy Spirit in both Peter and James gives instructions not to partake of this sin. (1 Pet 4: 9)(James 5: 9) Paul adds resentful giving to the list. (2 Cor 9:7)

Some of the helping verbs we use with grudge help us to better understand the nature of grudging. We can: hold, bear, nurse and harbor it. All of these and others show a tendency to cling to a problem that should have been forgiven and allowed to fade away. Harbor is especially descriptive. It is a place of shelter or refuge for anchoring a ship free from winds, waves and currents. When we do this with grudges, we make sure that they will be there when we want to use them. It implies that we mothball them in a safe, handy place in the back of our minds. Nursing has a similar protective meaning.

When grudges are carried for a short or long time they can build up feelings of hate so intense that they can result in attempted or actual murder. Consider the cases of Cain and Abel, (Gen 4:5-8) King Saul and David, (1 Sam 19:10) (1 Sam 18:8) and Saul's cousin Abner and Joab. (2 Sam 3: 22-39) The last scripture involved a long-time family feud. Nevertheless, God is the only one who can mete out revenge. (Rom. 12:19) **J. BAILEY**

A big welcome to all our visitors today. We are grateful that you have come.



From Dan's desk:

We are so thankful for all of our visitors today. Many have come from far away places and several are here from within our city. We hope you will come again. The beautiful Dogwoods are beginning to bloom and the Dogwood Trails annual event will begin next Friday through the first week in April. Several will be attending our services from other places and be sure to single them out and make them feel welcome. Several were out of town last Sunday due to Spring Break. Many had gone on trips with their family members. I must admit, some told me that they forgot to move their clock forward last Sunday morning so they missed Bible Class. I hope you will appreciate the extra hour of sunlight at the end of the day. A big thank you to all who helped with the "chili cookoff and cake auction". Everyone had a great time. The FIRSTPLACE winner of this year's chili cookoff went to DAVID CARDER—second place to TRUMAN TATE and Third place to MARTY NASH. Thanks also to Charles McCullough for making the awards and the aprons for the chili cookoff. It was a great day. We had a good number present and all present had a wonderful time. We were able to raise close to \$2,000.00 for the youth. This is great and the youth really appreciate your generosity. We appreciate our youth and Ben and Keri for their help. The young people will be going to Dallas on the weekend of April 1st to participate in "Lads To Leaders". This program will replace LTC (Leadership Training For Christ) that the young people have been participating in for several years. It is a great program and youth will do well. A big thank you to Doug and Alison for helping to coordinate this program for the youth. We hope to see each of you tonight at 6 P.M for the evening worship service DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

ED COMPTON has gone home from rehab at Palestine Regional. He is improving at home.

KENLEE HARBOUR is doing better. She has had an infection this last week in Dallas. She is in I.C.U.

RODNEY COVINGTON'S sister has been seriously ill this last week.

TOMMY MARTIN brother-in-law of David Carder is in Athens hospital with pneumonia.

A prayer list is available in foyer.

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.



HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Robert & Lois Duzan
- 10 Phillip & Carolina Castillo
- 12 George & Wendi Barnes
- 13 Dee & Tiffany Bell, Charles & Sheila McCullough
- 15 Ben & Keri Rhone
- 16 Dan & Audrey Manuel (50th)

CONGRATULATIONS

This morning at the end of the service, we will recognize those young children in Bible Hour who have learned to say the books of the Bible. We are so proud of these children and what they are doing. We continue to encourage them.

THANKS

We want to thank all who participated in the "Chili Cookoff and Cake Auction" last week. It was a lot of fun and everyone had a great time.

THANK YOU NOTES

Several thank you notes have been placed on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please take time to go by and read them. We want to continue to remember those who are ill and in the nursing homes as well as those who are homebound.