

Teen News

Thank all of you for being here today. Thanks for your comments about my lesson last Sunday while Dan was out of town in Natchitoches. Tonight after services we will have a devo and meal in the activity building. I hope all of you will stay for the meal and devo. I really appreciate all of our youth and their love for God and willingness to come to class. If you are not in the routine of coming, I hope you will change that and start coming. You miss a lot by not coming.
BEN

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.

Running To Church

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!'

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again!

As she ran she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late... But please don't shove me either!'

"WHAT WE NEED IN THE CHURCH"

The church has enough judges, Critics and perfectionists. If you want an area of ministry where you'll fill a real need, be appreciated, and make a difference, why not trying one of these Christian careers? **Encourager:** Everyone needs help making it through life's challenges. Be the sort of person who reminds us of the promises of God and the strength of Christ. Be the person who knows that the path is tough, but helps others keep on going. **Pit Crew:** It's not just for NASCAR anymore. The pit crew are the ones who refuel, repair, and help make adjustments for others. You never see a pit crewman driving a victory lap—but without their faithful service and training, you'd never see a driver cross the finish line. We need more people who help "refuel the tank" each week. **Guide:** GPS and maps can only get us so far. Sometimes we need the experience of someone who has already walked the path. Grandparents are great guides for parents. Elders are great guides for "younger." Be the sort of person who doesn't just tell people where to go; be the sort of person that walks the journey beside them. **Student:** We never quit learning about Jesus. We never grow out of our need to hear that Jesus loves us. We need more students in the church! **Dreamer:** Joseph's brothers insulted him when they gave him this title, but that doesn't eliminate the need for people who dream about a better tomorrow. Without dreams, tomorrow is will be nothing more than a degraded copy of today. With dreams, tomorrow is just a step towards the glory of God! **Servant:** If we're going to be followers of Jesus, we better fill this job. No student is greater than his teacher, and our teacher was a servant! These are areas of ministry that can involve all. Help the church meet her needs.

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DOOR GREETERS

Sunday April 9, 2017

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

"WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN?"

So many sales marketing agents are really good at figuring out ways to make their products and promotions look better than they really are. It's called using "Weasel Words" to say something that is technically true, but misleading. Do you know these tricks? It's called FAKE ADVERTIZING.

If they say "up to 50% off" – what does that mean? Was one item half off, but everything else was normally priced? What are they taking the discount from? The artificially inflated price? Their competitor's price? Last year's price? COULD IT BE FAKE PRICING?

If they say "Four out of five agree" – who are they talking about? You remember this line from the commercials for toothpaste, don't you? Out of seven billion people on the planet, it's not hard to find 4 who will agree. How many people did they have to ask to get "4 out of 5"? How many of those people were they paying? FAKE POLLS

If they say "Nothing is better/stronger/faster/safer" – what comparison are they forgetting? They're telling you that nobody is better than them—but is it possible that everyone is the same? They didn't tell you if anybody was worse, either! FAKE COMPARISON

You can see through these tricks and FAKE WAYS OF SAYING THINGS, But sometimes Christians tend to evaluate themselves in the same way. Have you ever heard anyone say, "I'm better than I used to be?" How about, "I may not serve as much as some people, but I serve more than others..." Lots of people like to say, "I may not be the world's best person, but I've never killed anyone..." IMAGINE THAT!

We forget that the standard of our righteousness is Jesus Christ—not the murderer down the street or the man from three decades ago. We need to evaluate our walk with God on the basis of God's messenger—Jesus the Christ, the perfect example and the one who condemned fake approaches to anything.

MAY WE LEARN FROM HIM.

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THANKS TO BEN and DWIGHT for preaching last Sunday.



From Dan's desk:

My thanks to Ben and Dwight for speaking for me last Sunday morning and evening. I know they did a good job. I am anxious to listen to the C.D. of their sermons. We are so fortunate to have such capable brethren who can step in and do what needs to be done. Thanks also to Marty Nash for teaching my Sunday morning, Wednesday night and Ladies Bible class while I was away. I always feel very confident when I am away that others will do a good job. Our meeting in Natchitoches went well. It was good to go back and retrace our steps from about 46 years ago. The brethren there are wonderful people. We started our 46th year with the Crockett Rd. Church of Christ last Monday. We have been so blessed to work with such a fine group of Christians who love God and one another. The church here is most unusual. The love and sweet spirit that prevails here is not always characteristic of many congregations. Jesus said, "hereby shall the world know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" John 13:35. Thanks for being the inspiration you have been for our family over the last 45 years. We love you dearly. I regret that I could not be here last Monday night, for Monday Night For The Master. We always appreciate all those who help out. Thanks to Sandy, Shelly and Ann for food preparation. It is always delicious. It is a lot of work, but they do a fantastic job in making provisions for those in attendance. We hope that each of you can be present with us next Sunday. Thanks for being here this morning. We will look forward to being with you tonight in worship. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

CLAUIS LAMB is recovering from a heart Cath this last week. He's now home.

MARTHA SIMS will undergo a heart cath this week in Tyler.

BILL CHANDLER has been a patient in the Longview Regional hospital. He is recovering from a light stroke

HOWARD ELLIS, Sam's father is still having heart issues in Dallas.

NANCY BELL, Dee Bell's mother is recovering from surgery in the hospital in Tyler.

Pick up a prayer list in the foyer.



**Sunday
April 16th
Plan to be with us.**

"BROTHERLY LOVE"

Why was brotherly love so important to Jesus? One reason is because it is the fulfilling of the law (Matthew. 22:40). This is what the Pharisees had missed in their attempt to follow the law. Jesus said, "You tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God" (Luke 11:42). This is the same point Paul made when he finished his letter to the problem-laden Corinthian church with a treatment on spiritual gifts followed by a demonstration proving that love is superior to any other gift (1 Corinthians 12-13). Jesus knew that when the disciples failed—and fail they would—only love could bring them back. When Jesus met Peter again after he had denied Him, the Lord did not rebuke him, but simply asked, "Do you love Me?" (John 21:15-17). When Paul says that we are to "speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15), he did so in a discussion about maintaining unity (v 3) and edifying (v 15) the body. Furthermore, their love would demonstrate to the world that Jesus truly was from God. When Jesus died, far from sneaking back to anonymity, the disciples stood side-by-side and faced the consequences of preaching openly in Jesus' name! Their love for one another made it plain that Jesus had permanently transformed their lives in a way that only deity could. Does the world see this in us today? Does He really?

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